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Interaction & meeting with Dr. Bakulesh Khamar - Executive Director, Cadila Pharmaceuticals



Cadila Pharmaceuticals Executive Director Dr. Bakulesh Khamar, visited B. K. L. Walawalkar Rural Medical College on 20th October'2023. He visited the entire project by taking information about the ongoing research in Walawalkar Hospital. A lecture on 'Immuno-Histo-Chemistry' in Cancer was also presented by Dr. Bakulesh Khamar to the Pathology Graduate Course students in appreciation of the Cancer Unit set up by Dr. Sripad Banavali and all his colleagues.



'Jeevan Gaurav' award to Dr. Sripad Banavali



Dr. Shripad Banavali (Director of Academics, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai) was felicitated with 'Jeevan Gaurav Award' by the renowned organization Indian Society of Pediatric and Medical Oncology. Dr. Banavali has been praised for his substantial achievements in the field of 'Pediatric Cancer'

Introduction of Smart Banking by 'HDFC' in Walawalkar hospital premises.



'Smart Banking Length (SBL)' has been launched by HDFC Bank at Walawalkar Hospital premises for the convenience of customers. Its benefits can now be availed by the doctors, all the staff including the patients and students of the hospital premises.

Conclusion of Pediatric Advanced Life Support Workshop



PALS workshop was conducted for the students pursuing Post Graduate Medical Degree (MD/MS) on 31st October '23 under the guidance of Dr. Ajinkya Kale (PALS Trainer -England) and Dr. Asmita Karnalkar- Anesthesiologist and Dr. Leena Thakur. This initiative will help in raising the level of treatment in the Neonatal Department by imparting life saving treatment to the newborns.



Advanced Cardiac Life Support – Basic Life Support workshop



A two-day workshop was conducted for trainee doctors at Walawalkar Hospital by Dr.Mandar Akkalkotkar (American Heart Association, Inspector) Pune and Dr. Asmita Karnalkar- Anaesthetist of Walawalkar Hospital. Tests were conducted before and after training. Various demonstrations were conducted by the trainees at the end of the workshop. Certificates were awarded after evaluation.

‘Bhondla’



Bhondla festival is a special favorite of the girls. Bhondla was celebrated on 17th and 20th October 2023. 118 girls participated and gave an enthusiastic response. The festival also included an interaction session by the doctors with the young girls and highlighted the importance of their good health.

'Breast Cancer Screening- 'Rakshita Van'



Cancer screening program for women is organized every year on the occasion of 'Navratri' festival. This year, however, women were screened with a special technology. A mobile van named 'Rakshita' was made available in villages and hospitals by Nana Palkar, a charitable organization in Mumbai. This technology allows painless, touchless and radiation free breast examination. Mothers and sisters, who were always neglecting their own health, responded enthusiastically as the 'Rakshita Gadi' was made available at the doorsteps of women free of cost so that maximum number of women could be reached. This 'mobile mammography van' was made to reach places where breast cancer screening rates are low. Kumari Tejaswini Rokde, a well-trained woman technician, performed brilliantly in this mobile van. At the same time, inter-resident doctors enlightened women on the 'early symptoms of cancer'. This 'Rakshitha Van' was made available by Nana PalkarPratishthan at the Walawalkar Hospital campus from 25thOctober to 30thOctober especially for women. Through this initiative, approximately 40 women were screened for breast cancer every day. For this, priority was given to 'Asha Sevikas' of Chiplun taluka.

'Dohale Jevan' ceremony



Paying attention to the mother's diet during pregnancy, so that the health of both the mother and the baby is good, this is "Dohalejeon" in our culture. We celebrate this seventh month pregnancy of would be mothers and feed the mother's favorite foods and pamper her so that her mental health will also be good. On the same lines poor women in the villages who probably are deprived from this festival are also invited. Those who are underprivileged are invited to the hospital and their dohalas are provided. Dohale meal program was celebrated on 13th and 21st October, 31 expectant mothers participated and responded enthusiastically. At this time, along with providing dohala, she is also provided with modern medicine.

Malnutrition eradication through community birthdays



Since the last three decades Walawalkar Hospital has been celebrating the birthdays of children. Nutritious food is distributed to the children. In the month of October, such birthdays are celebrated in Urban (Chiplun) and Rural areas of Dervan with great enthusiasm. Among them many children who were born in the month of October and their parents happily participated. After the celebrations, the parents and the children were given guidance on child nutrition. The children were also examined. The guidance provided by the Medical students to parents and especially the awareness given to mothers is proving to be effective.

Naming ceremony of Girl Childs – ‘Barse’



This initiative was started by knowing the social disadvantage of girls in rural areas in order to focus on the new-born girl child and make her family accept her happily. Like every month on 22nd October naming ceremony of 18 girl child was done. At this time, the resident doctors also enlightened about how to take care of newborns.



Door-to-door screening of at-risk pregnant mothers



In this activity, health check-up, weight-height measurement, medication and health awareness of pregnant mothers are done. Nutritional laddoos are distributed to pregnant mothers through door-to-door, Anganwadi and health center visits, health guidance is provided. Moreover Childbirth under this initiative is completely free. In the month of October, health centers at Wahal, Rampur, Tondli, Pimpli Burmai, Adare, Agave, Mandki, Dadar etc. were visited.

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