



## EVENT REPORT

1	Name of the event	<b>National CDE Programme on “Oral Cancer Muktha Bharath – Awareness on Oral Cancer and Tobacco Cessation”</b>
2	Date of the event	17 February 2026
3	Organizing department / centre / college	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tobacco Cessation Centre, Yenepoya Dental College</li> </ul> <p>In association with Indian Academy of Oral Medicine and Radiology Collaborating departments :</p> <p>Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology , YDC Department of Public Health Dentistry , YDC Department of Psychiatry, YMCH</p>
4	Organizing committee members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Rachana V. Prabhu – Organizing Chairperson</li> <li>• Dr. Anu Babu – Organizing Secretary</li> <li>• Dr. Supriya Amanna – Organizing Secretary</li> <li>• Dr. Rekha Shenoy</li> <li>• Dr. Anil Kakunje</li> <li>• Dr. Apoorva Kotian</li> <li>• Dr. Shruthi Nayak</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Bharath</p>
5	Name / s of the resource person, designation, and affiliation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Dr. M. Vijayakumar</b> Hon. Pro Chancellor, CEO &amp; Director of Zulekha Institute of Oncology, Yenepoya (Deemed to be University)</li> <li>2. <b>Dr. Anil Kakunje</b> Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Yenepoya Medical College and Hospital</li> </ol>
6	Brief report of the visit	<p>The Tobacco Cessation Centre of Yenepoya Dental College, in association with the Indian Academy of Oral Medicine and Radiology, successfully conducted a National Level CDE Programme titled “Oral Cancer Muktha Bharath – Awareness on Oral Cancer and Tobacco Cessation” on 17 February 2026 at the Yenepoya Dental College Auditorium, Mangalore. It was conducted in a hybrid mode and received an overwhelming response from across India. The program recorded approximately 175 offline</p>

registrations and over 600 online registrations, with participation from more than 65 dental colleges across the country. Overall, the total number of beneficiaries exceeded 750.

The programme commenced with registration followed by the inaugural session. Dr. Rachana V. Prabhu, Nodal Officer & In-charge of TCC, delivered the welcome address and presented the opening remarks of the programme. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Dr. M. Vijayakumar, Hon. Pro Chancellor, Yenepoya (Deemed to be University), who highlighted oral cancer prevention as a shared social responsibility and stressed the importance of early detection and sustained awareness.

The Guest of Honour, Dr. Prashanth Shenoy K, President, IAOMR, emphasized the role of oral health professionals in early diagnosis, tobacco cessation counselling, and community outreach. Dr. Prashanth Shenoy, the Guest of Honour, was felicitated at the event by the Oral Medicine and Radiology alumni. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Anil Kakunje, who elaborated on the psychological aspects of tobacco addiction and strategies for behavioural intervention and structured counselling.

The programme was presided over by Dr. Laxmikanth Chatra, Principal, Yenepoya Dental College. Dr. Anu Babu proposed the vote of thanks. The event witnessed active participation from students, faculty, and professionals and contributed significantly to public health awareness.

9 Photographs of the event.





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