

## **CHILDREN'S WEEK CELEBRATIONS AT INSTITUTE OF DENTAL SCIENCES**

On the occasion of children's day and National Pedodontists day on 14<sup>th</sup> November, the Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry of Institute of Dental Sciences, Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (Deemed to be University) has organized a week long activities on creating awareness on oral health of children with the theme 'Endowing the Pedodontic Treatment Triangle'.

The team consisting of the post-graduates and the faculties has organized oral health camps in Bachpan Play School consisting of 160 students on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 and Subhadra Mahatab Sena Sadan Orphanage consisting of 40 children on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. The children, parents, caretakers and the teachers were given oral health education and also received oral hygiene kits.

A collaborative inter-departmental seminar has been held on 10<sup>th</sup> November in IMS, SUM Hospital along with the Department of Pediatrics where a lecture was given by Dr. Jnana Ranjan Swain from Department of Pediatric Dentistry on Comprehensive Infant Oral Health Care.

The Department of Pediatric and Preventive Dentistry also organised poster, reel, and model making competitions for all the students of IDS. The pediatric patients of the department who have successfully completed their treatment and have shown good compliance for maintaining oral hygiene have been rewarded with certificates and gifts as a way of positive reinforcement.

On the final day i.e. on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 the PGs and Faculties of Department of Pediatric Dentistry headed by Dr. Susant Mohanty have organized a program showcasing the week long activities and also a guest lecture by Dr. Bibhudutta Das, Assistant Prof. from Department of Pediatrics, IMS on Pediatric Dental Emergencies. The event was attended by the Dean of IDS, Prof. Dr. Neeta Mohanty and all the students and faculties of IDS along with the members from the Department of Pediatrics, IMS.

Withholding the theme the aim of this week long celebrations was to create an awareness in the society on the oral health and hygiene and maintenance of the same in children which eventually aids in the general well-being of the children.