



# GMC Global Eye



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## Editorial

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### 30 years melted away in 3 days: Dubai GMC Girls Reunion!

What started as a simple suggestion in the middle of last year "Shall we have a GMC girls' getaway?" soon caught fire and gained momentum. Questions were rapidly ironed out and culminated in a plan to meet in Dubai in January 2018. While one might say this is simple, given the global nature of all businesses and technological advances, it demanded a great deal of commitment, team effort and trust from friends from across the globe ( India, Australia, Oman, Saudi Arabia and USA ) to bring this plan to fruition. Filled with excitement and some apprehension, 21 of us met face to face on January 25<sup>th</sup> 2018. Hugs and Hellos were soon followed by laughter and chatting which continued into the early hours of the morning only to begin again the next day. Old friendships were rekindled, new bonds established, and preconceived notions dispelled. The physical elements of the tour itself, the dhow cruise, miracle garden, gold souk, desert safari and Burj Khalifa formed the framework in which our new found attachment blossomed. Looking out for each other's needs, and playing anthakshari on the bus..... Lo and behold – what do we find, we still sing the same songs we sang during medical school three decades ago! Come the 28<sup>th</sup> January, everyone bid their farewell to friends with mixed emotions of sadness and contentment, and assurances to visit one another.

Yes, we did meet on the desert sand in Dubai – but the memories were etched in stone! Virtual connections became a reality. We celebrated our friendship and the common bond of being GMC alumni!



*Note from editorial board: GMC alumni is known for its wealth of connections. In this editorial, we present the reunion of GMC alumni 1981, and urge others to nurture and strengthen old bonds of friendships. "And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and simple sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed." - Gibran*

## President's Message

Alok Agrawal (GMC'81)

It is a great honor and privilege for me to lead GMCGA for next two years. I sincerely thank my predecessor, Dr. Surakanti, and other seniors for working tirelessly since the inception of GMCGA over a decade ago to set up a great platform. They have always supported and guided me well. As we transition with several younger members coming on board in recent past, I can only look at the future with renewed optimism.

My vision is to continue to strengthen this philanthropic organization. GMCGA's main mission is to serve our alma mater. Our actions should revolve around fulfilling its mission, with everything else being secondary. We will continue to take up new projects after due diligence, while maintaining the old initiatives. To accomplish our goals, a great model of collaborative effort to benefit our alma mater has been evolving over last few years. We will foster these relationships further and invite other credible nonprofit organizations, professional medical organizations, corporations, the hospital administration and the government of Telangana to partner with us.

I encourage you to periodically check out our progress through this triennial newsletter, the Facebook page and the website <http://www.gandhimedicalglobalalumni.org/>. I hope you can participate in the growth of the organization by reaching out to your friends and getting them involved in its activities. Last but not the least, please get in touch with me if you have any suggestions or advice on how we can improve the functioning and activities of GMCGA going forward. It is only with your active involvement that I can discharge my role of President better.

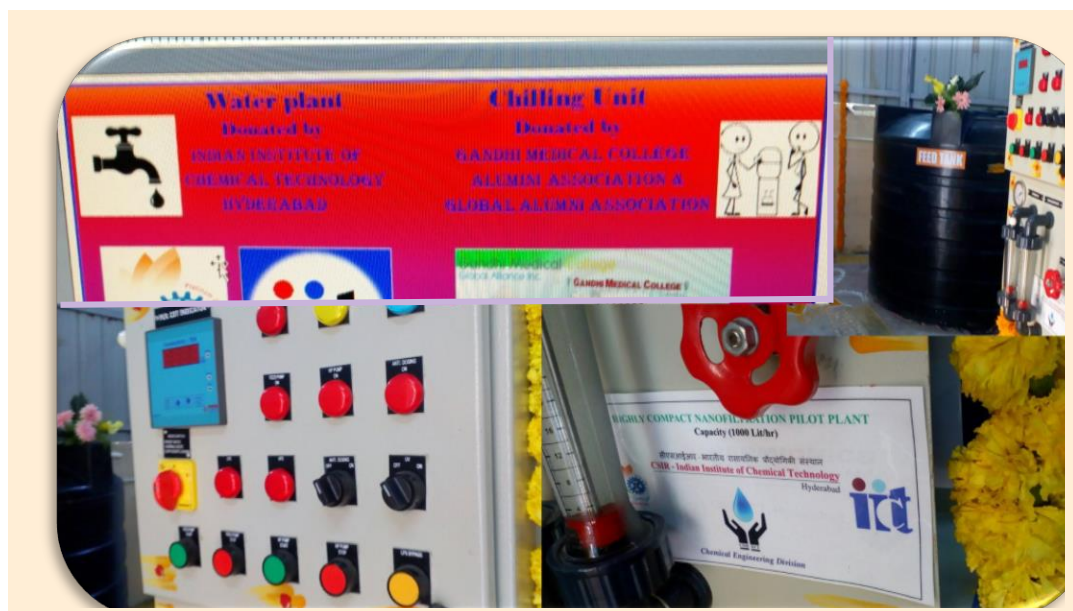
Wishing everyone the very best always.  
Regards



My vision of involvement in GMCGA at different levels

## Projects

Srini Vasan Sundarum (GMC'81)



### Inauguration

Inauguration function of 25000 lt/day purified water plant at Gandhi Hospital. This water plant is located in between the OP and IP buildings. Honorable Health Minister Dr. Laxma Reddy garu kindly presided over the function. This plant and chilling unit is donated jointly by IICET, GMCAA, and GMCGA with Seva Bharati and UC coordinating the activities.

## Treasurer's Report

K. Murali Krishna Rao (GMC'63)

**Donations Received: \$169,000**

**Expenditures: \$74,800**

Major Categories	Donations \$	Expenditure \$
Emergency Dept. Improvement	33,200	0
AHA International Training Center	12,625	7,300
Meals Program	91,550	14,700
Roshni	2,000	5,000 (fellowship)
Breast Cancer Fellowship	5,000	5,000
GMCAA (maintenance of AEC)	-	20,000
AED program	8,000	10,000
Souvenir (Annual meeting)		2,500
<b>Current Assets:</b>	<b>JP Morgan Chase Bank -</b>	<b>\$149,700</b>
<b>Scottrade (Invest. Acc )</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$31,000</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$180,700</b>

**Project Utilization Ratio:  $(169,000 - 2500) = 166500 / 169000 = 98.5\%$**

This shows 98.5% of donations are used for projects. Only 1.5% overhead expenditure.

# Activities

Aruna Vallabhaneni (GMC'81)



Over 3000 people were trained in CPR at the Alumni Education Center, Gandhi Hospital, Hyderabad on Jan 9-10, 2018.

## Calendar of Events

### Save the date:

GMC Foundation Day  
Sept 14, 2018

GMCGA Annual Meeting  
Oct 5-6, 2018,  
San Francisco

## A "New" Beginning

The much-coveted Gandhi Alumni AHA International Training Centre was inaugurated in December of 2016. It has seen a very active role in 2016 with 150 candidates being trained and certified as providers and 18 as Instructors in BLS and ACLS as per AHA protocols. And in 2017 we conducted 5 such programs wherein 96 Candidates were trained as providers.

The year of 2018 has brought in a new beginning, as the ITC has introduced the **community CPR** and also the **pediatric advanced life support programs (PALS)**. The year of 2018 started with a program of BLS and ACLS in which 39 were trained to be providers and 10 were trained as instructors. On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of January, we saw a roaring response to the community CPR program, inaugurated by Mr. Nayani Narsimha Reddy, The Hon'ble Home Minister to The State of Telangana, with 3217 people being trained in hands-only CPR and AED education. The trainees included people from all walks of life such as the members of police, NCC cadets, high school, nursing, and medical students, hospital house-keeping staff and general public. They were trained by an international team of instructors from the U.S. and India. This program was very well organized by GMCAA leadership Dr.B. Pratap Reddy and his team, in collaboration with numerous local NGOs including Sevabharathi (Mr.Narasimha Murthy), You see foundation (Mr.Gunaranjan), and The Rotary club of Bhagyanagar, who were instrumental in providing 75 volunteers, who gave invaluable service.

Later, the team also held a session of training in PALS, wherein 10 providers were trained to be instructors and another 16 candidates were trained as providers in the latest protocols of pediatric life support.

The international training team included Dr.Ravinder R. Surakanti; Dennis McCauly EMT-P; Darrell Clase EMS Director, Lafayette,IN; Dr. Vemuri S. Murthy, Advisor ; Dr.Rajender Gattu, Dr. Rajshekar Kollipara; Dr. Dwarak Vemuri from the U.S. and Dr.P.Maheshwar Reddy (Director and coordinator AHA programs at ITC) and his dedicated team of instructors including Dr.Vijay Kumar Rao, Dr. Bhasker Reddy, Dr. Saif Patel, Dr. Mohib Hussain, Dr. Gopinath Deshi, Dr. Sonali Ramakrishna, Dr.Nagarjuna Chakravarthy from India. We have also designated 10 AED's donated by Drs. Manchikanti, Dwarak, Surakanti, Rajshekar, Murthy Vemuri, and Sudhaker, to be installed at various public places in the city.

We thank all the people involved in making such a massive undertaking a huge success.

- Rajasekhar Kollipara (GMC'65) & Ravinder Surikanti (GMC'65)