

**TAGORE DENTAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PEDODONTICS AND PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY**

**Guest Lecture**

Dental caries (decay) is an international public health challenge, especially amongst young children. Early childhood caries (ECC) is a serious public health problem in both developing and industrialized countries. ECC can begin early in life, progresses rapidly in those who are at high risk, and often goes untreated. Its consequences can affect the immediate and long-term quality of life of the child's family and can have significant social and economic consequences beyond the immediate family as well. Hence it is of major importance to understand the ill effects of ECC and its early management/ Preventive procedures.

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry, Tagore Dental college conducted a Guest Lecture for third and final year BDS students, on 3-12-18 (9am to 12 pm). The speaker was Prof Dr.M S Muthu MDS Phd, Head of the Department,Pediatric Dentistry, Ramachandra Dental college. He was a renowned speaker and Executive member of ISPPD society, with lot of research and academic knowledge. He is known for his contribution towards ECC management.

The students had a good exposure on ECC and several case discussions were reviewed. This was followed by a long interactive session where the students clarified their view on ECC. The students were encouraged with gifts for their active participation in discussion.

