



# MEDICAL CAMP

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Mansa Devi,  
RISHIKESH



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**“Just Buds” Primary School,  
Mansa Devi, Rishikesh**  
**Free Medical & Dental Camp**  
**Organized by GIWA & Harpic World Toilet College**  
**In collaboration with Medanta Hospital &  
Seema Dental College and Hospital**  
**5th March, 2024**

**About the Camp:**

On 5th March 2024, the Global Interfaith WASH Alliance (GIWA), in partnership with Harpic World Toilet College, organized a comprehensive free medical and dental camp in the Mansa Devi area near Gumaniwala, Rishikesh. The initiative was hosted at “Just Buds” Primary School, an institution that educates around 80 young students from underprivileged backgrounds.

This impactful health initiative was conducted in collaboration with Medanta Hospital, Seema Dental College and Hospital, and acupuncture and wellness specialist Ms. Joanne, who volunteers with GIWA at Parmarth Niketan’s Parmarth Naari Shakti Kendra.

Under the expert guidance of Dr. Priya from Parmarth Niketan and Dr. Suparna Joshi, General Physician from Medanta Hospital, the camp served over 200 beneficiaries, including students, teachers, and members of the surrounding communities.

**Dental Checkups & Awareness:**

A specialized dental team from Seema Dental College and Hospital played a vital role by conducting dental screenings for all students of Just Buds and numerous adults from nearby villages.

The team identified several common dental concerns among the children including:

- Falling of milk teeth
- Cavities in milk teeth
- Delayed eruption of permanent teeth

For adults, the team diagnosed issues such as :

- **Cavities**
- **Stained teeth** due to smoking or consumption of **tobacco-based products** like paan and gutkha







The dental professionals offered detailed guidance, cleared doubts, and provided preventive dental education. In cases where advanced treatment such as tooth cleaning or root canal therapy was required, patients were referred to Seema Dental Hospital in Rishikesh. Notably, these treatments were pledged to be offered free of cost as part of this outreach initiative.

### **General Health Consultations :**

Dr. Suparna Joshi provided general medical consultations to more than 120 individuals, mostly women and elderly community members.

### **Common issues addressed included :**

- Body pain and fatigue, often linked to thyroid problems
- Back pain related to weight gain
- Knee and joint pain particularly in older women
- Her caring and insightful approach ensured that patients felt heard, understood, and guided toward long-term wellness.











## Acupuncture & Pain Management

Also joining the camp was Ms. Joanne, an experienced acupuncture therapist and massage specialist volunteering at GIWA. She regularly trains women in massage therapy at Parmarth Niketan's Naari Shakti Kendra – a vocational and empowerment center for women.

At the camp, she attended to over 20 senior citizens, many of whom were suffering from:

- Chronic knee pain
- Back pain
- General musculoskeletal discomfort

Several patients were provided with acupuncture treatment on-site, which proved highly effective and brought instant relief for many.

## Community Appreciation

The faculty of "Just Buds" Primary School expressed heartfelt gratitude to the entire team of organizers and volunteers. As a gesture of appreciation, they offered all participants beautiful chandan malas (sandalwood garlands) and a flowering plant as mementos of the day's service and compassion.



