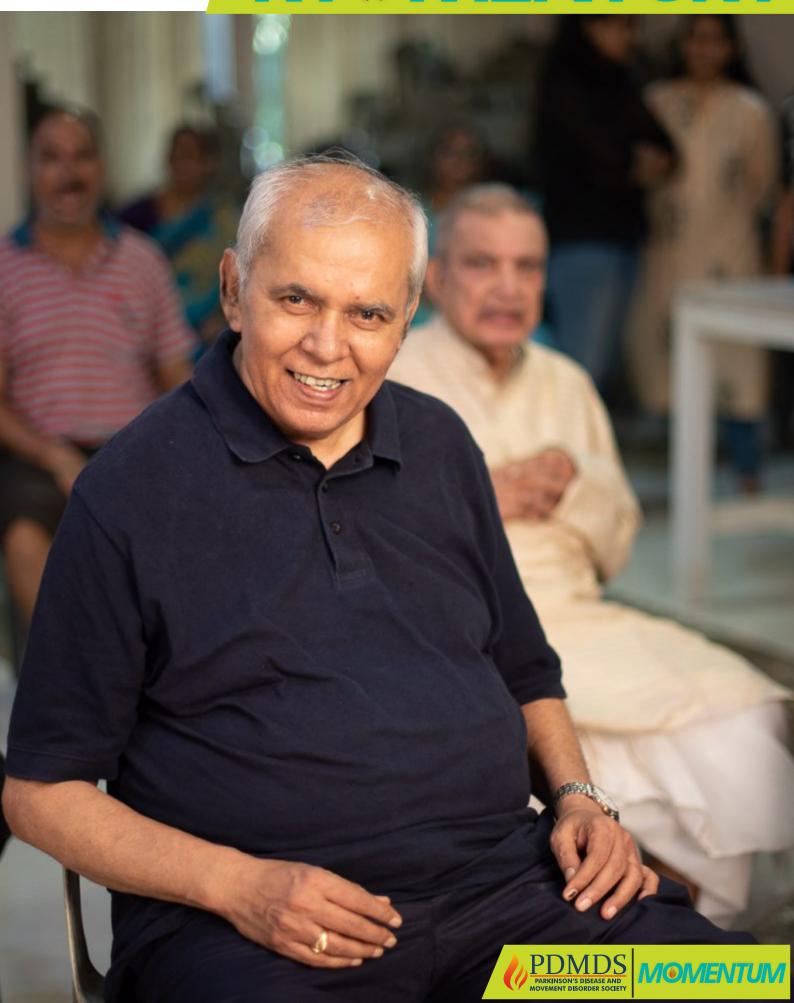
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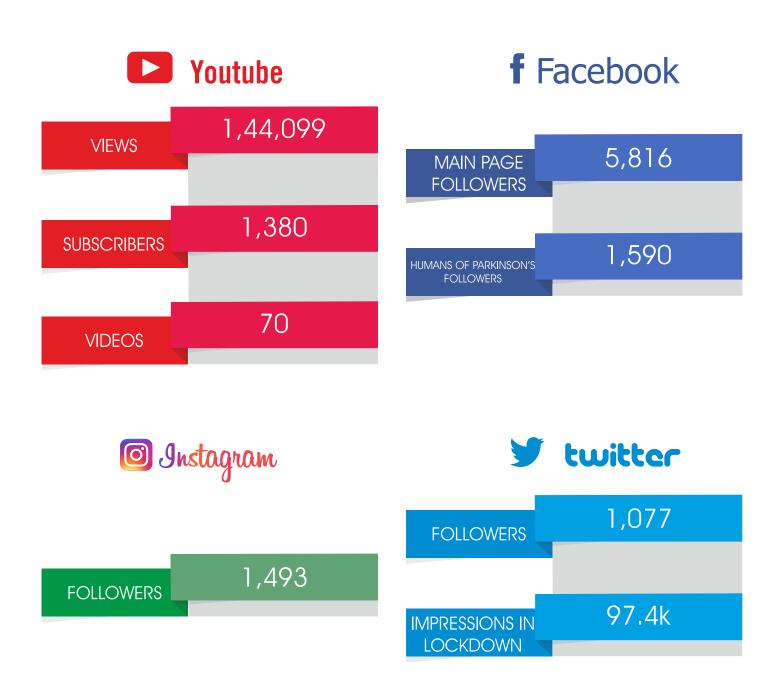
Launch of the new PDMDS website

The PDMDS was very excited to launch its newly redesigned website this August at www.parkinsonssocietyindia.com. One can find information about Parkinson's, locate a support center in your area, learn about the many activities of the organization and all the upcoming events. You can now also donate online or sign on as a volunteer. Do check it out & share with your friends and families!



Connecting through social media

Social media is a great tool to connect with people and organizations both nationally and internationally. The PDMDS team has really boosted our social media presence during this lockdown and is active on Facebook, Instagram, Youtube and Twitter. Like and subscribe to our pages to get information on Parkinson's and all the latest updates.



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PDMDS Healthy ageing Program

The 'Healthy Ageing Program', was started in August 2020 to create awareness about neurological conditions of the elderly as well as promote wellbeing for senior citizens in any senior citizen's group/senior citizens residential homes in India. PDMDS physiotherapists train caretakers of these senior citizen homes to conduct this program.



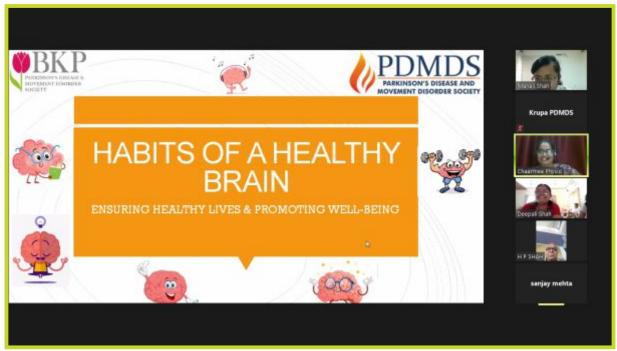


This program includes regular sessions of exercises for older persons to stay physically and psychologically healthy and energised. At present healthy ageing programs are conducted in 6 Senior citizens home in **Chandigarh**, **Pune**, **Nallasopara**, **Vasai**, and **Bhayander** and 1 destitute home in **Jodhpur**; benefitting **215 people**. The feedback from the participants has been very positive and they like the simplicity of the exercises. Caretakers have reported lesser complaints of aches and pain and improvement in general physical health.

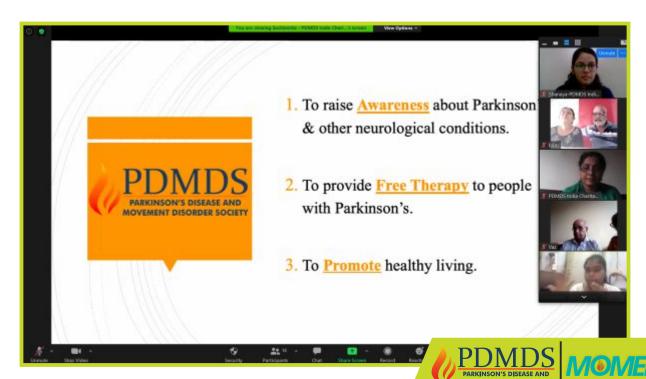


Senior citizen awareness programs

The PDMDS continues its endeavour to increase awareness and provide information on various neurological conditions through online awareness programmes titled "Habits of a Healthy Brain." The aim is to promote holistic well- being, increase awareness about Parkinson's, Stroke, Dementia and tips and strategies to improve brain health. The programme includes physical and cognitive activities and an interactive Q n A session.

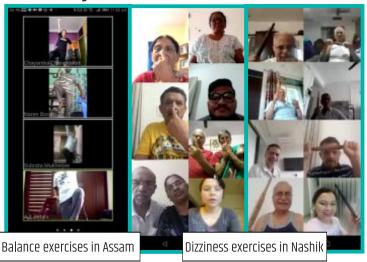


Between July and September, 2020, PDMDS has reached out to over **400 people**, from various parts of India, especially in **Maharashtra**, **Gujarat**, **and Assam**, including senior citizens's groups, religious associations and communities, school and colleges, physiotherapy colleges, and the working population



Snapshots from across the country

The PDMDS continues to provide multidisciplinary therapy online in 10 regional languages. These online sessions are attended regularly by over 2000 people with Parkinson's from 24 states in India. We conduct regular physiotherapy sessions on various topics interspersed with educative discussions and cognitive activities. Feedback from Pwps report that they found these sessions both engrossing and useful.





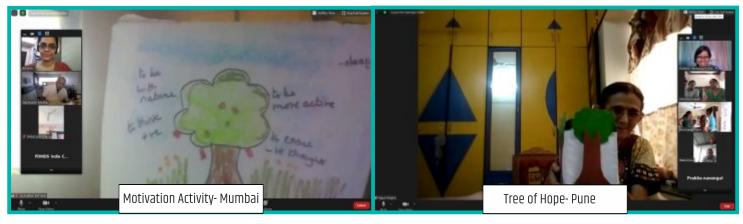




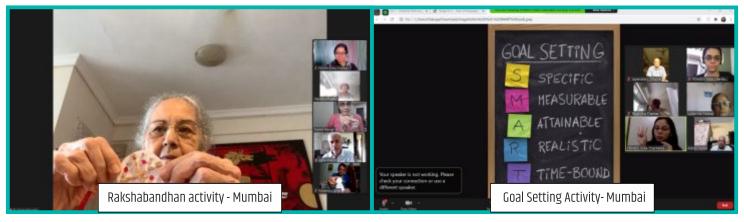
Psych Session

During the month of July, August & September PDMDS conducted a variety of psycho-educational online sessions. Topics such as Depression in PD, Memory, Sleep and Diet and Nutrition were covered in the weekly online sessions.

Recreational sessions such as Monsoon Masti, Memory, Music and Festive sessions such as Raksha Bandhan, Independence Day and Friendship Day were also conducted. Our session on Hope, Positivity, Goal setting and Motivation helped the Pwps to float through the difficult Pandemic months.









PDMDS Educational Webinars

During this quarter, we had 2 international guest speakers for our webinars showcasing various new therapies for people with Parkinson's.

The PDMDS in collaboration with DopaFit – a Parkinson`s Movement Program in the United States, organized a workshop conducted by Chad Moir, president of the organization. The session included a warm up, boxing and aerobic exercises followed by a cool down. The session was attended by **350** participants who were happy to participate in this energetic session.



Difficulty writing has always been one of the most frequently reported problems in Parkinson's Disease. This session on **Micrographia** was conducted by **Mrs. Saba Shahid, the founder of the Let's Combat Micrographia program. Around 337 participants** attended the session and learnt about the various tips and strategies as well as exercises needed to help overcome the difficulties they have in writing.



Thank you for the useful informative session Saba was very good.
Explained everything very well.

Excellent session with Saba Shahid.
Very well explained. Now the ball is in our court
We have to follow her advice and

Thank you very much, very good session, very well Explained 18:37

Saba's session was wonderful, practical tips are helpful and empowering. The set of tips coming together make a very effective whole. Thanks PDMDS for getting us meet Saba for our benefit. Thanks Saba







Q & A with a Neurologist

One of the aims of the PDMDS has always been to make education and information about Parkinson's easily available and understandable to all people living in India.

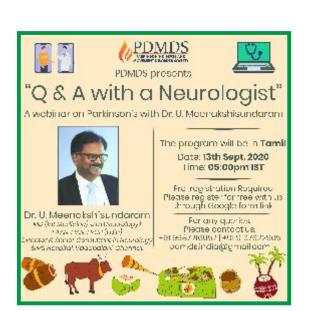
Starting from Kerala, the southernmost state, till Sikkim the north eastern part of India PDMDS has conducted a series of webinars in various regional languages reaching out to various healthcare professionals, People with Parkinson`s and their caregivers. In this journey, we would like to appreciate all our experts for sharing their knowledge and expertise with Pwps and their family members during these difficult times.

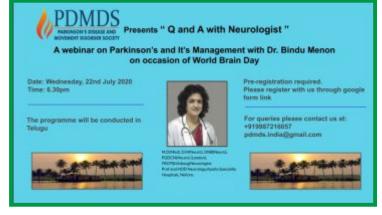
More than **100** participants from different parts of Kerala attended the informative session which was conducted in **Malayalam** by renowned Neurologists

Dr. Abraham Mathew and Dr. Regi Paul.



An interactive event in **Telugu** language was arranged with the help of famous Neurologist **Dr. Bindu Menon** which was attended by over **400** participants.





Well known Neurologist

Dr. U. Meenakshisundaram eloquently explained in **Tamil** about Parkinson's & its management. This event was attended by **126** participants.





About 177 participants participated for our **Gujarati Webinar on Non-motor symptoms in Parkinson's,** conducted by leading neurologist **Dr. Soaham Desai.** The information in the webinar were well appreciated by all the participants and various positive feedbacks were received.

Besides this, another interactive Question and Answer session with the famous Neurologist **Dr. Shripad Pujari** was also conducted in **Marathi**, which received a huge amount of appreciation from about **214 participants**.



Apart from this, PDMDS also initiated its **Educational webinar series.** The 1st session which was conducted **to celebrate World Brain Day was on Stroke - Prevention, Identification and it's management.** Speaker of the session was **Dr. Anil Venkatachalam**, which was attended by **212 participants** from various parts of India.





The 2nd session of the same series was a webinar on **Dementia**, **Stroke**, **Parkinson's & Healthy Ageing** which was conducted in **Nepali** language for the native inhabitants of Sikkim and northeastern region of India, by Neurosurgeon **Dr. Pranav Rai and Miss Frieda Bokali P Engheepi (Physiotherapist & PHD scholar). About 70 people attended the session.**



The Mind It Challenge!

Non-motor symptoms (NMS) are a very important aspect of Parkinson's Disease (PD) and they can affect the quality of life of PwPs and their caregivers to a great extent! Keeping this in mind, in the month of July, PDMDS initiated a 'Mind It Challenge' to address various aspects of NMS along with some fun and productive activities to keep the mind active and healthy.





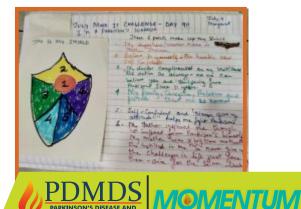




This challenge incorporated activities based on **emotional well-being**, **cognition**, **socialization**, **Instrumental activities** of daily living, PD quizzes, recreation and relaxation spread across all 7 days of the week. PDMDS also launched informational and interactive video series on Cognitive difficulties in PD and ways to deal with them effectively as a part of this challenge. PwPs enthusiastically participated in these activities and we received an overwhelming response from them throughout the month. All such activities also helped them stay engaged, productive, active and thereby ensuring better psychological well-being!





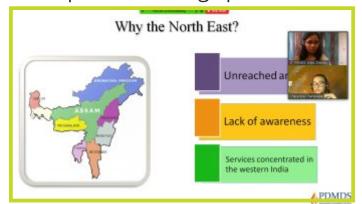


Educational & Sensitization programs for Students

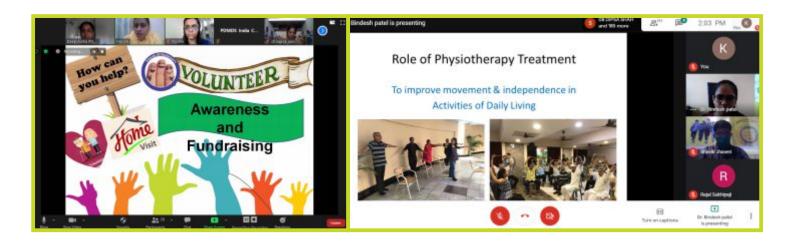
PDMDS has been organizing online educational training programs even during the pandemic, for college students and students of various allied health faculties all over India. We educate them about the various aspects of Parkinson's disease and provide them the tools to identify potential people with Parkinson's.

Two programs were conducted in Guwahati, Assam - one was done for the students of **Rahman Institute of Nursing, Guwahati** to train them about the role of a nurse in Parkinson's care and help them manage patients with

end-stage Parkinson's.Another was done for Social Work students of **Royal Global University, Guwahati** to help them spread awareness about Parkinson's in North East India where not many know about this condition.



On the occasion of World Physiotherapy Day on 8th September, educational programs were conducted at **Shrimad Rajchandra College of Physiotherapy**, **Surat** and 3 colleges in **Udaipur- Maa Gayatri college of Physiotherapy**, **Udaipur college of Physiotherapy**, and **Pacific college of Physiotherapy**. More than **250** Physiotherapy students attended these programs, learnt about different aspects of Parkinson's and the advances in the Physiotherapy management of the condition.



A program for the Psychology students of **SIES College, Mumbai** was also conducted to make them aware about the disease and Non-motor symptoms of Parkinson's in which they play a key role. Many showed interest in applying for volunteering and internship programs at the PDMDS to learn more and help the society to raise awareness about Parkinson's.







#PDMDS Encourages Talent

Hum sab log EK hoke ladenge Corona ke khilaaf Ghar mei rehkar na sirf haath par Ghar ko bhi rakho saaf.

Hum sab log EK hoke ladenge Corona ke khilaaf Yaadse hum amal kare 1 metre duri kee maap.

Hum sab log EK hoke ladenge Corona ke khilaaf Humare liye ladne walo ke saath milke batayenge hum hai Baap

Hum sab log Ek hoke ladenge Corona ke khilaaf Sabhi dharm ko ek saath milta dekh wo bhage apne aap

Hum sab log EK hoke ladenge Corona ke khilaaf. Bahar intezaar karte karte akhir boley mei chala karo muje maaf.



The YOPD sessions are special Every time something new we learn Though designed with all seriousness They're packed with threads of fun Our symptoms may be different And we know we need a lot of care But these sessions have additionally helped By the joys and pains we share Life is full of ups and downs One should never give up on hope Let's use these opportunities that we've got Together I'm sure we'll better cope

Shaila Chitnis Mumbai

Sunil Dias Mumbai



Anupama Vedantam Mumbai



Rashmi Adani Mumbai





Mumbai



Filomena Dantas Mumbai





Satish Mhatre Baroda



Govindlal Kabra Mumbai



Mumbai

Feedback

"Thank you so much for having this caregiver session. Listening to all and knowing that there are so many people sailing in the same boat has boosted the moral of my mother for sure. Also the positivity shown by the other participants was quite encouraging. Looking forward for the next session. Till then take care and be safe"

- Mrs. Tirodkar (Bandra)

"Thanks to Dr.Rai, Ms. Frieda for the informative talk on Parkinson's Disease and Dementia related illness and also for throwing light on the importance of aging healthy. I am very grateful to Karma, Dr. B S Singhal and the entire staff of PDMDS for arranging such a nice free informative session."

-Keepa Mathema Handa (sikkim)

"Hello Tejali, Nicole & d team. Congratulations on your first session for care partners. It really went well. We come to know about the problems faced by other care givers which can help us deal better with our lookout. Really appreciate the trouble u guys r taking to make our jobs easier. Thank you so much."

- Mrs. Shirodkar (Andheri)

I was having lot of problems talking. I had almost stopped talking in last 6 months. Only sign language or writing. After 2 sessions of speech therapy, improved a lot. Able to speak loud and clear. Family is very very happy. Thanks PDMDS.

-Mr. Prafulla Rao.

Session in totality was very good and relaxation technique was excellent. It will be very useful to all of us. Thanks to all doctors for nicelyconducting the session. God bless you all.

-Mr. R. M. Thakkar



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