



**SRI RAMACHANDRA**  
DENTAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL

**Centre for Early Childhood Caries Research**



## **New major National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA, grant for Sri Ramachandra Dental College (SRDC)**

**Prof Dr Muthu Murugan** and his team have been awarded a major grant from the US NIH.

SRDC is the first Dental College in India to be awarded a NIH grant to be led by an Indian Principal Investigator. Dr. Muthu Murugan will lead the multi-institutional grant entitled "Sustained Anticipatory Guidance for Early Childhood Caries(ECC)" over a five year period.

The grant is aimed at developing methods to reduce the large burden of ECC in India and other low and middle income countries.

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**\*Sustained Anticipatory Guidance (SAG) - Is an indigenously developed protocol to prevent Early Childhood Caries in infants and toddlers at the Centre for Early Childhood Caries Research (CECCR), Sri Ramachandra Dental College and Hospital, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (SRIHER), Chennai, India.**