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Institutional Distinctiveness

Community outreach Services at low and affordable cost

College of dental sciences, Davangere, has been set up with a clear and primary mission to have moral responsibility towards patients, society and nation by providing evidence-based treatment. District of Davangere has 843 villages, with rural population of 13,16,487 out of total population 21,59,502. According to Government data, 3,28,091 are below poverty line. For People unable to afford for daily needs, dental treatments will be luxury since dental treatments with advanced facilities are lacking in many district/ government hospitals. Considering the above challenges, our institute has initiated numerous programs to aid and reach the needy and unaffordable section of population.

Adoption of villages through Satellite centres for treatment: our institute has made sure we extend our help to all sections of society. There are areas of the district, where, the basic health facilities are themselves difficult to reach, let alone the dental health facilities. Either due to lack of awareness or the distant ness to facility, people here suffer with dental complications. As an initiateive to seve these section of the community, we have adopted certain villages and are providing regular dental health care facility in timely basis since 2 dacades. We have adopted these PHCs and have been providing dental health check up and basic treatment at the respective PHCs. These villages include Hadadi, Bada and -----.

Tobacco cessation programs: Dentists are in a unique position to educate and motivate patients concerning the hazards of tobacco to their oral and systemic health, and to provide intervention programs as a part of routine patient care. Strategies for tobacco cessation involves 5 A's and 5 R's approach, quit lines and pharmacotherapy. The five A's: Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist and Arrange and five R's: Relevance, Risk, Rewards, Repetition, Roadblocks were effectively use in helping the patients to quit the habit. In addition to this tobacco awareness leaflets, brochures, continuing patient education materials regarding tobacco cessation was made available to patients. About 75% of the patients who attended the counselling and therapy reported to have quit the habit.

Every year Department of Oral Medicine takes the initiative and collaborate with IDA – Davangere branch and local authorities and conduct world No-tobacco Day in ther form of awareness lectures, Rallys and Street shows to educate the ill effects of tobacco menace.

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Charity by students: the smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention. This act of kindness instils a positive feeling and gives a sense of joy. Money and books were collected and accepted, anything and everything except perishable items in good condition were refurbished, ensuring that the clothes were washed and ironed all items along with the money donated by staff and students, were handed over to needy and the organizations working for the needy, which included orphanages in and around Davangere. As a token of appreciation, Appreciation certificate was given to all those who donated. This was conducted as a week long program by our institute interns as their concern and contribution to the community.

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