

DISTINCTIVE PRACTICE

"Smiles Beyond Clinics: M. A. Rangoonwala College's Community Dental Outreach"

One of the distinctive practices of our college is its Community Outreach through various initiatives that include:

1. **Inclusive Dental Care:** We provide dental services to individuals across all socio-economic strata, age groups (especially the geriatric) and abilities (abled to specially-abled).
2. **Community Outreach:** We conduct dental camps in both rural and urban areas at diverse locations such as schools, hospitals, old age homes, associations for the blind, deaddiction centres, medical camps etc, ensuring accessibility to a wide range of population. We also organise camps during the annual Warkari events, reaching pilgrims, ensuring dental care is brought to the doorstep of those who may face barriers to access.
3. **Holistic Health Awareness:** We organise community services extending beyond dental treatments to include non-dental camps focused on health awareness, tobacco cessation, blood donation, raising awareness about various medical conditions like breast cancer, diabetes etc.
4. **Impactful Partnerships:** We have collaborations with local organizations to maximize resources and broaden our reach.

The community dental camps organised by our college epitomize a comprehensive and inclusive healthcare initiative, addressing the diverse needs of the population. Dental procedures, screening, check-ups and primary dental care including oral prophylaxis and fluoride application, form the core of these camps, ensuring that routine check-ups are coupled with preventive measures. The subjects are then referred to our college for further treatment.

The success of our community outreach initiatives is reflected in:

1. **Community Engagement:** Increased participation and engagement from the community members in dental and non-dental camps signify the acceptance and positive impact of the college's outreach initiatives. This is evidenced by growing attendance at various venues, from schools to healthcare institutions.

2. **Testimonials and Feedback:** Positive testimonials from beneficiaries expressing satisfaction with the dental services, awareness programs, and overall community health initiatives provide qualitative evidence of the program's success. These testimonials highlight the tangible impact on individuals' lives.
3. **Tobacco Cessation Success Stories:** The Tobacco Cessation Centre's success is reflected in the number of individuals who have successfully quit tobacco with the support and awareness provided. Long-term cessation rates and feedback from participants demonstrate the centre's effectiveness in addressing a critical public health concern.

In conclusion, our college's outreach programs not only exemplify a holistic and inclusive approach to healthcare, but also sensitise our students to their social responsibilities.