

THE TEACHING LEARNING PROCESS OF THE INSTITUTION NURTURES CREATIVITY, ANALYTICAL SKILLS AND INNOVATION AMONG STUDENTS

The journey embarked by a budding dentist from the time of admission as a dental rookie to its eventuality as a clinician expert, goes through a series of life altering experiences and the most iconic role in all this is played by the institution at large.

With an array of activities ranging from annual sports and cultural events to organizing CDE programs chaired by most articulate and influential speakers in the field of dentistry, our institution promotes standards which equates that of most highly decorated dental institutes in the country.

The above quoted activity not only inspires personal growth but also motivates an individual to inculcate the art of team work, leadership, critical analytical thinking, creativity, professionalism and entrepreneurship.

Creativity can be understood both as a product and a process. Focusing on the process allows for the development of thinking skills and cultivating the right climate for creative learning and innovative teaching. The institute provides a platform for exploring the creative side of students by incorporating activities of both creative and cultural art such as synchronized choreography, theatrical plays on social issues, poster presentations and other crafty oriented skills of aesthetic carving and innovative forms of wire bending. Moreover creativity in education has more to do with the process than with the product, and focusses therefore on the development of thinking and cognitive skills. Innovative teaching is both the practice of teaching for creativity and of applying innovation to teaching. Technologies play a crucial role in learner's lives and can enable educational change towards an innovative and creative environment. Our esteemed institute fosters a learning centre which enables to thread the gap of learning and technology by organizing virtual classes with video instructions, modified hands on courses and a plethora of cognitive methods which enhance the experience of learning. The availability of smart classroom teaching, webinars and digital library has not only eased the access to learning but has opened floodgates into better tomorrow.

The impact of innovative learning extends from organised courses of basic life support supplementing the dental student in the art of expanding its horizon as a health care provider to working on phantom head which provide the virtual experience of reality.

Furthermore, a multitude of research projects are handed out each year in where the students are encouraged to develop and grow their scope of knowledge through concentrated channels of communication, enhancing their innovative and inquisitive mind. This effort is supported by the faculty by providing guidance through efficient means, leading to cohesive thinking and imbibing the skills of team effort.

Creativity and innovation in education are not just an opportunity, but a necessity. Focussing on the process allows for the development for thinking skills and for cultivating the right climate for creative learning and innovative teaching.