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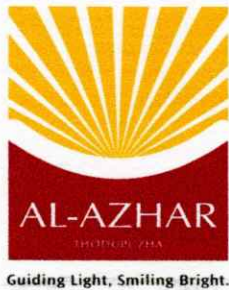
PRINCIPAL

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that our institution has a clearly stated vision and mission which is reflected in its academic and administrative governance. Details are given:

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MECHANISM OF FUNCTIONING OF THE INSTITUTION TO ACHIEVE THE VISION

TEACHING AND LEARNING

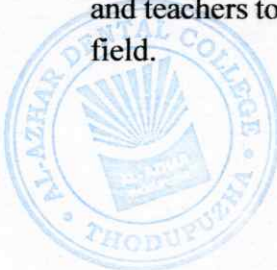
The Institute's vision statement includes academic and administrative initiatives, as well as mechanisms for achieving its goals. The academic initiatives focus on teaching and learning, including different modalities such as smart classrooms, online classes, interactive classes, group discussions, and seminars. The Institute also aims to provide academically experienced and competent teaching faculties and facilities for Information and Communication Technology (ICT) enabled coaching. The administrative initiatives include the college curriculum committee for scheduling theory and practical sessions, the maintenance committee for setting up smart classes, and making arrangements for online classes. The Institute's vision statement emphasizes its commitment to academic excellence and innovation, as well as providing a supportive and conducive learning environment for its students.

RESEARCH

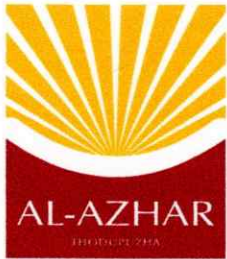
The Institute emphasizes the importance of research and provides various opportunities for students to engage in research activities. These opportunities include a journal club for students to keep up with current research trends, CDE programs related to research, projects, and paper presentations, and the submission of projects for external funding from organizations like ICMR. Additionally, the Institute provides financial support for teachers and students in research activities, collaborates with other Institutes for research studies, and aims to set up a fully equipped indigenous research lab.

To support these research initiatives, the Institute has a research committee that notifies students of different research scholarships, schedules research CDEs, and coordinates projects and paper presentations. The committee also intends to provide different equipment for the research lab. The Institute also has an ethics committee that approves research studies and conducts research methodology workshops.

The Institute values research and strives to provide various opportunities and resources for students and teachers to engage in research activities, collaborate with other Institutes, and contribute to the field.



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MECHANISM OF FUNCTIONING OF THE INSTITUTION TO ACHIEVE THE MISSION

ACADEMIC INITIATIVE

The Institute's mission statement highlights the importance of academic initiatives and administrative initiatives to achieve its goals. The academic initiatives include periodic evaluations such as theory and practical internal assessments, end-posting exams, pre-clinical exams, seminars, assignments, class tests, projects, and case history presentations. The Institute also emphasizes the importance of university examinations, including theory and practical examinations.

On the administrative side, the Institute ensures proper staff allocation, time table charting, exam hall arrangements, material intent, lab arrangements, ICT tool maintenance, and answer sheet arrangements. The college curriculum committee is responsible for planning the academic calendar, including scheduling the number and frequency of exams. The Exam Cell is responsible for arranging and conducting exams, including issuing no due certificates and clearances prior to exams, issuing hall tickets, allocating seats in exam halls, providing guidelines and instructions for exams, and ensuring camera surveillance and recording. The cell also arranges for downloading question papers.

The Institute's mission statement emphasizes the importance of academic and administrative initiatives in achieving its goals and provides a comprehensive framework of mechanisms and committees responsible for ensuring their successful implementation.


SOCIAL COMMITMENT.

The social element of the Institute's mission statement includes several initiatives such as organizing dental exhibitions for the public, conducting dental camps, and celebrating environmental day. The dental exhibition for the public requires allocation of staff and students, arranging the venue, maintenance team, and transportation for students, doctors, and supporting staff. Similarly, free COVID tests are conducted for the public with the same arrangements. The Institute also conducts social welfare programs in association with the PTA committee and alumni committee.

The Public Health Department is responsible for the adoption of old age homes, conducting dental awareness and treatment camps, and posting students in satellite treatment clinics, care homes, and geriatric centers. The nature club coordinates the celebration of environmental day, which includes conducting competitions, planting trees, using pens with seedlings, and banning plastic.

The college student's union ensures participation of students in dental exhibitions while the PTA and alumni committees are responsible for conducting social welfare programs.




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COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT

The institute focuses on developing the competencies of its students through various initiatives. These include organizing CDE programs on topics such as BLS, career guidance, and skill development workshops. The college also conducts academic level competitions such as quizzes and participates in intercollege competitions.

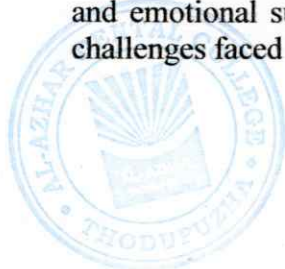
To organize the CDE programs, a committee is appointed to schedule the programs for the year, select the topic and speaker, and make arrangements for the speaker's remuneration, mementos, transportation, refreshments, and food. The staff and students are allocated, and the venue is arranged with the maintenance committee's assistance. The placement cell provides career guidance and conducts seminars on agencies that provide admissions to foreign universities. The college also invites external agencies to hire its graduates.

CREATIVITY ENHANCEMENT

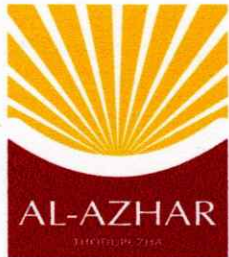
In terms of creativity, the college engages in various activities such as conducting intercollege fests, dental material designing competitions, literary and arts competitions, college and sports days, photography competitions. The IQAC oversees the planning and execution of intercollege fests, while staff and students are allocated for various tasks such as venue arrangements and maintenance. The curriculum committee schedules cultural and co-curricular activities, while the students' union forms rules and guidelines for events. The arts and sports committee screens and schedules events, and the magazine and souvenir committee publishes various materials related to the events such as write-ups, literary works, drawings, photographs, testimonials, and patient feedback.

COURAGE

Increasing the number of patients treated will improve the productivity of students during clinical practice. Conducting case discussions enhances the ability of students to diagnose as well as to try different treatment modalities. Providing Continuing Dental Education (CDE) programs improves students' knowledge and skills and to keep up with the latest developments and technologies in the field. Organizing academic level competitions at the college which involves arranging events such as debates, poster presentations, quiz competitions, or other academic challenges among the students. Such events can help to encourage healthy competition, build confidence, and enhance the skills and knowledge of the participants. Established welfare committees can address various aspects of student welfare, including academic, financial, social, and emotional support. Regular committee meetings are conducted to discuss and resolve any challenges faced by students or the college, and to ensure effective functioning of the committees.



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The Curriculum Committee or Head of Departments decides the patient and work quotas for students. Quarterly meetings are held through the Student Welfare and Grievance Redressal Cell to resolve and discuss issues. Maintaining a vigilant stance against ragging, sexual harassment, and related offenses through the Anti-ragging Committee, Anti-ragging Monitoring Cell, Anti-ragging Squad, and Anti-sexual Harassment Committee. The Institution has an established a Women's Cell for women empowerment and support. Periodic meetings between mentors and mentees are conducted to address mentee-level issues through the Mentorship Committee.

RECENT ADVANCES

Recent developments in dental education include various advancements such as the use of ICT to update teaching and learning aids, advanced dental lab visits, and encouragement of students to attend state and national level conferences. Online platforms, including LMS software and Wi-Fi enabled classrooms, have also been introduced for teaching purposes. In addition, the college has obtained membership to the E library Platform (EBSCO).

To implement these developments, the college has procured the latest ERP and LMS software/apps and allocated staff and students for advanced dental lab visits, along with transportation for students, doctors, and supporting staff. Committees such as the Research committee, IQAC/HOD's, CDE committee, maintenance committee, and administration and IQAC are responsible for handling and introducing these advancements. Moreover, the administration, IQAC, HOD, and staff work together to encourage paper and poster presentations, while IQAC and the maintenance committee handle the introduction and management of online platforms for teaching. Finally, the library committee and IQAC are in charge of the EBSCO software.

DENTAL AWARENESS

To increase public dental awareness, the college conducts dental camps, organizes dental exhibitions, and participates in flash mobs and marathons during dental awareness days. They also provide free COVID testing for the public. Staff and students are allocated for these activities, and venue arrangements, maintenance team allocation, and transportation of students, doctors, and supporting staff are taken care of. The Administration wing and Public Health Dentistry Department are responsible for organizing these events, while the College Curriculum Committee plans various awareness programs.




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