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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022-23

In the year 2007, Priyadarshini Dental College and Hospital (PDCH) was established as a constituent unit of the Indira Educational and Charitable Trust, under the dynamic leadership of our Chairman, Thiru. V. G. Raajendran, and our Managing Director, Tmt. Indira Raajendran. Since then, PDCH has produced approximately 1000 dental professionals, all of whom are excelling in their respective fields. Our institution not only imparts education and knowledge but also instils crucial values and advice, nurturing the development of our students as better individuals. We take pride in our commitment to transforming our students into individuals with strong values, contributing positively to society.

University Examinations

Priyadarshini Dental College is one of the best dental institutions when it comes to teaching and learning. It is proved by the fact that the overall pass percentage in the Tamil Nadu Dr. M. G.R. Medical University examinations was 93% with many distinctions and honours for the year 2022-23.

Approval for MDS program

The realization of the dream to start postgraduate and doctoral programs has been made possible by the remarkable infrastructural augmentation and induction of new faculty members by their ever-enthusiastic management. The approval for the commencement of the Master's degree program in six clinical specialties from the academic year 2023-24 has been granted by the Dental Council of India and The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University.

Annual Patients census

The excellence in the treatment rendered by the institution is reflected by the increase in the number of patients attending our outpatient department. This also provide an opportunity for the students to

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learn and update their clinical skill. During the year 2022-23 a total of 34387 patients have been treated in PDCH.

Programs by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Quality initiation, quality enhancement and quality sustenance of PDCH is taken care by the IQAC. It has organized several orientation programs, workshops and lectures to enhance the quality of education and research. The topics included NAAC orientation, Policy drafting, creating MoUs, workshops on patient care and community skills, Teaching and Learning Methods and Research ethics.

Various committees formed to monitor and enhance the academic and administrative performance of PDCH were reconstituted and all the policies were revised and amended as per the current requirements.

Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) and Women Empowerment Cell

PDCH care for the safety and welfare of girl students and women staff members through ICC and women empowerment cell. The ICC and Women Empowerment Cell of PDCH organized six gender sensitization programs, focusing self-defence tools and equipment, Gender Discrimination and Protection against sexual Harassment, Prevalence and prevention of PCOD, overcoming gender stereotypes and bias, balancing work family and family life, health and wellbeing physical fitness and nutrition to promote gender sensitization.

Value Added Courses

In the academic year 2022-2023, PDCH continued its tradition of organizing value-added courses and subject related add-on courses, inviting experts from various fields to share their knowledge and clinical experience with students and staff. The Dental Education Unit successfully conducted a total of 13 such courses during this period.

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Case Presentation Convention

The 1st Case Presentation Convention, a first of its kind, was held on the 12th and 13th of August, 2022. More than 100 delegates from 17 dental colleges participated and made scientific presentations, which included both oral presentations and posters.

National Dental Summit'23

Priyadarshini Dental College organized the National Dental Summit with the theme of “Research to Reality” on 11th and 12th April, 2023. The Conference was inaugurated by Padmashri. Mathew Samuel Kalarickal, a renowned Interventional Cardiologist. The Conference saw participation from Dental Colleges nationwide, drawing a substantial number of Delegates. It featured numerous oral and poster presentations, along with table clinics. Additionally, several teams participated in the Quiz, and three guest lectures were delivered by renowned speakers in the Dental Fraternity.

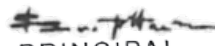
Institutional Ethical Committee

Priyadarshini Dental College and Hospital has received the Provisional registration for the Institutional Ethical Committee from the National Ethics Committee Registry for the Biomedical and Health Research on 26th April 2023. Three institutional ethical committee meetings were held from 2022-23 to address ethical issues concerning research and academic activities.

MOUs

As a part of collaborative service, academic and research activity PDCH, has entered into memorandum of understanding with reputed institutions, industries and organisations. We have signed MOU with the following organisations:

- Dr. K M Cherian's Heart Foundation, Chennai
- Vaithiyam Parashakthi Elamathi Trust, Chennai


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- Vellore Institute of Technology (Deemed to be university)
- TACT academy of clinical training private limited, Chennai
- Gen Vams Trust Centre for Medical Genetics, Chennai
- Indira Medical College and Hospital, Thiruvallur
- Indira College of Nursing, Thiruvallur
- Indira College of Education, Thiruvallur.

Publications

The research activity of our institution is evidenced by the publications. Faculty members have contributed significantly to scientific literature, publishing articles in indexed national and international journals during the year 2022-23, along with the publication of textbooks.

Clinical Society Meetings

Dentistry has various specialties in addition to the basic science and medical specialties. Interdepartmental and interdisciplinary meetings are a great platform for exchange of knowledge and experience. Clinical Society of PDCH organized 12 Clinical Society Meetings in 2022 and 9 for the year 2023. These meetings foster critical acclaim and cumulative discussions among various departments.

Faculty Development Programs

As dentistry and medicine evolve at a faster pace, it is mandatory for teachers to update their knowledge about recent developments. To accomplish this, PDCH conducts faculty development programs. Several Faculty Development Programs have been conducted to enhance the teaching capabilities of faculty members. These programs focus on various topics like Teaching and learning


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methods, National Educational Policy 2020, Predatory publications, Writing for Publication, Research and Publication misconduct, and artificial intelligence.

Study Web of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM)

PDCH takes great pride in announcing that it becomes the local Chapter for SWAYAM and our faculty members and students have enrolled and completed MOOC Courses on research ethics.

Intern Mentorship Program


The Intern Mentorship Committee, named **IGNITE THE INSPIRED**, was established to impart life skills, technical updates, and clinical skills. It conducted 14 programs in 2022 and 2023, featuring guest speakers from various fields.


Village screening camps

Community services, as part of our extension and outreach activities, have been a hallmark of our institution. The Department of Public Health Dentistry, along with the NSS units of PDCH, regularly conducts rural dental screening and awareness camps in and around the villages of Tiruvallur, under the initiative named "Oral Health for Rural Heart." This initiative aims to address dental problems in the village population. Numerous camps have been organized to date, screening a significant number of patients.

Disciplinary Committee

PDCH has a **Disciplinary committee** monitors the code of conduct. The committee conducts periodic meetings and organizes professional ethics and awareness programs for both students and staff members. These initiatives aim to promote a culture of professionalism and ethical behaviour within the institution. The committee plays a crucial role in maintaining discipline and upholding the decorum and values of PDCH.


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EmpEx

"EmpEx" (empower and exchange) is a unique practice of our college, where each Head of Department (HoD) is assigned the role of the principal. This practice exposes them to the duties and responsibilities of the Head of a Higher Educational Institution and allows them to temporarily assume the role in the principal's absence. This initiative not only provides valuable experience to the HoDs but also ensures continuity in leadership and management within the institution.

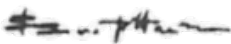
National Service Scheme (NSS) and Youth Red Cross (YRC) activities

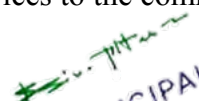
NSS and YRC are the extension dimension to the higher education system to orient the student youths to community service, while they are studying. Our institution was approved with two NSS units by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in June 2022. These NSS units actively engaged in voluntary community services by organising of Dental screening camps in and around the villages of Tiruvallur contributing to the personality and character development of the students.

The Youth Red Cross unit also worked towards the needs of vulnerable people in the community, promoting various social service activities. It organised blood donation camp in coordination with Dr. M.G.R Medical University and received appreciation from the same with a memento.

New Satellite Clinic Inauguration

Our community service has been extended further by collaborating with Chinmaya Mission, a reputed private charitable organisation. The Department of Public Health Dentistry expanded its second Satellite clinic at Chinmaya Mission, Thamaraiykkam, to provide dental services to the community on 21st December, 2022.


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Infrastructure Augmentation

A newly built auditorium with a seating capacity of 400, an examination hall and five ICT enabled lecture halls were inaugurated by our Honourable Chairman Thiru V. G. Raajendran and our M.D. madam, Tmt. Indira Raajendran.

Technological Upgrade

We constantly upgrade our technology and provide students opportunities to learn. A new OPG machine was installed in Oral Medicine and Radiology department on 23rd June, 2023.

Cultural Club Inauguration

In addition to the academics, PDCH encourages the students in various extracurricular activities like sports, culturals, fine arts and the like. Various clubs have been formed in order to train the students and make them excel.

The Cultural Club was inaugurated on 18th November 2022, which provides a platform for students to showcase their artistic talents.

Humour Club Inauguration

Humour or laugh releases lot of happy hormones and also relieve the stress. PDCH humour club was started on 16th December 2022 with a delightful event attended by esteemed dignitaries. The program featured laughter, variety shows, stand - up comedies, and performances, entertaining the audience and fostering creativity.

Movie and theatre club inauguration

On 24th February 2023, the movie and theatre club was inaugurated and various cultural and talent shows were exhibited by our students and staff members.

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Sports and Karate club inauguration

PDCH sports and karate club was inaugurated by our chairman on 8th March, 2023 at MM cricket ground, Kaivandur and a friendly cricket match, carrom and chess match, took place between the staff members and students followed by a karate demonstration by our Students.

Miss. K. Tamil Ilakkiya, CRI represented Priyadarshini Dental College at the 3rd International Karate Championship organised by School Games Development Foundation of India held at Andaman and Nicobar Islands from 26th to 28th December 2023 and won first place.

Yoga Program

PDCH strives for the man making education as dreamt by Swami Vivekananda. It works hard for the harmonious development of body, mind and soul. To achieve this Fit-Right club of PDCH conducts Yoga sessions regularly for the students and faculty members. On 11th March 2022, a yoga orientation Program was initiated, emphasizing the importance of yoga for physical and mental well-being. Every year International Yoga Day is being celebrated on 21st June emphasizing the holistic development for Students and staff members.

Alumni Association

PDCH believes learning is a lifelong process that never ends with college and a successful alumnus is an asset to any institution. With this note, PDCH is connected with its former students through Alumni Association. PDCH alumni association was registered under society's act during the year 2022.

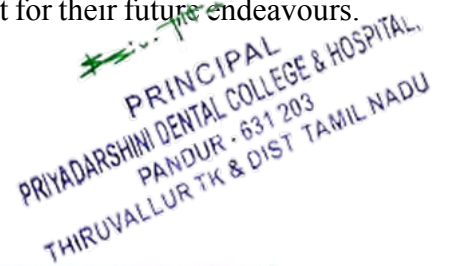
This conducts annual meetings to transfer their academic resources, share knowledge, professional experience and cherish their memories with the present students to benefit for their future endeavours.

Two such meetings were conducted in the last academic year.


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Anti-ragging Committee

PDCH takes pride in being a ragging-free campus. In compliance with statutory requirements, the PDCH Anti-Ragging Committee has organized multiple anti-ragging programs to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all students.

Smile Rally

In association with the Indian Orthodontic Society, Department of Orthodontics of PDCH organized a Smile Rally to create awareness about orthodontic treatment to the general public on 21st May 2022.

Celebration of Commemorative Days

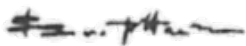
Every year our institution celebrates various commemorative days like World Cancer Day, No Tobacco Day, Oral Health Day, Environment Day, Blood Donor Day, International Women's Day, Doctor's Day and respective specialty departmental days.

Students' Council

Election for the student's council was conducted through e -voting for one student President, Vice President, General Secretary, Joint Secretary and 10 Executive Committee members Swearing in ceremony of the PDCH student council was held on 10th May, 2023.

Achievements of our students

The Intern Mentorship Committee was established to impart technical updates and life skills in addition to clinical skills. In 2022 and 2023, it hosted programmes featuring special guests who spoke about a variety of topics.


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Times of PDCH

The institution believes in documenting all its activities, which serves to motivate and facilitate learning and improvement. In line with this, "Times of PDCH," the official newsletter of Priyadarshini Dental College and Hospital, was launched in 2022. This quarterly publication serves as a platform to inform our alumni and peer institutions about the latest developments at PDCH.

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The institution started with the **vision** is to evolve as a world class dental college in providing knowledge with excellent learning environment in dentistry, which will enable students to provide oral health care for betterment of the society and the **mission** of the institution is to provide high quality dental education on par with international standards and to instill moral and ethical values among students.

The dental college has 260 electrically operated dental chairs with necessary attachments to treat the patients with oral ailments. All the departments are equipped with latest instruments and equipments as prescribed by Dental Council of India. Two satellite clinics functions nearby villages. A central library with more than 4000 books and subscription for national and international journals is available for the students. There is a separate e-library and audiovisual room is also available.

The institution has organized three programs focused on gender equity sensitization through the ICC and Women Empowerment Cell during the year titled Fostering female representation and representation in digital space , Importance of intersectionality and inclusivity in empowering women , and Importace of career development for women. These initiatives were taken with the primary intention of promoting gender equity among students.

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With the relaxation of lockdown and restrictions by the Government of Tamil Nadu blended teaching was employed to impart knowledge to the students. Internal quality assurance cell was formed. Institutional committees like IEC, Research committee, Publication committee, Institutional Academic Integrity Panel, Internal compliance committee, Mentorship committee and the Clinical society were reconstituted. Dr Sivapathasundharam B, has been appointed as the Principal in the month of January 2022.

MOU with respect to collaborative research, student's observership, faculty exchange was signed between PDCH and Frontier Lifeline Hospitals, Chennai.

For the year of 2021-22, the overall pass percentage in the University examination was 96% with many honors and distinctions. National and International conferences were attended by our faculty members and students. Students won eight Prizes in scientific events. PDCH has conducted four CDE programs. Eleven guest lectures were organized by the institution. The institution is delighted that a selected group of students have been granted approval for ICMR studies.

Clinical Society Meetings, Mentorship Programs, Faculty Improvement Programs, Gender sensitization Programs, Anti cancer Rally, Anti tobacco rally and smile rally in collaboration with Indian Orthodontic Society were conducted. National doctors day, Yoga day, and World environmental day were celebrated. "Times of PDCH", a quarterly news letter carrying the happenings of PDCH was released in the month of April.

The Inter Mentorship Program, **Ignite the inspired**, has successfully conducted 18 programs, benefiting the students by providing them with comprehensive learning opportunities in various aspects of dentistry. Through these programs, students have gained valuable knowledge and practical skills enhancing their understanding and proficiency in the field of dentistry.

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Various camps were conducted in villages in and around Thiruvallur district benefitting a wide array of patients during the year which actively endorse the theme of “Oral Health for rural Hearts”.

A specialized Disciplinary committee is in place to monitor and uphold student conduct, ensuring adherence to the college’s code of conduct. Additionally, the committee regularly conducts programs aimed at reminding students of their responsibilities and the expected standards of behavior within the college community.

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For newly admitted students induction and orientation program and antiragging awareness program were conducted.

The overall pass percentage of this year in the University examinations was over 94% with a considerable number of honors and distinctions.

The Intern Mentorship Committee, - "**Ignite the Inspired**," successfully conducted four programs in the academic year 2020-21. These programs featured resource persons from various fields of dentistry, aiming to enhance students' understanding of the diverse aspects of dentistry. The committee's efforts were aimed at providing comprehensive mentorship to interns, enriching their learning experiences, and preparing them for their future careers in dentistry.

Faculty members and students have actively participated in numerous National and International conferences, winning several prizes. They have also attended a variety of webinars, and faculty members have delivered guest lectures. The Public Health Dentistry department has conducted several camps, screening and treating a significant number of patients for their dental problems.

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PDCH is committed to the safety and welfare of its female students and women staff members, providing support through the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) and the Women Empowerment Cell. The ICC and Women Empowerment Cell of Priyadarshini Dental College and Hospital organized two programs focused on promoting gender sensitization. These programs included discussions on the importance of mental health for women and career development skills for employment, aiming to empower and support women in various aspects of their lives.

The **PDCH Disciplinary Committee** has been reconstituted with a tenure of two years. The committee has conducted various professional ethics and awareness programs for both students and faculty members. These programs are designed to foster a culture of professionalism and ethical conduct throughout the institution. The committee plays a vital role in ensuring discipline and upholding the core values of PDCH.

The "**Oral Health for Rural Hearts**" initiative aims to provide dental treatment to those in need in rural areas as part of its outreach activities. This program has significantly benefited many individuals in rural areas, ensuring they have access to essential dental care that they may not have otherwise received. Through this initiative, the community's oral health is improved, leading to a better quality of life for those served.

In addition, the students of PDCH participated in several intercollegiate sports and cultural programs, achieving notable success.

The Principal Dr. S. Balasundaram has conducted four staff meetings. Decisions with regards to the curriculum enrichment, students research projects, incentive for scientific publications were taken, which were subsequently approved by the Governing council. Two Institutional Ethical

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Committee meetings, ten Clinical Society Meetings and eight mentorship programs were conducted.


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In the August 2019 examinations conducted by The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University, PDCH achieved an impressive overall pass percentage of over 95%, with numerous students earning honors and distinctions.

PDCH continued its tradition of commemorating significant days, such as the National Oral Hygiene Day, organized by the Department of Periodontics. This event aimed to raise awareness among government servants and was recognized with the third-place accolade at the national level.

The institution places great importance on women's safety and promotes gender sensitization through various programs. These programs cover pertinent topics such as gender laws and their implications, cyberbullying and online harassment of women, the role of education in women's empowerment, and awareness of legal rights. These initiatives aim to create a safer and more inclusive environment for women, ensuring that they are aware of their rights and empowered to navigate challenges they may face.

A specialized disciplinary committee oversees student conduct, ensuring adherence to the college's code of conduct. The committee also regularly conducts programs to remind students of their responsibilities and the expected standards of behavior within the college community.

The "Ignite the Inspired" intern mentorship committee actively organizes intern mentorship programs. These programs aim to educate interns about all aspects of dentistry and essential life skills through various resource persons. The goal is to provide interns with a comprehensive understanding of dentistry while also equipping them with important life skills that will benefit them both personally and professionally.

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During the pandemic period, the institution conducted camps in rural areas, strictly following COVID protocols. These camps benefited many patients, aligning with the institution's motto of "Oral Health for Rural Heart." The camps aimed to provide essential dental care to rural communities, emphasizing the importance of oral health in overall well-being. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the institution remained committed to serving underserved populations and promoting oral health in rural areas.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 led to a statewide lockdown in Tamil Nadu. In response, PDCH swiftly transitioned to an ICT-enabled virtual mode for teaching and learning. Faculty and students were familiarized with video conferencing software and Learning Management Systems (LMS) through specialized online meetings. Lectures, demonstrations, class tests, and internal assessments were conducted online, ensuring continuity in education while adhering to safety protocols.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, clinical departments remained operational, adhering to strict COVID-19 prevention protocols to address dental emergencies. PDCH treated several patients during this period, while students actively participated as COVID-19 volunteers, spreading awareness and providing counseling to the general public.

PDCH also actively engaged in virtual learning opportunities, hosting and participating in numerous webinars. Routine governance, staff, clinical society meetings, and mentorship programs were seamlessly conducted online, ensuring continuity in institutional operations.

Overall, despite the unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic, PDCH demonstrated resilience and adaptability, maintaining its commitment to academic excellence, community service, and innovation in healthcare education.

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Established in 2007 under the auspices of the Indira Educational and Charitable Trust, Priyadarshini Dental College and Hospital (PDCH) has thrived under the dynamic leadership of Chairman Mr. V.G. Raajendran and Managing Director Mrs. Indira Raajendran.

The institution's vision is to emerge as a premier dental college, providing exceptional education in dentistry within an outstanding learning environment, enabling students to contribute to society's oral healthcare needs.

The mission of PDCH is to deliver high-quality dental education aligned with international standards while instilling moral and ethical values in its students. Under the leadership of Dr. Venkat Prasad M. K., who assumed the role of Dean in January 2018, PDCH achieved significant milestones across various domains during the 2018–19 academic year.

The University examinations boasted an impressive overall pass rate exceeding 85%, underscoring PDCH's commitment to academic excellence. Additionally, numerous students earned honors and distinctions, showcasing the institution's exceptional academic standards.

PDCH made notable contributions to scientific research, with several publications in esteemed journals and the successful organization of the international conference PPP INC - 19, reflecting its dedication to scholarly exchange and advancement.

The ICC and Women Empowerment Cell organized workshops on women's self-defense and awareness programs on cervical cancer and immunization, while also conducting a gender sensitization rally in the workplace. Community engagement and public health initiatives were prioritized, with various guest lectures and infrastructure enhancements in the outpatient department (OPD) improving patient care.

The Disciplinary Committee is dedicated to fostering discipline and upholding core values like integrity, respect, and responsibility, in accordance with the college's code of conduct. PDCH

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continued to actively engage in administrative and professional activities, including organizing Faculty Development Programs, Anti-cancer Rallies, gender sensitization initiatives, and Anti-tobacco campaigns, showcasing its dedication to social responsibility and healthcare advocacy.

The Intern Mentorship Committee- Ignite the Inspired conducted value-based programs to help and guide the interns and other students while numerous camps focused on oral health for rural hearts. PDCH actively participated in national and international observances, fostering a culture of awareness and responsibility among stakeholders.

Community outreach initiatives, spanning more than 15 camps in villages surrounding Tiruvallur district, provided essential services to thousands of patients and underserved communities. Additionally, PDCH students demonstrated exceptional talent in inter-college cultural events, earning individual recognition and awards, thereby bolstering the institution's esteemed reputation.

Overall, PDCH's accomplishments during the 2018-19 academic year reflect its dedication to excellence in education, research, healthcare, and community service under the visionary leadership of Dr. M.K. Venkat Prasad.

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