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Response:

The information and communication technology (ICT) has been globally recognized as an integral part of the modern education system. ICTs are tools of growing importance in dentistry as well as they allow the use of new educational media that provide students with the practice of seeking and selecting information, learning independently and more autonomously and solving problems. The addition of ICT tools to the curricula is a way of stimulating, potentiating and improving their use.

We, at Surendera Dental College, staunchly implant our learning and teaching programmes core ICT tools. We have a digital estate; all the students live under the Wi-Fi patronage. Dedicated ICT centre is served by with experienced engineers, technicians, software developers and network and system administrators. They provide quality services with secure access that supports learning, teaching, research and administrative functions. We are interconnected with data link throughout the campus and 1GBps internet bandwidth through BSNL

In addition to the chalk, talk and walk method of teaching, which has certain flaws like board management, neat diagrams and handwriting skills, our faculty members are using the IT enabled learning tools such as PPT, video clippings, Audio system, online sources to expose the students for advanced knowledge and practical learning. For this, the classrooms are well connected with the LAN facilities along with necessary digital teaching/learning aids. 95% of the faculty use interactive methods for teaching such as seminars, group discussions, assignments and Lab work.

User friendly digital library system is available to all the students for access to national and international research networks, national datasets, e-learning, high



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speed access to the network resources and various e-journals. E-mail/SMS based updates to the parents on attendance and internal assessments are also performed.

The college has its institutional official website designed for every academic support to the students. The website not only highlights the achievements of the college in the academic arena but it also enables the students to have easy access to various information and necessary links.

When the Pandemic forced everything shut down, we attempted to engage the students by organizing lots of webinars which were very useful in giving the students exposure to the greater academic world by arranging lectures by eminent speakers. Many examinations are conducted through online MCQs. Students and other stakeholders can give online feedback regarding the institution using the link provided on the website.

The ICT enabled teaching learning system has become a huge necessity during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Besides online classes through Zoom, Google meet, Whatsapp groups are created for every batch of students to keep easy communication among the teachers and students.


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