

4.3.5 In-person and remote access usage of library and the learner sessions/library usage programmes organized for the teachers and students

Response:

CDSRC library functions as a knowledge centre for the growth of the Institution and supports the academic programs of the Institution. The library of CDSRC is spread across 8400 sq. ft with 200 seating capacity. The Library is open from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm on all working days providing in-person access to students and Faculty. A dedicated team of employees works throughout the day for the benefit of the users. The Institution insists on inculcating the habit of self-directed learning and encourages the students to spend productive time in the library and make use of the available resources. In addition, Undergraduates are allowed to borrow one book at a time for 3 days while Postgraduates can borrow 2 books for a period of 7 days.

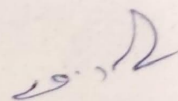
CDSRC insists on the students to inculcate the habit of spending quality and productive hours in the library to upgrade themselves to newer trends in dentistry and a calm and peaceful study environment is present for the students to go on over the exam preparation. There is a separate study area for students and staff to read library books and their own books. In addition, separate Journal section is also available.

The college library consists of a digital library wing which enables greater access to wide range of well-organized data in digital form. The online data base subscribed and web based online catalogue is available in the internet. The students and faculty have in-person access to the hard copies of books, current journals, back volumes of journals, audio-visual resources, virtual library, newspapers and magazines, thesis and post-doctoral dissertations.

Every year orientation program is conducted for U.G. and P.G students during which Library and ID Cards are distributed. They are given all the necessary directions for use of Library & its resources by the Librarian. For effective and efficient utilisation of EBSCOHOST platform workshops are conducted by the library for students as well as staff. Trained personnel from Dentistry and Oral Sciences are invited for the same.

A Library orientation Program is being organized every academic year for the first year BDS and MDS students to orient them on the facilities and services in the library. The students are given a library tour in groups by the member of the Library Committee showing access to books, journals, dissertations, newspaper and magazines and sections. The library facilities like reprography, printing, own book reading rooms and audio-visual rooms are shown. The students are also shown the access to virtual library for educational reference and electronic databases. Step by step hands on guidance on accessing the digital databases for literature search is demonstrated.

A Library Learner program is organized for all faculty of CDSRC Institute every year to orient them on the subscription and usage of e-resource databases. The e-guide on using these resources for ebooks and e-journals of dental and related medical specialties is also explained.



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