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2.2.3 Institution facilities building and sustenance of innate talent/aptitude of individual students (extramural activities/beyond the classroom activities such as student clubs, cultural societies, etc.)

Response:

Students at Army College of Dental Sciences benefit from a variety of stress-busting programs and events in the forms of cultural events, sports, and monthly festival events where students can exhibit their abilities. Participation in intercollegiate and intercollegiate sports and cultural events like NIRVANA, AAGHAZ, and TARANG is encouraged for all students along with their co-curricular interests, skills, and talents. In addition to bringing out their inner talents and creativity and helping to discover different perspectives in life and to practice team spirit, this process helps them build character and value systems by imbibing values such as camaraderie, community participation, equality of religion, kinship, and respect toward co-human beings and their belief systems.

Every year, the interns organize a weeklong celebration. This celebration includes nail art, posters, photography, quizzes, singing, dancing, and fashion shows. There are a variety of cultural events held in the SHUSHRUTA auditorium. In addition to enhancing the competitive spirit of the students, all of these activities provide a break from their routines. Parallel to the cultural events, the interns also organize a sports week where they participate in team games, indoor games, and athletics.

To keep students fit and have fun on campus, ACDS has a well-equipped gymnasium and separate playgrounds for different sports. The institution provides facilities for games like basketball, football, volleyball, cricket, shot-put, and athletics. The institution also encourages

the students to participate in indoor games like Table Tennis, Chess, Carom-board, etc. Trained coaches from local army units train and guide the students in various sports.

Additionally, the institution hosts the cultural and sports festival every five years, in which students from various dental colleges across the state participate and show off their talent. In 2018-2019, AAGHAZ was hosted by ACDS, in which one in olleges and over 500 students participated in various cultural and athletic events.

The celebration of different religious events on campus is non-discriminatory and promotes religious freedom and respect for others' beliefs. Ganesh Chaturthi is observed by students with a week-long program that includes Dhawan, Bhandara, and Visarjan. The festival of Onam is also celebrated enthusiastically. The students perform Garba during Dushera Navratri, and crackers are smashed during Diwali. Similar enthusiasm is displayed for celebrating Christmas, Ramadan, Bhaisakhi, Sankranti & Pongal. In nutshell, ACDS never misses a chance to enjoy a festival with enthusiasm & fervor. On-campus, students, and faculty can also pray every day in the multicultural mandir and meditation center. On each Tuesday, a bhajan-mandli is set up for students to sing spiritual songs and distribute prasad.

The development of a student as a whole is one of the fundamental goals of the institution. Through academics, extracurricular activities, sports, and other activities, the students are able to develop personally, socially, intellectually, emotionally, physically, and psychologically.

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