

- Providing higher education especially to women who hail from downtrodden and economically weaker section of the society
- It was the only institution providing free treatment for all sections of the society to promote oral health.
- “Empowering oral health is Empowering the total health” is the motto of our institution
- The institution has created infrastructure catering to the needs of about 600 students
- Vertical mobility up to research degree has been facilitated. There are 8 Post Graduate Programmes among which three departments offer Ph.D Programmes
- Centralized Research Facility (CRF) have been established in order to promote research.
- Hands on training and extension activities which also act as incubation center.
- National level Quarterly Journal “Indian Journal of Knowledge, Learning & Research” is published by the institution
- Various Skill Development Programmes are conducted as Value added programmes.
- Our community dental health initiative impacts all walks of life and socioeconomic strata and our community health approaches are collaborative and multi-focused initiatives using various public health tools to improve health of the society served by us.
- Various community health programs form our community dental health initiative are:
- **1. Provision of Transport Services:** poor healthcare utilization is due to inaccessibility or inability to afford dental treatment. To overcome this barrier we have been running free transport service for rural and remote areas where dental care is unavailable.
- **2. Campus Oral Health Program:** to promote oral health in the Lenora Institute of Dental Sciences campus. Smiles in your classroom initiative ensured that the students of the campus get an opportunity to consult with dentists in their own classroom
- **3. Mobile Dental Van Program:** Lenora Institute of Dental Sciences mobile dental van program works on the motto "travel to build smiles". The Mobile Dental van has 2 fully functional Dental Chair with facilities of on spot x-rays available for accurate diagnosis diseases. Services available: a). Free Oral health screening, cleaning (Oral Prophylaxis) and treatment. b. Free Oral Health Education (through inbuilt Public Address system and Mass media (TV) c. X- rays facilities (Periapical Radiographs).
- **4. Anand Program:** Anand is a program for mentally challenged adults, we free treatment to intellectually disabled residents of in East Godavari dist. This was a part of ongoing annual program providing dental care to this special population.
- **5. School Oral Health Program:** School students are potential candidates for oral health behavioral improvement & provide a large number of individuals at a single place. Our school oral health program involves government and private schools as well as various NGO organizations
- **Community Dental Health Education and Practice**
- As per its vision, Lenora Institute of Dental Sciences has developed a distinctive and highly efficient system of community dental health education and practice. This includes innovative ways of improving health of the public in the areas served by the institute. At the same time,

there is a prominence on community based and integrated learning. Various programs and events centered on the community and involving community as a stakeholder are distinctive areas of work.

- Our goal is to promote oral health and prevent oral disease through organized efforts. We have made our goal relevant dental education through involving dental students at every step of provision of community dental care. Our programs are designed that they provide learning environment and opportunities to our students. Some of these programs are directly concerned with the students' own health, while others are concerned with the health of various sections of the community.
- Our community dental health initiative impacts all walks of life and socioeconomic strata. It impacts various stages of life of the people and various age groups. An integrated approach to community health helps us in providing better dental health care on par with other healthcare domains. Our eye on technology has made us move towards a through use of technology in providing better quality and universal health care.
- In a nutshell, our community health approaches are collaborative and multi-focused initiatives using various public health tools to improve health of the society served by us. Various community health programs form our community dental health initiative.
- 1. **Smiles Program:** Smiles program aims at providing dental healthcare to the rural communities in Rajanagaram, Rajahmundry and other parts of East and West Godavari districts, where ever the healthcare is either unavailable, or unaffordable. At the same time, it also aims provide a community based exposure in healthcare and health communication to the dental students at free of cost. The program employs postgraduate students from all the dental specialties and interns to provide primary dental healthcare and early diagnoses to the community members. Under this program, we conduct two community health programs each day for 3 days a week. Two days are utilized for organization further programs as well as for obtaining feedback from the community to make the program better. Two teams, an organizational and an operation team work in tandem to give shape and effect to this program.
- 2. **Provision of Transport Services:** One of the important reasons for poor oral health and high oral disease prevalence is poor healthcare utilization due to inaccessibility or inability to afford dental treatment. In order to overcome this barrier in dental health we have been running free transport service for rural and remote areas where dental care is unavailable. Lenora Institute of Dental Sciences buses run to and from the rural areas to enable the patients to reach their dental healthcare providers.