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7.3.1 Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust within 1000 words

"Holistic Development of Nirmalites"

Nirmala College of Health Sciences was established in 2016 with a strong drive to provide a leading edge in among prospective graduates in the domain of pharmacy. The institution metamorphosed in a few years' time and started spreading its wings to the changing facets of the society. The institution augmented and aligned with the neo-foundational principle of Nirmala Institution - 'Education beyond textbooks'. Nirmala College of Health Sciences, under its esteemed leadership of the principal and the management, firmly believes in the holistic development of the student.

Academics and research are the primary areas of focus for Nirmala College of Health sciences. The institution is a proud member of the Manthan Portal. The Manthan, which is a joint venture of the Principle Scientific advisor and Ministry of electronics, is a platform that promotes collaboration at scale between industry and the scientific research and development ecosystem. This platform aims to empower various stakeholders to scale up the interactions with researchers/innovators and facilitate R&D/innovation, share challenges focused on emerging technologies, other scientific interventions, as well as those with a social impact. The platform aids Nirmala College of Health Sciences to avail various research opportunities available in the research ecosystem of India

The institution also plays a key role in enhancing the existing academic coursework. In order to facilitate the same the institution organizes various academic discourses in both online and offline modes. While organizing these scientific deliberations, special care is taken by the exclusive team of NCHS to cover multifarious domains of pharmacy. NCHS had recently conducted a workshop on molecular docking, which introduced the computer-aided pharma world to the students. Students were also exposed to stem-cells aided research in pharma sector. In light of the increased prevalence of non-communicable diseases like cancer, special booster sessions were

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organized. NCHS firmly believes that these academic discourses would bring greater understanding of the topic to the student and would help them receives more perspectives than the data from textbooks.

Along with its footprint in various research platforms like Manthan, the college have played key role in enhancing the research acumen of the students. The institution have formed small research groups various courses to facilitate the purpose. The members of the research group are exposed to various steps that will aid their career in research. The students pursuing the final year in B. Pharm must perform an internship for duration of a month. Conventionally, the students prefer to perform the same in a pharmacy. However, the students of the research groups are given specialized trainings, which will help them land in a research internship. In the previous academic year, 6 students (out of 12) were selected for one-month ling research internship at various CSIR or TIFR or institutions funded by central government. Anakha Varghese, 4th year B.Pharm student is one such student who performed her research internship at National Centre for Biological Sciences at Bangalore, India. She worked on the molecular mechanism of the neural behavior of Bees in a controlled environment.

The students of the research group were further exposed to the fascinating world of science when the selected cohort had a one-day visit to Indian Council for Agricultural Research – Central Institute for Fisheries Technology (ICAR-CIFT). The students were exposed to various cutting edge technologies along with multiple spill-off application of the fisheries industry to pharmaceutical sciences. The students were given special sessions to make research portfolios. These research groups were given information regarding various internships and workshops. One of the recent announcements of the same was regarding a workshop at IISER, Pune on molecular biology

In order to achieve a practical exposure to the literature from the textbooks, the students are given special assistance to visit various research and development labs and pharmaceutical industries of the country. The students are exposed to a well-crafted four year schedule, which ensures an industrial visit or a lab visit based on

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the curriculum of each semester. Students are exposed to various cutting edge research stations including ICAR-CIFT, KAU etc and pharma industries including Care Keralam, Sincum Pharmaceuticals and so on

The vibrant campus takes utmost care in hosting some best minds of the nation. In the yesteryear, the institution had hosted Dr. Shashi Tharoor MP for a student interaction event nicknamed - 'Conversations at Nirmala'. Prior to the latest venture of Nirmala, the institution had 'Chai Project' – a consortium of events wherein an optimum amalgam of veteran and the neo artists performed and talked in a week long gala on the facets of the globe around us. NCHS had also welcomed Mr. Sufiyan Ahmed IAS for one of its flagship events, wherein the Assistant Collector motivated and proved to the students that the sky is not the limit. NCHS also enjoys partnering with the sister organizations at the campus in hosting and celebrating events. EMERGE'22 -15 days long academic discourse, is one such flagship association, wherein various eminent speakers from globally reputed institutions like World Bank, WEF, and Imperial School and so on were present. The organization also welcomes key talks by senior officials of leading MNCs for we believe that these sessions would result in optimum blend of information regarding academic and managerial skills to the budding pharma-entrepreneur. NCHS had also extended its services to the Diet clinic of Nirmala College of Arts and Science.

The institution also believes in the mental well-being of the students and organizes various activities to support the cause. The organization witnesses mega yoga day celebration on June 5 every year. In the previous quarter, a day was dedicated to welcome the fresher's. The event bapticised as 'Hola Nirmalites' also witnessed a mesmerizing performance by 'Tirumali'- one of the leading DJs of the state. The institution also hosts all major festivals and enjoys the strong notion of secular sustainability



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