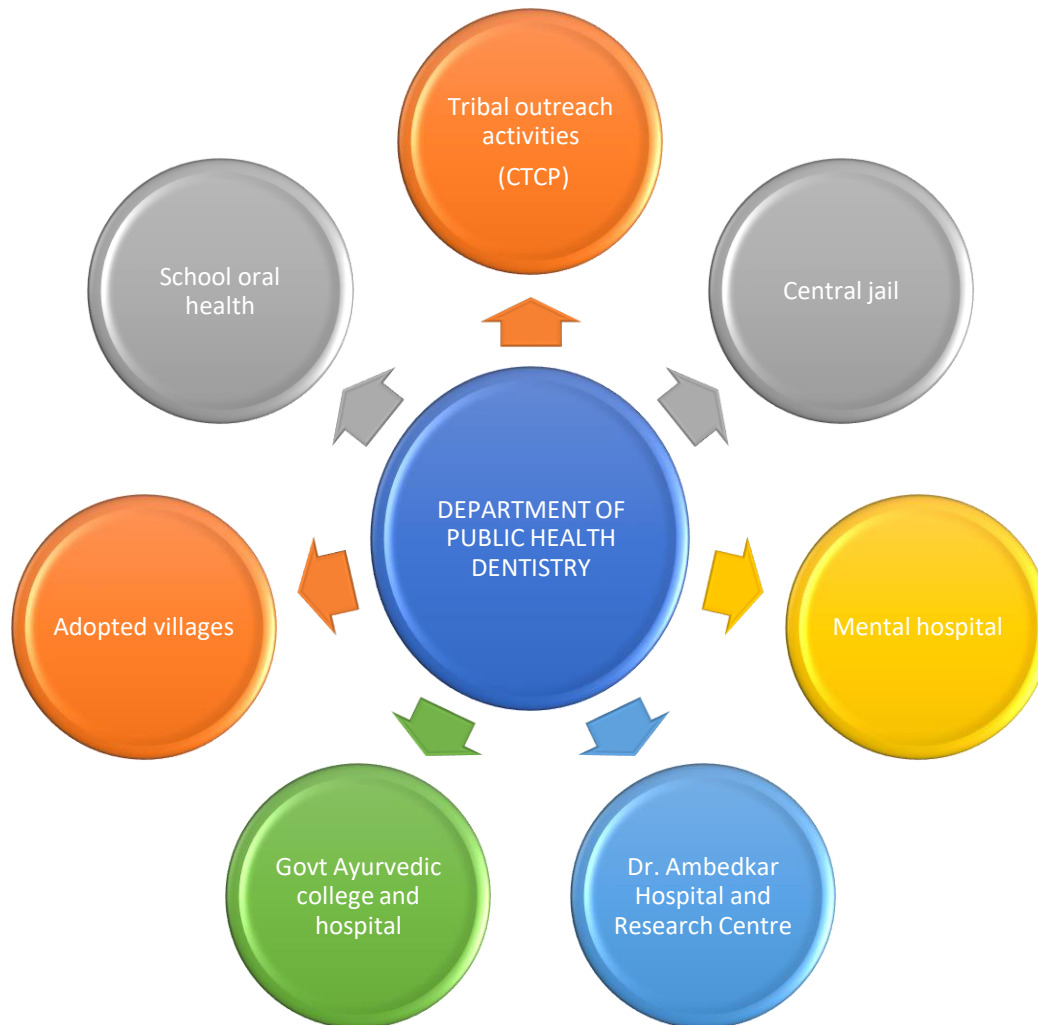




## Institutional Best Practice - 1

### Reaching the unreached - Rugnaseva Darodari- An outreach Activity

In its dedication to serving humanity, GDCH has made significant efforts to provide high-quality dental care to patients visiting the institute. However, the institution has also recognized the need to reach out to remote and underserved populations who may not be aware of or able to access the institute's services.

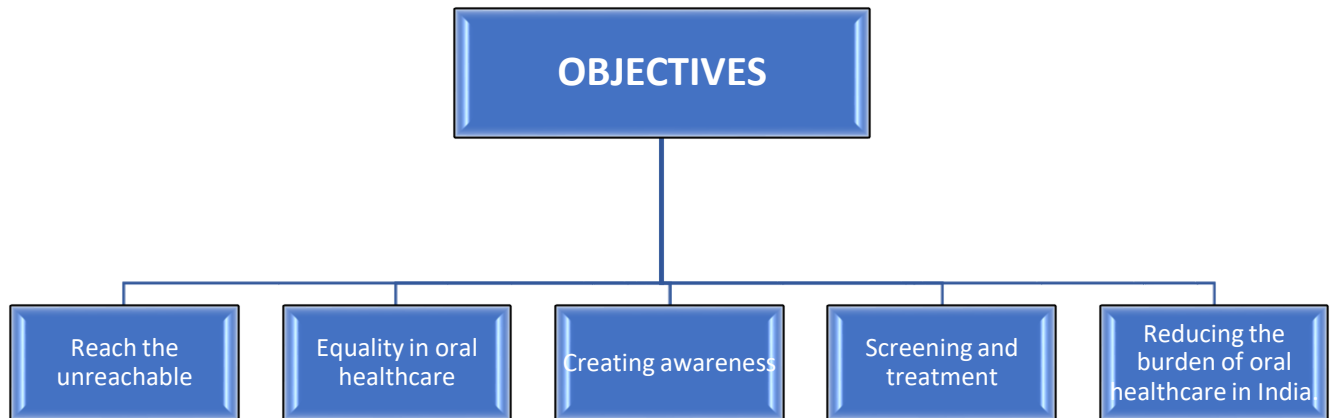


#### Objectives of the practice:

- Reach the unreachable: GDCH strives for universal healthcare by dispatching teams to remote areas, ensuring accessibility to dental care for all.
- Equality in oral healthcare: GDCH aims to provide quality oral health services to diverse populations, including the poor, incarcerated individuals, mentally challenged individuals, and students from tribal ashram schools to high-end private schools.
- Creating awareness: GDCH utilizes videos, posters, and one-on-one demonstrations to raise awareness about oral health and hygiene.



- Screening and treatment: The institute conducts oral disorder screenings and provides necessary dental treatments.
- Reducing the burden of oral healthcare in India.



**The context:**

This practice aims to address the oral healthcare challenges faced by unprivileged, unaware, and unreachable individuals. These challenges arise from factors such as poor infrastructure, distance, and limited education leading to a lack of awareness. Special attention is needed for underprivileged groups including residents of old age homes and individuals with physical or mental disabilities.

To reach these populations, GDCH has implemented outreach activities in tribal areas of Nagpur, Gadchiroli, and Chandrapur, as well as mental hospitals, central jails, and schools. The institute utilizes a "Mobile Dental Van" to provide dental treatment directly to these unreached areas, offering excellent care and services at their doorstep.

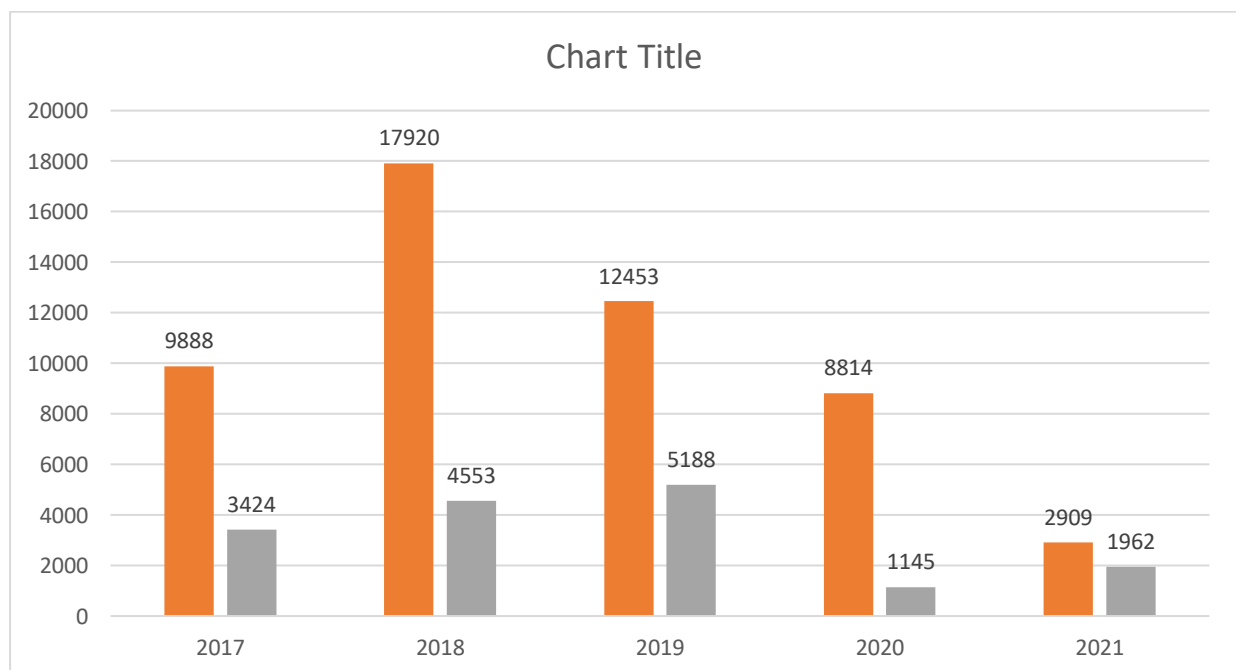
**The practice:**

- GDCH collaborated with Additional Commissionerate Nagpur through an MOU to conduct screening programs for oral premalignant and malignant lesions in government ashram schools and hostels.
- Awareness programs for oral hygiene maintenance are conducted through videos, lectures, and road shows.
- The institute organizes oral health screening camps in remote rural and tribal areas.
- Faculty and students participate in community oral healthcare programs, including initiatives for tobacco cessation.
- GDCH has adopted 11 villages, including 5 tribal villages.
- 4 Satellite centers have been set up.
- Various national and international oral health awareness days are celebrated to raise public awareness and increase student enthusiasm.



**Evidence of success:**

The success of these outreach activities can be measured by the number of camps conducted, patients benefited, and the treatments provided. Since 2017, GDCH has conducted over 700 camps, benefiting approximately 63,000 patients by providing screenings, education, and treatment.



Series 1 – Total number of patients screened  
Series 2 - Total number of patients treated



**Problems encountered:**

Our team has encountered various challenges in reaching the unreached due to accessibility issues, such as long-distance travel, bad roads, and compromised facilities. Lack of awareness and education among the unreached people, language barriers, time constraints, and limited network connectivity further hinder their efforts. Additionally, the lack of diagnostic facilities in remote areas poses a challenge for providing quality care.

GDCH's outreach program is providing much-needed dental care to underprivileged communities while also training the next generation of dentists to be compassionate, empathetic, and efficient professionals.