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ANNAPURNA SCHEME- The name Annapurna is a mark of respect and tribute to Smt. Pramilitai Dadasaheb Kalmegh, widow of Swargiya Dadasaheb Kalmegh who is popularly distinguished and known as ‘Annapurna’ throughout Vidharbha. Her determination, contribution and diversified actions has played a major role to stand as a robust pillar with Dadasaheb Kalmegh. No one went hungry from her place and this was noticed as mentioned in the Biography of Dadasaheb Kalmegh authored by Mr. V. V. Chaukhande. There are regular budgetary provisions allocated for providing food by the Institution, but whenever it exceeds, extra provision is made by Hon’ble President Sir from his personal savings. India accords high priority to the issue of hunger and malnutrition and the Government implements several schemes to improve food situation in the country. At Swargiya Dadasaheb Kalmegh Smruti Dental College and Hospital it is noticed that, there are many people who come from far-flung rural areas to visit Dental Hospital for treatment. They could scarcely afford lodging and often have to struggle for food. These people are mainly farmers or daily wage labourers, and they have additional burden of travelling to and from the hospital. The effort to serve these masses, keeping the traditional value of providing food and service to humanity is continued regularly in our Institution. The college provides free food at the college canteen for poor, needy underprivileged patients and their relatives who come from distant remote places, for treatment and more than 1800 persons have been benefitted from this effort during this year. Volunteers identify the poor and needy people and food is served to them in canteen. During the outreach activities also, free food packets are provided to all the needy patients. Snacks are provided oftenly to the students sitting for late hours in the library. Blood donation camps are organized in the Institute on the occasion of Birth anniversary of Late Shri Dadasaheb Kalmegh, where all the blood donors are provided with refreshments and Free meals. This year also, a medical dental diagnostic treatment camp was organized at Sai Mandir, Nagpur, wherein free Lunch was provided to all Patients devotees. Orphans, physically handicapped and poor patients are also provided with refreshments and free meals. The Department of Pedodontics under their banner DEAR-children has adopted 21 Schools for their Extension activities and Services.

Similarly, the institute has also adopted 15 Villages under the banner READY (Rural Education and Awareness of Dentistry Yojana). The institute looks after the overall dental healthcare needs at affordable cost or sometimes free and also provides refreshments and Free meals rich in nutrition for the needy visiting the campus.