## **Introduction about The Department of Dental & Oral Surgery**

The Department of Dental and Oral Surgery was established in LHMC in the year..... and since then has been a fully functional organization with highly qualified and competent staff catering to the oral and dental needs of patients not only from the Delhi - NCR region but all over the country. The prime concern of the department is to have a patient centered approach and providing quality dental and oral health care to the masses ranging from simple dental procedures like oral prophylaxis, restorations, etc to orthodontic treatment and complex oral and maxillofacial surgeries under GA needed for the management of maxillofacial pathologies and conditions like TMJ ankylosis, cleft lip/palate, trauma, facial deformities, cysts and tumors of the maxillofacial region, etc. Fulfilling its duty towards the community, the Department of Dental and Oral Surgery has been organizing community camps at two satellite centers twice a week - Kalyanpuri & Palam. Another established feat is the organization or oral cancer screening camps at various venues including the India International Trade Fair along with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare since past 2 years where thousands of visitors are examined for oral cancer and awareness is made regarding the same. The highly skilled team in the department, headed by Dr Pravesh Mehra (prof & HOD) includes highly skilled specialist surgeons trained in cleft lip/palate, craniofacial surgeries, orthognatic surgeries, oral cancer etc. Senior resident and junior resident staff increase the academic richness of the department. In recent times, post graduate course(MDS) in the discipline of oral & maxillofacial surgery has been started in the department. Also, the Department of Dental and Oral Surgery has proposed to start National Oral Maxillofacial / Craniofacial center and a separate Dental College. The department hence makes enormous endeavors in establishing the goals of treatment, education, research and community service.