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Batterjee Medical College's **Commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals**

Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

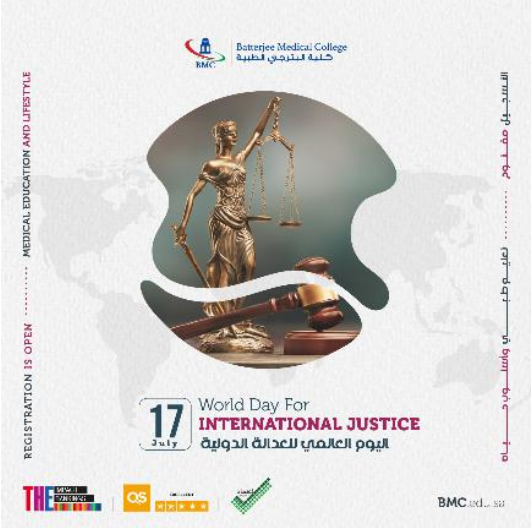
Batterjee Medical College (BMC) demonstrates an unwavering commitment to SDG 16 by embedding robust anti-corruption measures, regulatory compliance, data privacy, intellectual property protection, student leadership governance, and inclusive dialogue into its academic and administrative ecosystems. During 2025, BMC advanced these principles through targeted institutional policies, student-led transparency campaigns, and formal legal frameworks.



Institutional Integrity, Anti-Corruption, and Transparency

BMC prioritizes transparency, ethical governance, and strict anti-corruption standards across all administrative, academic, and external partnership operations:

- **Anti-Corruption Day Campaign (Nazaha Club):** The Nazaha Club organized an anti-corruption event in the female lobby, aligning with the mission of the Saudi National Anti-Corruption Commission (Nazaha). The event featured six interactive booths addressing understanding corruption, financial corruption, community prevention, Saudi anti-corruption laws, ethical challenges in medicine, and personal responsibility, culminating in a collective student pledge upholding integrity and accountability.



- **School Anti-Corruption Awareness Campaigns:** Extending its reach to the wider community, the Nazaha Club conducted an Anti-Corruption Awareness campaign at Dar Jana International School, using interactive booths and simulations to educate younger students on recognizing and resisting financial, academic, and legal misconduct.
- **Interactive Healthcare Ethics and Legal Drama ("The Patient's Autopsy"):** The Nazaha Club collaborated with the Drama Club to present *"The Patient's Autopsy: A Prequel to Justice,"* a three-act dramatic performance exploring medical ethics, forensic pathology, and institutional accountability following a delayed medical diagnosis, stimulating critical legal and administrative reflection among healthcare students.
- **Strict Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Compliance in International Agreements:** BMC enforces stringent legal provisions prohibiting corruption, bribery, and conflicts of interest in all major institutional contracts. This is codified in its master agreements, including the Master Consulting Services Agreement with the Mayo Clinic, the strategic partnership with Florida International University (FIU), and continuous medical education (CME) contracts governed by the Virtual Medical Academy (VMA) and Saudi Commission for Health Specialties (SCFHS) standards.

Legal Compliance, Data Protection, and Regulatory Governance

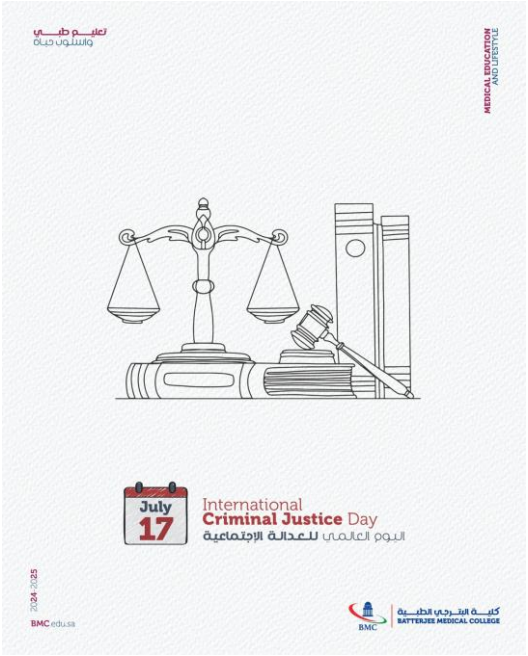
Operating under the laws of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and applicable international frameworks, BMC maintains rigorous standards for data privacy, research ethics, and institutional compliance:

- **Compliance with the Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL):** BMC enforces absolute compliance with the Saudi Personal Data Protection Law (PDPL) and National Data Management Office (NDMO) standards across its administrative and

digital infrastructure. This is formally integrated into vendor agreements such as the installment automation contract with Amwal Tech and the biomanufacturing training partnership with Al-Tiryaq Al-Khalawi Medical Co. (SVax), as well as international data compliance frameworks like GDPR under the Maastricht University partnership. Furthermore, Health Management students conducted a specialized field visit to the Medical Records and Coding Department at King Abdullah Medical Complex (KAMC) on October 26, 2025, to study health data confidentiality and secure workflow management.



- **Research Ethics and Institutional Review Board (IRB) Oversight:** All clinical and institutional research conducted at BMC strictly adheres to the guidelines of the college's Institutional Review Board (IRB) and the regulations of the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) and SCFHS, as established in collaborative frameworks such as the three-year agreement with Maalem Al-Ehtimam Medical Co. (Human Tecar).
- **Intellectual Property and Dispute Resolution Mechanisms:** BMC protects institutional and third-party intellectual property rights across all MOUs and service contracts (e.g., FIU, University of Palermo, Mayo Clinic, and Boudl Hotels), while maintaining transparent, amicable negotiation and formal arbitration clauses (such as DIAC or Saudi judicial authorities) for fair dispute resolution.



- **Security Awareness and Drug Crime Prevention:** The Student Welfare Unit hosted a comprehensive Drug Awareness Event featuring the Directorate General of Narcotics Control, which delivered specialized workshops on *"Security Awareness for the Prevention of Drug-Related Crimes,"* reinforcing legal awareness, campus safety, and community responsibility.

Student Governance, Leadership Continuity, and Fair Policies

BMC fosters a participatory environment where students are empowered to understand their rights, cultivate leadership, and contribute to institutional governance:

- **Strategic Partnership for Student Club Governance:** BMC signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding with the University Student Clubs Association (USCA), committing to enhance institutional governance, transparency, social responsibility, and leadership training within student organizations.

- **"Passing the Torch" Leadership Continuity Panel:** Organized by the AlForsan Club on November 28, 2025, the panel discussion brought together current and former club presidents to mentor aspiring student leaders, emphasizing accountability, effective communication, and collaborative conflict resolution within student-led initiatives.
- **Transparent Academic Policies and Student Rights:** During the annual Orientation Week programs for regular, bridging, and transfer students (September 2025), the Student Affairs and Academic Affairs departments conducted structured sessions detailing student rights and responsibilities, the Students' Code of Conduct, attendance policies, grade grievance procedures, and financial support guidelines to ensure complete institutional transparency.



Constructive Dialogue, Critical Thinking, and Social Inclusion

Promoting peace, justice, and inclusive community engagement is actively driven through debate, non-discrimination policies, and humanitarian outreach:

- **Structured Debate Tournament (Debate Club):** Throughout the academic year, the Debate Club organized a high-level competitive debate tournament designed to foster critical thinking, respect for opposing viewpoints, and evidence-based argumentation on complex legal, social, and global motions:
    - *Round 1:* "The House Believes that it was Ethical to Make the COVID-19 Vaccine Mandatory".
    - *Round 2:* "The House Believes that Cryptocurrency Should Be Heavily Regulated".

- *Round 3:* "The House Believes that Space Exploration is a Misallocation of Human Resources".
- *Round 4:* "Private Education Imppedes Meritocracy".
- *Semifinals:* "The House Believes that Mental Illnesses are Over-Diagnosed".
- *Finals:* "The House Believes that Life-Sustaining Treatment Should Be Withdrawn from Patients in an Irreversible Coma".

- **Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity:** In strict adherence to international and national standards (explicitly detailed in agreements such as the FIU MoU), BMC maintains a zero-tolerance policy against discrimination based on age, ancestry, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation, ensuring a safe, equitable campus for all members.
- **Inclusive Community and Humanitarian Outreach:** BMC champions social justice and institutional empathy through dedicated inclusion initiatives, including the International Student Office's Multicultural Day celebrations, oral health advocacy for the elderly on the International Day of Older Persons at Dar Al-Hekma University, developmental support for children with Down syndrome during the "Aoun Journey" initiative, and seasonal celebrations supporting orphans.



Through this comprehensive governance framework, anchored in anti-corruption protocols, rigorous legal compliance, student empowerment, and inclusive dialogue, BMC exemplifies institutional excellence in advancing SDG 16.

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