

3.3.1 Extension activities are carried out in the neighborhood community, sensitizing students to social issues, for their holistic development, and impact thereof during the year

Description of the impact of extension activities in sensitizing students to social issues and holistic development.

Maharani Kasiswari College organizes a number of extension activities to promote institute-neighborhood community to sensitize the students towards community needs. The students of our college actively participate in social service activities leading to their overall development. The college runs effectively National Service Scheme and National Cadet Corps Units. Through these units, the college undertakes various extension activities in the neighborhood community. Several activities were carried out by NSS volunteers addressing social issues which include cleanliness, tree plantation, Social interaction, Group discussion, Eradication of superstition, Environmental awareness, Women empowerment, National Integrity, Aids awareness, Blood donation camp, Health checkup camp etc.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PRACTICE

To develop a sense of responsibility towards civic and social community

To Develop inter-personal communication skills

To Analyse the problems/ needs of the community and offering solutions thus developing problem-solving skills in practical situations

To share & delegate responsibility and duties for collective living

To inspire communal harmony.

THE CONTEXT

The NSS unit of the college has been active since inception. It is a part of the government-sponsored programme conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs. The college unit engages students in various community services in the local neighbourhood. Over the years various programmes have been conducted to identify the needs of the local community and to address them in an effective way. Its focus has always been on gender and women's empowerment given the fact that it is a girls' college.

THE PRACTICE

Over the years the NSS unit has been actively engaged in various programmes. Like women health, tests for thalassemia, distribution of mosquito nets and coils during dengue season to the nearby slum, distribution of plants etc. However due to Covid during lock down, when face-to-face interaction was not possible, these regular programmes could not be held. However, in these trying times a number of online programmes were conducted along with the Cultural Committee to boost the morale of the students and staff.

In the year 2021-22, the following programmes were conducted:

- NSS Orientation Programme held on 28.4.2022 and 29.4.2022

- World Anti-Tobacco Day celebrated on 31.5.2022
- World Environment Day held on 5.6.2022

EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS

Students have developed a deep sense of service to society. NSS volunteers have honed their leadership skills their soft skills have improved in course of their community service They have learnt to identify the needs of their community and address them accordingly. NSS activities have given female students of the college an exposure to opportunities around them and have instilled a sense of pride and productive engagement.

RESOURCES REQUIRED AS FOLLOWS:

- Better infrastructural facilities such as separate rooms, computers for facilitating smoother running of the unit
- Laptops, printer and mobiles Better equipped room for secure storage
- Financial resources
- Larger space for uninterrupted practice, drill and parades

The NCC unit of the college aims at developing qualities of leadership, patriotism, maintaining discipline, character building, and spirit of adventure and the ideal of self service. The NCC unit of the college organizes various extension activities as tree plantation, National equality awareness etc.

Other than NSS and NCC units, the various departments of the college is conscious about its responsibilities for shaping students into responsible citizens of the country by making students aware of social issues through various programs like Environmental Awareness, Personal Health and Hygiene, All these mentioned activities have positive impact on the students and it developed student community relationship, leadership skill and self-confidence of students. It also helped in cultivating hidden personality of students and created awareness among students.