

3.6.1. Additional Information

3.6.1: Extension activities are carried out in the neighbourhood community, sensitising students to social issues, for their holistic development, and impact thereof during the last five years

The college has been playing a pivotal role in sensitizing students towards social issues and building civic responsibility among them with the objective of realizing the true purpose of education. The core values of the college, guide student activities in contributing to the well-being of the local community with respect to creating awareness on health and hygiene, ecology and environment as well as developing good citizen. The activities carried out during the last five years have been classified as follows:

Awareness on Health & Hygiene	Awareness on Ecology and Environment	Civic responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diabetes and Heart diseases Yoga for health Mental health Food safety Substance abuse – Anti Tobacco rally and lecture Open defecation Eye Camp Gastro-medical camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eco Ganesha Lecture on Save Water and Earth Ban on plastics Harvesting water and electricity Collection of waste paper for recycling Oil and Gas conservation Planting of saplings Rally for Rivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swachh Bharat activities Awareness on human trafficking Road safety program Blood donation camps Rights and responsibilities of voters through issue of Voters ID Peace March after the Phulwama attack Visit to old age homes / orphanages

The activities have been carried out by NCC, NSS, WDC, E-Cell and various departments for students enrolled under them. The findings of the study conducted to assess the extent of impact of the various extension activities in sensitising students to various social issues is tabulated below:

IMPACT OF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES ON SENSITIZING STUDENTS TO SOCIAL ISSUES

Sl.No	Particulars	Weighted Average Rating	Overall Rating
Awareness on health and hygiene			
1.	I have become aware of the importance of physical and mental health	3.83	3.89
2.	I have become conscious about the value of nutritious food	3.88	
3.	I have developed clarity about the harmful effects of substance abuse (e.g. tobacco)	3.95	
Awareness on ecology and environment			

4.	I have decided to use and promote Eco Ganesha	4.06	4.13
	I feel responsible to educate my family on use of cloth / paper bags	4.27	
6.	I would like to be involved in campaigns for ban on use of plastics	4.06	
7.	I have understood the ways and means to conserve water and electricity	4.15	
8.	I am willing to participate in more campaigns on planting saplings towards environment protection	4.12	
Civic responsibility			
9.	I feel responsible for the cleanliness and hygiene in my nation	4.3	4.23
10.	I have decided to cast my vote as a responsible citizen of the nation	4.33	
11.	I have become aware of the existence of human trafficking as a social evil	4.07	
12.	I realize the need to donate blood for saving lives	4.21	

The analysis of data reveals that on a scale of **1 to 5**, for most of the parameters the rating given by students is in the range of **3.5 to 4.5**, indicating impact to a large extent.

The college promotes a well-knit institution – neighbourhood network in which students acquire service training. The institution has a reputation of sensitizing staff and students to participate actively in the service centric programmes.

It is evident that extension activities carried out by the institution have had favourable impact in bringing a positive change among students towards social issues such as physical and mental ill health, malnutrition and tobacco consumption. It can also be expected that with enlarging awareness in a democratic society, advocacy, leveraging of political will, funding and cross-synergies shall follow.

NCC and NSS Unit of the institution created awareness about HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, importance of breast feeding, Blood Donation, addressing issues related to Polio, malnutrition of children empowerment of women, elimination of child labour, and environmental protection in the community. These activities have helped in improvement of health and lifestyle of the community and created scientific temper among the beneficiary

Through these extension and outreach activities the institution has been fulfilling its social responsibility and is wards contributing to community development and nation building.