

1. Fostering the spirit of community service in students.

Objectives: To sensitize students towards the problems of less privileged sections of society, thereby making them empathic individuals.

To encourage the practice of selfless giving so as to make them productive citizens and to provide students the opportunity to contribute to the betterment of society of which they are a part.

Need Addressed: The year 2020 was a very trying time, not just for India, but the whole world. Students were particularly affected by the pandemic. But that was all the more reason and the right environment to foster among the students the spirit of empathy as people continued to suffer, especially economically. With globalization, an event that occurs in one corner of the world affects the entire world. Students have to play their role in bringing about harmony, justice and equality in the society around them and consequently, the whole world. Therefore, there is a need to mould them into instruments of social change.

The Practice: Under the aegis of the various Associations, a number of activities are taken up, that help in achieving the objectives mentioned above. There are 12 Associations functioning in the college. Each association has a Student Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator who manage the activities of the association under the guidance of the teachers-in-charge. Most of the activities focus on developing social commitment. In general, these activities include donation drives for flood or drought affected areas, cleanliness drives, street plays on gender and environmental issues, guest lectures on women empowerment, surveys on status of women, socio-economic survey of the community in the vicinity of the college to disaster management and being information agents. This year an Elocution Competition was held by DLLE on 'Social Status of Women (SWS)'. The DLLE also undertook a project wherein students conducted a survey in the neighbouring areas of the college to find out the level of freedom the women enjoy in taking decisions regarding family matters.

. Even during the Covid - 19 pandemic, the NSS and the Yoga Centre of our college carried out various activities that helped mitigate the physical hardships faced by the students. A Mask Distribution programme was held by the NSS. An 'Organ Donation Awareness' programme and a National Level Awareness Competition on 'COVID-19' were conducted by the NSS. Road safety measures are an important part of being good citizens. Students participated in an Inter-collegiate Road Safety Competition. As environmentally conscious citizens, a pledge to protect mother earth was taken on Mazi Vasundhara Diwas and a Best out of Waste competition was organized by the DLLE of our college.

Evidence of success: By participating in these activities, our students have gained significant insight and awareness into the problems and challenges, not just economic and environmental issues but also social biases, gender issues and problems of women, in the local community, making them more compassionate, empathic individuals and model citizens. Interactions with the local community have helped both the students and the community in establishing an equitable and safe society, giving students a sense of fulfillment and participation in the betterment of society.

2. Organizing Conferences and Seminars on contemporary issues consecutively for last many years

Objectives: To be updated on current knowledge and be acquainted on the new findings in different academic disciplines.

To bring together academicians and experts from different parts of the country for a fruitful discussion on contemporary issues and to bridge the gap between academics and industry.

To provide a platform for faculty members to undertake research activities and for future collaborations.

To initiate students into research skills of reading, writing and critical thinking.

Need Addressed: Educationists need to be life-long learners and critical thinkers. As disseminators of knowledge it is vital to be updated on current knowledge which they can pass on to their students. There is also a need to promote research acumen among faculty members and to provide them a platform to present their ideas on contemporary issues.

Practice: Our college has been organizing conferences and seminars on various levels -State, National, International – consecutively for the last many years. The IQAC along with the principal decides on a theme for conference. An organizing committee is appointed, which makes all the arrangements for a smooth and efficient conduct of the conferences. Papers are invited from research scholars and faculty members and selected papers are published in the conference proceedings having ISBN.

In the present academic year a Two-day International Conference on ‘Covid 19 – Future Roadmap’ was held on 21st and 22nd May, 2021.

Evidence of success: The Two-day International Conference had resource persons from 5 countries – U.S.A, Poland, Greece, Singapore and India. 319 delegates from all over the country attended the conference and 48 papers were published. The Youtube videos of the conference have 1200views and the conference received excellent feedback from most of the participants.