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### **3.6.1 Extension activities in the neighborhood community in terms of impact and sensitizing students to social issues and holistic development during the last five years.**

#### **Response:**

The Institute has made its noteworthy contribution to the society and environment by making a participation to promote Institution-Neighbourhood-Community network. Major emphasis is given on student engagement, service orientation and holistic development of students contributing to good citizenship.

Extension activities can be seen in the various means of disseminating the experiences and research outputs of staff and students. SPIHER provides platform in the form of organizing regional and national level workshops, seminars, conferences and symposia in various disciplines. Similarly the faculty members are encouraged and given full support to participate in various National and International fora. Besides these, there are several other ways in which expertise available is extended to personnel in and outside the institute. For example, workshop camps for training in Fresco painting are annually held during summers on campus wherein very eminent painters also participate.

The Extension activities are carried out through NSS Wing, Special initiatives by the Institute and departments. Institute has registered *NSS unit*, which takes the responsibility of organising community based activities such as

- Tree Plantation
- Cleanliness and eye checkup campaign in local villages
- Road shows highlighting National Integration
- Lake, campus cleaning
- Awareness programs on government welfare schemes like Swachh Bharat, Drug abuse, Road safety, Gender issues etc
- Visit to orphanages home
- **Matdanjagratiabhiyan** in the nearby villages.

Organizing such events creates awareness to the students about the society and their social responsibility. NSS unit has organized guest talk on topics like gender issues, women's security on different occasions.

*Institute* follows a mechanism for students involvement in various social activities which promote citizenship roles. Besides this, the institute organizes other activities also as per need and availability of time without affecting academics. Awareness programs on gender equality, environmental awareness, cleanliness, tree plantation in campus are also organised by the institution. Institute encourages faculty members to organize different extension activities and workshop in other institutes also.

*All departments* have conducted many extension activities for society in vicinity at different locations. For holistic development of the students - sports, cultural events, technical and nontechnical events are organized.

Figure 3.1 shows the extension activities and its impact and sensitizing students to social issues and holistic development.



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A systematic plan and event calendar is prepared every year with an aim to extend services in the neighbourhood community and sensitize students towards social issues and holistic development. These include Joining hands with Local governance (Gram Panchayat), Municipal Corporation, Police Public in general adopting nearby villages, Celebration of birth anniversaries of National heroes, NGOs Camps on Blood donation, environment conservation. These activities add to overall development of the students and nurture value education. Through these, we have been able to imbibe various qualities to become a good citizen.

The spirit of voluntary work through sustained community interaction and link between campus and community is enthralled amongst students, which reflects on the personality development of students through community service. Students and faculty volunteers have contributed in the field of mass literacy, environment preservation, watershed management, health education, disaster management, food for the homeless, communal and social harmony etc. in past years. Various activities which have contributed towards patriotism, national services and students are briefed below with their impact as mentioned.

