

## Title of the Practice: **Community Service (2020-21)**

### **.Objectives of the practice**

- To save people from Covid -19 through vaccination drive.
- To make our students understand the importance of helping our old generation and to sensitize them towards the problems of old age by deputing them at Old Age Home.
- Associating NSS volunteers to work with Pulse Polio Abiyaan to inculcate in them the habit of working with ground realities of life.
- Involving students in socio-economic surveys to make them familiar with real socio economic picture of the villages near by the college.

### **The Context**

Our college is a bastion not only for academic excellence but it also aims at the holistic development of students by engaging them in various community services so that they become mature and responsible citizens to contribute their share for the overall growth and development of society. The foremost thrust of education should be to channelize the sparkling energy of our youth in the right direction so that the desired outcome---intellectually enlightened, physically agile, mentally robust, morally sound, and spiritually sensitive and invincible human force can emerge with the ability to address and handle all the challenges of any given time and space.

### **The Practice**

Keeping the focus on this aim, students of our college were inspired to participate in the special vaccination drive for students, staff and general public organized as per the instructions of Government of Haryana under the guidance of Health Department , Ambala during the year 2020-21. Our students went out of the way to motivate and convince public regarding the need and benefit of getting vaccinated and they facilitated the medical team for achieving this target. In the same aisle, our students participated in Pulse Polio Drive with Haryana Administration and 20 NSS volunteers were on field from 31.01.21 to 02.02.2021. Our NSS volunteers visit Old Age Home named ‘Apna Ghar’ near Hathi Khana Mandir. The purpose of associating our students with the older generation is to make them learn from their experiences the valuable lessons of life first hand and at the same time offering sense of gratitude, unconditional love and service to our older people. There is a great need to bridge the generational gaps and develop better and empathetic understanding between the old and new generation so that they do not ignore and neglect the responsibilities towards their own elderly family members, and learn to respect them genuinely. Our students also participated in the socio-economic survey of village Panjokhara, Ambala and learnt about the real-life situations and challenges of the people residing there.

### **Evidence of Success**

Volunteers from different programs participated enthusiastically in the extension activities conducted under the guidance of different teacher in-charges. The success can be measured by the satisfaction level of both the teacher and student participants who felt really motivated and satisfied after all the service they could offer during these challenging times through their community

service. They definitely emerged stronger and all the more determined beings to continue their efforts in future as well.

### **Problem Encountered and Resources Required**

The biggest obstacle in any new venture is fear of failure and we too faced it in all the initiatives taken by the college especially, in the vaccination drive. People were scared and sceptical about covid 19 vaccine despite all the advertisement and knowledge about the safety of vaccination. Teachers had to motivate the students through calls and personal meetings to persuade them for life saving vaccination. Primarily, Psychology of a person is the real hitch in everything and we have to touch the subconscious level of a human to motivate them to see the real and happy colours of life. We did exactly the same.