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Nurturing Responsible Citizens: A Commitment to Society

Nurturing responsible citizenship requires a multifaceted approach that involves education, community involvement, ethical leadership, social justice advocacy, environmental responsibility, civic engagement, global awareness, and positive role modelling. By fostering these qualities, individuals can develop a strong commitment to society and contribute to creating a better world for all. Our college is committed to nurture responsible citizens through college activities involves creating opportunities for students to engage with their communities, develop leadership skills, and cultivate a sense of social responsibility.

Objectives:

- Encouraging students to actively participate in campus and community activities that promote civic engagement, such as volunteering, community service projects, and involvement in student government or clubs focused on social issues.
- Providing opportunities for students to engage in critical thinking, debate, and dialogue on societal issues through activities such as seminars, workshops, and discussion groups. This helps them develop informed perspectives and the ability to articulate and defend their viewpoints respectfully.
- Offering leadership development programs that emphasize ethical making, accountability, and responsibility.
- Promoting diversity and inclusion through activities that celebrate cultural differences, foster understanding, and create a sense of belonging for all students.
- Integrating service-learning opportunities into the curriculum, where students apply classroom knowledge to real-world problems through community service projects.
- Promoting environmental sustainability through campus initiatives and activities that raise awareness about environmental issues, encourage sustainable practices, and provide opportunities for students to engage in environmental conservation efforts.
- Supporting student-led initiatives and activism focused on addressing social justice issues.



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Nurturing responsible citizenship involves fostering a commitment to society through various means. Here are some key aspects of our college:

- **Service-Learning Programs:** Incorporating service-learning into academic coursework allows students to apply classroom learning to real-world issues. Through service projects students can address community needs while gaining a deeper understanding of civic responsibility and social justice. Encouraging education that emphasizes civic responsibilities, critical thinking, and empathy is crucial. This includes teaching about the democratic process, civil rights, and the importance of community engagement.
- NCC, NSS and Eco-club students provided their services towards community such as many students acted as volunteers (Corona warriors) during the tough time of Pandemic as they offered their free services to maintain law and order in the city, they also offered their services to Bank and hospitals.
- On the occasion of Shivratri, there is lot of rush at the Dukhharannath temple situated nearby as many people visit temple on this day. Students of NCC provide their free services as volunteers to local administration to maintain law and order.
- Internship and Field projects: - Students of UG and PG opt for internship and field projects as a medium to serve to the society.

2. Community Service Initiatives: Promoting volunteerism and community service helps individuals understand their role in society and develop a sense of responsibility towards others. This involves activities such as volunteering at local shelters, participating in neighbourhood clean-ups, or joining community organizations. Students run number of campaigns outside the college campus to create awareness among the society. They also offer their services as volunteers in the number of governments sponsored campaigns such as Pulse Polio Abhiyan, AIDS awareness programme, Swachhta abhiyan rallies, cleanliness drive at the public place such as public park, statues of leaders, bus stand etc. Students of NCC run mask distribution campaign at the time of Corona pandemic.

3. Student Leadership Opportunities: Providing opportunities for students to take on leadership roles in campus organizations, clubs, and student government allows them to develop essential leadership skills such as communication, collaboration, and decision-making. Student leaders can also organize events and initiatives that promote responsible citizenship and civic engagement among their peers. Leadership Development through NCC, NSS, Career Guidance Cell and Students' engagement in management of Departmental activities and different clubs' activities.



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4. Social Justice Advocacy: Advocating for social justice and equality helps create a more inclusive and fair society. Colleges supports student-led initiatives and organizations focused on promoting social justice and equity. This includes organizing events, workshops, and awareness campaigns on issues such as gender equality, human rights, and economic inequality. By supporting social justice advocacy, colleges empower students to become agents of change in their communities and advocate for a more just and equitable society.

5. Environmental Responsibility: Encouraging environmentally responsible behavior is important for fostering responsible citizenship. Staff and students run number of campaigns with in the campus and outside the campus with sole purpose of creating awareness among the society. Some of the campaigns are as follows: -

- i. Plantation Drive – Regular plantation drive is run in the campus. Students are motivated for more and more plantation.
- ii. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan- Swachhta abhiyan campaign is run regularly within and outside the campus. Swachhta abhiyan bike rally, cycle rally, nukkad sabha are organized to create awareness among the people.
- iii. Plastic Ban Drive
- iv. Regular activities under NCC, NSS and Eco-club

6. Civic Engagement Programs: Colleges hosts events and workshops that encourage students to become informed and engaged citizens. This includes voter registration drives, political debates and forums, and discussions on current events and social issues. By fostering political awareness and participation, college empowers students to take an active role in shaping their communities and society as a whole. Our college organizes following activities in this regard:

1. Voter's Awareness Program.
2. Celebration of Voter's Day.
3. Workshop on Single use plastic.
4. Blood donation camp
5. Celebration of National days



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By integrating these activities and initiatives into college programming, institutions can play a vital role in nurturing responsible citizens who are actively engaged in their communities, committed to social justice, and prepared to address the complex challenges facing society.

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