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Extension activities carried out in the neighbourhood sensitising students to social issues for their holistic development, and the impact thereof during the year

Pragati Engineering College (PEC) is committed to foster holistic development among its students by actively engaging them in extension activities within the neighbourhood community. The college has NCC, NSS Units, Rotaract Club, Hope for a Change Club, Mahatma Gandhi National Council for Rural Education (MGNCRE) Clubs such as Greenery, Energy Management, Water Management, Waste Management and Sanitation & Hygiene which conducts activities catering to the needs of local villages and conduct various awareness campaigns. These activities have not only made a positive impact on the community, but also sensitize the students to various social issues.

The Institute organizes the following community extension activities on a regular basis.

- Blood donation camps.
- Tree plantation program in the college, surrounding villages and nearby areas.
- Assistance to orphanages and old age homes, such as the distribution of groceries, clothing,
- and household items.
- Assistance to Government Schools by distributing furniture, computers, etc.
- Distribution of Blankets for needy people at locations across Kakinada
- Clean and green initiative and spreading awareness on environment by distribution of ecofriendly
- Ganesh idols
- Beach cleaning and nature conservation programs in Kakinada
- Health run, Heart, Cancer, and other awareness rallies and marathons have been organized by addressing community issues

Impact of Extension Activities:

The extension activities conducted by PEC has a significant impact on the neighbourhood community. Through initiatives like community service, awareness campaigns, and skill-building workshops, the college has actively contributed to the overall development of the community. One of the key impacts has been the improvement in the quality of education in nearby schools, where college students have volunteered as teachers and mentors. Additionally, the college has initiated several health and sanitation drives, reaching out to underprivileged communities and providing them with access to clean drinking water, sanitation facilities, and healthcare services.

Sensitization to Social Issues:

PEC recognizes the importance of sensitizing students to social issues prevailing in the society. Through its extension activities, college has successfully raised awareness about various issues such as gender inequality, environmental conservation, poverty alleviation, and sustainable development. Students actively participate in awareness campaigns, rallies, and

workshops, engaging with the community to address these issues under NCC, NSS Units and various clubs.

The extension activities of PEC have a profound impact on the neighbourhood community. By actively engaging in community service, raising awareness about social issues, and promoting holistic development, the college has created a positive change in the society. The students' sensitization to social issues and their holistic development through these activities have laid the foundation for responsible and compassionate citizens. The awards received by the college in recognition of its initiatives highlight the effectiveness and success of their efforts. PEC continues to lead by example, inspiring other institutions and individuals to actively contribute to the betterment of society through extension activities.

The socially relevant activity course as per R16 regulations and Community Service Project course as per R20 regulations which are mandatory for the students helped in developing sense of responsibility to the society among Pragatians.