

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

CDGIMS identified following issues of social significance.

1. Gender Discrimination
2. Environment Degradation
3. Social issues
4. Health & Hygiene related issues
5. Sensitivity towards neighborhood community

- **Gender Discrimination** -Gender discrimination and women exploitation are some of the important issues prevailing in the society. To sensitize students on this issue, CDGIMS has undertaken numerous activities like organized talk on Supreme court's verdict on "Shabarimala Case, Decriminalization of homosexuality (Article 377) & Amendment of Adultery Law (Section 497)", save girl child rally, health & hygiene related workshops, women's day celebration, career guidance workshop. CDGIMS in association with Bhor Municipal Corporation organized an orientation workshop for women from Bhor on Self Employment opportunities.
- **Environment conservation and enrichment:** To safeguard natural resources CDGIMS has undertaken activities like tree plantation drive, cleanliness drive, Traffic Safety Campaign, ecofriendly Diwali rally, ecofriendly Ganesh immersion, save snakes programs etc. To avoid usage of plastic and to promote ecofriendly bags training was given to students in "Paper Bag Making".
- **Social issues** - There are number of social issues prevailing in the vicinity. Some of the prime issues are cleanliness, accessing right to vote, voluntary blood donation, old age home problems and lack of resources to needy people. To generate awareness and motivate students regarding these issues, CDGIMS has undertaken various activities such as Blood donation camps, Swachhata abhiyan, I will vote campaign, visit to old age home, donation drives etc. CDGIMS has also created students Blood group

databank. In this database students contact no., address, blood group and other medical information is maintained. As a part of this, awareness session on “Importance of Blood transfusion and HIV-AIDs” was organized.

- **Knowledge Transfer:** Lecture series was conducted by Director and faculties of the institute at various colleges in rural areas on opportunities in Healthcare Management including career guidance workshops. The main objective of this lecture was to educate students about importance of higher education in knowledge transfer and for better future. Institute with the help of students, also conducted Computer literacy classes for the peons and sweepers.
- **Sensitivity towards neighborhood community:** Workshop / Training Sessions on Health awareness, Entrepreneurship skills, Pain & Palliative Care and other issues were organized. Awareness talks are arranged for the women of the neighborhood on topics like “Menopause, Health & hygiene”. Few students undergo training in basic life support system at Galaxy Hospital, Pune. Maintenance of Medicinal Plants in the surrounding area is also one of the unique activities which are going on from last many years. These activities actually complement the curricular activities and groom the students in the “Art of living and working together.” They are the true and practical experiences gained by students by their own learning.

All the above community development activities resulted into holistic development of the student’s personalities through sensitization towards the prevailing social issues.