

BEST PRACTICE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Title of the Practice:	Activities by NSS, Street Cause & Literacy Helping Hands
The Context:	Engineering students have the responsibility to design solutions and solve problems and positively impact people's lives. Unfortunately, traditional engineering training does not prepare students to engage with the people in the community where they may work. This creates an engagement gap between the skills of engineers and their ability to communicate with a community to solve problems. To decrease this engagement gap, many programmes are initiated by the NSS, LHH and Street Cause units of our college. The main aim is to inculcate a sense of social service in the Engineering students. These programmes help them understand the challenges in the society by looking beyond the technology and empowering the community in the local area to render their services. The sense of empathy is also developed in the students so that they can continue this dedicated service throughout their career.
Objectives of the Practice:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish and maintain sustainable co-operative partnerships with community by adopting schools and villages• Improve quality of life and empowerment of the community concerned• Develop a sense of civic and social responsibility• Enhance awareness about current social issues• Utilise their knowledge in finding practical solutions to community problems• Develop competence required for group-living and sharing of responsibilities• Help gain skills in mobilising community participation• Strive to bring consistent changes in the lives of the underprivileged• Create awareness on environmental issues.• Promote literacy, skill enhancement and encourage innovation and entrepreneurship among students
The Practice:	Coordinators of the NSS, Street Cause and LHH units enrol volunteers at the beginning of the academic year. They conduct meetings and prepare a calendar of activities for the academic year Updates are posted on the college website as scrolling After conducting every event activity report are submitted to the news letter. The photographs of all these events are uploaded on the college Facebook and Instagram pages.
Obstacles faced/Problems encountered:	No obstacles faced as we are able to run NSS Unit, Street Cause & LHH success fully by conducting many events throughout the year.
Impact of the Practice/Evidence of Success	NSS Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participated in the Inter State Youth Exchange Programme, 2 July 2018-• Haritha Haram Programme conducted on 26/7/2018 in Parvathaur village, Uppal. 200 volunteers from ATRI participated and 400 saplings were planted• Distributed pens and 300 note books at Parvathapur adopted Govt. School,• Independence Day Celebrations at Govt School, 15 Aug 2018• NSS Volunteers participated in National Integration Camp, 26 Aug- 1 sept 2018• Swachh Bharat – Arogya Bharat programme conducted on 02 Oct 2018• ATRI NSS unit participated in NSS day celebrations in UGC Auditorium, JNTUH campus on 24 oct 2018• The Grace Cancer Foundation, Hyderabad in association with Aurora Consortium, Chikadapally organized the Cancer Run 2018 on 7-10-2018 at People's Plaza, Necklace road• Eye and Dental Camp, 30 Oct 2019• ISKCON Run ATRI NSS unit, 04 Feb 2019• NSS SPECIAL CAMP, 22-28 Feb 2019

	<p style="text-align: center;">STREET CAUSE EVENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanket Donation Drive, 05 Jan 2019 at Niloufer Hospital and Lower Tankbund • Medical camp for free health checkup at Rayaraopet village on 24 Feb 2019 • Support govt school- donate benches, water filters, black board and stationery items • Visit to the Old Age Home and Orphanage: The volunteers and students visited old age home and orphanage and distributed fruits, clothes and tablets for the old people <p style="text-align: center;">LHH Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Startup talks – 27thfeb 2018, 100 participants • Ideathon, 14 March 2018, 11 participants • Innovatives Challenge, 7 April 2018. 45 participants
<p>Resources required:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSS Cell office to conduct meetings and discussions • Computer system, Internet facility, Printer, LCD Projector and UPS • One DTP operator and stationery • Department wise coordinators and Student Coordinators to organise the events • A Good Camera to capture pictures/visuals of all the events • A Notice board to display posters and circulars • A vehicle for transport • Support from Admin office for maintenance of resources • Tools for field work , tents and furniture
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