

Performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust

Abhayapuri College is located amongst a population of weaker economic and educational base, a vast majority of them are from agrarian background. A considerable part of the feeder areas of the institution is comprised with "char" areas, inhabited mainly by poor cultivator and agricultural labourer families. Again, the whole feeder area is badly affected by flood and drought every year. The infrastructural growth with respect to the basic needs and facilities is slow, rather poor, in comparison with that in the rest of the state. As nearly all the people are to remain busy only for earning bread and butter, they do not have scope for acquiring Knowledge and information regarding the facilities and schemes provided by the governments and other bodies. Similarly they are not aware about the local/ general problems with respect to environment, health and hygiene and other aspects. Under these circumstances, they are lagging behind on the way of general development.

So, being a premier higher education institution in such an disadvantaged area, "the institution realizes that it has utmost responsibility to sensitize these poor people of the feeder area for availing the provisions of various welfare schemes launched by the govt. and other bodies and participating in redressing the common problems faced by the human race. Thus this area has been selected as the priority thrust area of the college for performing its activities.

With this objective the college has been undertaking different Extension Education Programmes in both in-house and out-reaches modes. In the in-house programmes, the students are made aware of the required matters and the knowledge and information are sensitized to the general people through the students. In outreach mode, the general people are directly involved in the programmes conducted by the college outside its campus.

The college has formed Central body, entitled "Extension Education Centre" to plan and implement the extension education activities. Moreover, some other units of the college like NCC, NSS.... different academic departments too carry out both inhouse and outreach extension programmes under the guidance do Extension Education Centre. It is to be specially noted that the college has already adopted a village (Lalorati, Duramani) and the

people of this village are being made aware of various developmental schemes launched by the concerned authorities and how to avail the provisions of the scheme. They are also being made aware as different environment, health and other general issues.

Some precedents of the activities undertaken by the college in the area do Extension Education are mentioned here under.