

## **R.K.S.D. (PG) COLLEGE, KAITHAL**

### **Institutional Distinctiveness**

#### **Session 2019-20**

One of the main objectives of the institution has been to impart quality education with a strong emphasis on community service. Given a consistently unfailing legacy of owning community challenges posed by natural disasters or anthropogenic problems with long term ramifications, the College developed a cohesive approach to ground level community service during the unexpected circumstances caused by the COVID-19. The institution along with sister R.K.S.D. institutions came up as a cohesive family uniting the governing body, faculty, non-teaching staff, students, retired faculty and local NGOs including community leaders to take a number of initiatives with multipronged objectives to contribute to the highly fluid and uncertain conditions:

- Developing an active coordination with the state level Nodal officer and the district administration, the institution kept ready its infrastructure, logistics and all human resources for the challenging tasks at hand.
- Initially, community awareness was perceived as the topmost challenge. To make the students aware about the potential scale of adverse impact, students were urgently involved in special awareness cum training sessions so as to make the general public further aware for strictly following precautions and shifts in life style.
- To keep students regularly engaged and spirited, several online Quiz Contests were organized at national and international level. The participation of faculty and students led to an exemplary volunteerism in prevention of the widespread expansion of pandemic.
- The college contributed a sum of Rs. 1011000 towards PM Carona Relief Fund/State Carona Relief Fund donated by teaching staff and management. Further a corpus was created with liberal contributions from faculty and non-teaching staff retired from the college and members of management. It included a contribution of Rs.1,11,111 from Prof. S.N.Mangla who had retired in 1995. The funds of this corpus are being used for sanitization, masks and thermal scanners for the college.
- To meet out the shortage of masks in community, students prepared masks and distributed among the general public. A total of 1000 N-95 masks were also distributed to front line Corona warriors.
- Staff members aggressively coordinated and campaigned telephonically to contact students and general public about village level situation of essential commodities in day-to-day coordination with higher education department of Haryana Government through online mode. As per the state govt. call, students and faculty worked tirelessly to ensure the availability of ration and other essential household items to people. A large number of migrant labourers in distress were extended needful support on priority basis. On their specific anxiety of returning home states anyway, they were helped to plan better and reach safely.

- For volunteerism and regular activism of students, different committees and cells, especially NCC, NSS, and Women Cell played a key role in taking up the challenge in a mission mode. Besides the organization of several COVID Awareness Quiz, drives such as Sanitization, Use of Aarogya Setu App, Training of Youth Leaders, Registration at Diksha Portal, Registration at Covid Veer Portal, Rakt Sanchar Helpline, Har Ghar Yoga, Mask making & Distribution, were given prime focus. The Nodal Officer of the govt. hailed the institutional drive and its character to serve community.