

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

I. Vision:

With the motto “*Education for All*” as the main focus, Jaintia Eastern College acts as per the principles set by its founders, to provide quality and affordable education to all sections of the people especially to the underprivileged students who could not afford for higher and quality education elsewhere.

II. Mission:

The College is committed to serve the society by developing the young generation and the students to face the challenges of this contemporary world and to remain socio-economically alert. Through knowledge-based education, students are sensitized to be competent in the employment opportunities also. Apart from creating an atmosphere to promote all round development of an individual, the College also equipped them to become good citizens and to meet the social needs of our nation, not just a mere job seekers. Through various College-activities, an awareness regarding preservation and restoration of the environment is also in the roadmap of the College.

III. Objectives of the College:

- To impart higher and quality education in rural areas.
- To provide vocational training to the educated unemployed youths.
- To impart skills on Information Technology.
- To provide career guidance and counselling.
- To promote environmental awareness.
- To transform the young minds through moral and ethical education based on value system.

IV. Title of the Practice:

Promoting Community Service through Extension Committee.

V. Goal:

The College formed Extension Committee and organized awareness programmes such as environmental protection, creation of community assets, blood donation camp, literacy campaign on safe drinking water, health and sanitation, disaster management, national integration and social harmony etc.

VI. The Context:

The need of the practice was felt to ensure effective implementation of academic and non-academic activities in the College. NSS regular activities, the NSS unit adopted villages for community services. In this regard, the College has adopted Suchen Rim village for community development programme.

VII. The Practice:

The NSS unit identifies programmes before adoption of any village. Advisory Board and informal meeting with local headman and elders were organized before selection of villages for

adoption. It also organizes programmes such as cleaning drives, tree plantation, etc. e.g. Pulse Polio, Blood donation, cleaning drives, awareness programmes, renovation of drinking wells and footpaths.

VIII. Evidence of success:

The College makes the villagers to feel a sense of belonging and oneness. This is revealed during special camping where the villagers facilitate the student's volunteers to take part in social work and also provides an insight into the various activities of the community life and helps to inculcate the love and respect for one's identity.

IX. Problems Encountered and Resources required:

The College did not face much problem as this practice is extra-curricular activities. However, girl's student shows their reluctance to go because they have to stay there for a week, fund was less could not met expenses; accommodation, drinking water, electricity, etc.

Note (Optional): The College is making efforts to conduct more programmes in the near future.