## **Institutional Distinctiveness :** performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust

The college in accordance with the vision and distinctiveness of the institution has undertaken the adoption of a rural village with the view to make students aware of the problems of the society and to sensitize them towards community services. Khanapur, a village 7 kilometres away from district headquarter, has been adopted by the college for the year. Initially, a survey based on various socioeconomic parameters was conducted by the students of the college in the village. The outcome of the survey shows that Khanapur village due to agro industries the village is facing menace of dust particles which is hazardous to the villagers in the health point of view. During the meeting with village Panchayat members it was found that this has become a big problem for the village. Keeping this in view, the college held a Gram Sabha, wherein this issue was discussed with the villagers, present there in a large number. They admitted that things are getting worse since almost a whole generation is being lost their health. A counselling programme was organized and the people were sensitized towards precautions to prevent respiratory health problems. The Sarpanch of the village played a major role in this endeavour, as he coordinated the whole affairs proficiently and enthusiastically.

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