



Lekshmipuram College of Arts and Science
Neyyoor-629802
(Affiliated to Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli)
Kanyakumari District, Tamilnadu

Institutional Distinctiveness 2019-20

Social Responsibility of the Institution during COVID-19

Lekshmipuram College of Arts and Science, Neyyoor-629082, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu, has played a pivotal role in providing higher educational opportunities to the weaker and more socially deprived sections of society, namely the rural and coastal belt of Lekshmipuram village, Mondaicadu, Colachel, and the neighbouring areas of the district. By knowing its social responsibility, it renders community-oriented activities and provides assistance to the victims of national-level disasters. Towards the end of the academic year 2019–20, i.e., during the 3rd week of March 2020, the world faced a pandemic situation due to COVID-19. The institution has been indefinitely closed, and students of our institution as well as the neighbouring community suffer a lot. They are not fully aware of how to face pandemic situations; social distance, wearing a mask, and taking vaccinations are beyond their limits. The institution extends its support to the neighbouring community in terms of creating awareness and distribution of preventive mechanisms such as masks, sanitizers, and *kaba sura kudineer*. NSS and NCC volunteers help the police officials control the movements of people at entry points in the district and provide essentials to the poor and needy students. The head of the institution, NSS programme officers, teaching and non-teaching staff of nearby localities of the institutions, and NSS and NCC volunteers actively participated in such programmes by taking all preventive measures. During the period, a two-day programme is arranged from April 12, 2023, to April 13, 2023, for the distribution of *kaba sura kudineer* in the neighbourhood of the institution and to create awareness among the public on the prevention of COVID-related illnesses. Around 1000 masks were distributed to the public along with sanitizer, and the importance of hand washing was explained. A total of 106 kits consisting of essential food items were distributed to the poor students of the college and nearby people. The members of the faculty extend financial support to the needy and poor people in their respective departments through RTGS or NEFT transfers after collecting their parents account numbers. The institution has approached the primary health centre of the locality to arrange the vaccination camps in the institution. This clearly indicates the helping mentality of the family of Lekshmipuram College and the social responsibility of the institution.



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