## **3.6.1** Extension activities in the neighborhood community in terms of impact and sensitizing students to social issues and holistic development during the last five years.

Sant Baba Bhag Singh University is actively working to provide a holistic development both on campus and in the neighbourhood. In this regard, several departments of the University have carried out the tasks that support better education, disadvantaged people's economic elevation, establishing a sense of community peace and a number of initiatives for societal improvement in partnership with non-governmental groups and NSS. The University has adopted more than seven nearby villages and pledges to improve the quality and well-being of their people. In this context, various departments organize campaigns such as Swachh Bharat, Traffic Awareness, public health, sports activities, legal aid clinics and financial awareness are frequently conducted in these adopted villages.

- 1. Free Physiotherapy Awareness, Assessment and Treatment Camp: Frequent activities were conducted by Physiotherapy department to demonstrate the importance of physiotherapy exercises for prevention and treatment of disorders, use of advanced modalities and briefing about the mode of infections. Special free medical and psychological sessions were undertaken by the department for old age people.
- 2. Swach Bharat Abhiyaan: Department of Education, Mechanical Engineering, Physical Sciences, Environment Sustainability, and management (ESM) cell the University, undertook numerous tasks in the neighbouring communities of the University to contribute in the protecting the environment. The activities include waste management programs, awareness on the use of plastics, water conservation, Tree plantation, Environmental sustainability, and several cleanliness drives.
- 3. Charity Drives: University organizes frequent programmes that can support financially deprived people in the adopted villages. In this regard, distribution of stationary, books, eatables and even interaction with children of slums of village were performed by the department of Mechanical Engineering, Fashion Designing, Computer Science and Applications, and Physical Sciences of the University.
- 4. Financial Awareness: Financial literacy programmes were conducted by the Department of Commerce in the villages that focused on digital payments, using eservices such as applying for Aadhar card, Pan Card, filing income tax returns, online train and air booking etc., educating about the difference in savings and investments and exploring investment avenues.
- 5. Health Awareness: Department of Physical Sciences and Life sciences organizes activities related to immunization and awareness about the infectious diseases such as Polio, symptoms and possible remedies for disorders such as rheumatoid arthritis. Covid-19, Diabetes. In addition, people were illuminated by the expert faculty about maintaining hygiene practices, sanitization, and healthy diet.
- 6. Legal Awareness: The activities related to legal procedures for filing a case, awareness on Intellectual property rights were conducted by the department of Law in the nearby villages. Women living in rural areas were educated about their legal rights, menace of child marriage and victim compensation scheme. University also made them aware about the legal-aid clinic being run in the campus.
- 7. Activities promoting Physical health: To educate the youth about the importance of physical health, several sports activities and drug abuse rally are conducted by the department of Physical Education in the nearby villages.
- 8. Women Empowerment: Recognizing the importance of women in modern world, department of physical education and department of Law organized activities such as educating girl child, promoting women entrepreneurship and women sports are exercised in local area.
- 9. Other activities such as Computer Literacy, free distribution of Reflectors, barricades and Traffic Awareness, as well as Disaster Management are conducted by several other departments of the University.