## St. Joseph's College of Engineering

## **Extension Activities**

There is a unit of NSS in our campus with one Program Officer and 50 student volunteers. The NSS unit of the college is part of the NSS wing of the affiliating University viz. Anna University. The University periodically involves the Program Officers of the colleges under its control for discussion with them about the activities that could be initiated for the betterment of the society at large. The NSS wing of the college conducts programmes in villages around the college to educate the villagers on hygiene & sanitation, literacy, women and their status in the society – how to improve it, the employment opportunities available for the youth of the village, protected water supply system, girl's education, awareness of AIDS, " and "Youth for Mass Literacy", "Youth for National Integration & Social Harmony etc. Students stay in the village for about 7 days a year, live with the villagers, refurbish the school buildings, give a patient hearing to the woes of villagers, discuss with them possible remedies, arrange a veterinary clinic, arrange for health check up by doctors, "Youth Red Cross (YRC)" Another unit of YRC with about 30 student members with a corresponding Coordinating Officer is organizing blood donation camps joining hands with different hospitals and organizations.

The NSS and YRC wings jointly organize blood donation camps in conjunction with the NGOs in the city, the neighboring Rotary clubs and hospitals. These have been so successful that the hospitals and Rotary clubs are willing to associate themselves with all such activities of the student community. Non-Government Organization All the students of our institution are visiting one orphanage/ old age home each semester during their study in our institution. Students have an opportunity to do things differently. Our students get opportunities to visit villages and Orphanages and interact with people one time each semester. They spend some quality time with the children and old age people, by serving food and daily needs of them.

Students were motivated to plant trees and take care of environment, so that they will get social awareness.