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Swami Vivekananda Institute of Science and Technology organizes a diverse range of extension activities to curve a path towards fulfilling its societal responsibilities. The institution promotes an institution-neighbourhood community network and encourages student engagement in activities that contribute to inclusiveness, and services that can be extended towards the holistic development of the students and the neighbourhood as a whole. One of the most significant activities of SVIST Group is its CSR activity coined as the “Magic of Giving”. Faculty and staff closely monitor students' participation and performance in various social and community activities. For conducting such activities SVIST has taken Institutional Membership of the prestigious Indian Red Cross Society and has effectively arranged various programs like tree plantation, field visits, Swachh Bharata Program, Blood Donation Camps, Health check-ups and Eye check-up camps, distribution of Food, Clothes, Books and Blankets to the underprivileged groups of local areas and beyond. To expose the students to the pressing issues in our society, several activities are undertaken for the students to understand the needs to be addressed through visits to old age homes, distribution of Aids in the form of food, medicines, and clothes during the natural calamities like Amphan (2020) to the marginal groups of the society. Apart from this, different groups of students and faculty members distributed food, rations, masks and sanitisers during the extended span of the COVID-19 pandemic. The marginal and downtrodden section of society is a focus area for the CSR activity of SVIST and over the past few years we have done programs like Fruits Distribution in Eastern Railway, Winter Garments Distribution among Slum Area People in Park Circus Area, food distribution among slum area children. The Institute as a part of extension activity has taken some initiative that serves the dual purpose of elevating professional interactions and fostering stronger community bonds of the neighbourhood student community and the young people of the nearby community. The programmes that have been conducted for the purpose are Science Tech 2K22, 1 Day Workshop on Employment and Employability, Bengal Job Fair 2023 for Unemployed Youth, Multi-Industry Job Fair for the Unemployed Youth, A multi-Industry Job Fair 2k23, Personality and Career Development Workshop for the 10+2 Level School Students of West Bengal, 4 Days Employability Skill Development Workshop for the Job Seekers and Skill Enhancement workshops, career counselling of school children etc.

The student community of the neighbourhood and the surrounding areas have benefited through various government schemes like NSQF (National Skills Qualifications Framework), PMKVY-II (Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana II), PBSSD (Paschim Banga Society for Skill Development), PMKVY TI (Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana for Technical Institutes) for skill training of manpower to utilize in skill blossoming for socially benefitting young generation of the grassroots level by usage of the infrastructural facilities of the institute.

**The institute also arranges special free classes for GATE, JEXPO, JELET, WBJEE etc. to foster stronger community bonds along with visits of school children in our institute to improve their computer literacy.**

**Our college Swami Vivekananda Institute of Science & Technology follows the path of Swami Vivekananda and believes in his vision that “It is a privilege to serve mankind, for this is the worship of God. God is here, in all these human souls.”**