## **Response:**

Swami Vivekananda Institute of Science and Technology conducts various extension activities to fulfil its societal responsibilities, fostering an institution-neighbourhood community network and encouraging student engagement in inclusive activities for holistic student and neighbourhood development. The institution has taken institutional membership of the Indian Red Cross Society and has organized programs like tree planting, the Swachh Bharat Program, Blood Donation, Health & eye check-ups, and distribution of food, clothes, books and blankets to underprivileged groups. They participated in visits to old age homes and distributed aid during natural calamities like Amphan (2020) to marginalized groups and distributed food, rations, masks, and sanitisers to marginal and downtrodden sections of society during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some other programmes to benefit society include Science-Tech 2K22, a workshop on employment and employability, Job Fair, personality and career development workshops, employability and skill development workshops and career counselling for school children. The institute offers free classes for various exams, such as GATE, JEXPO, JELET, and WBJEE. The student community in the neighbourhood and surrounding areas has benefited from various government schemes like NSQF, PMKVY-II, PBSSD, and PMKVY TI to train manpower for skill development.

These initiatives aim to enhance professional interactions and foster stronger community bonds between the neighbourhood student community and nearby young people. This pursuit for excellence has attracted attention from recognized organizations, media houses, reputed bodies etc. Hence over the past few years, SVIST has been bestowed upon by awards and recognitions from such prestigious bodies.

- The Swami Vivekananda Group of Institutions received the Education Excellence Award 2021 for best skill development Institute from renowned media house ZEE 24 Ghanta.
- The Swami Vivekananda Group of Institutions received the Academic Excellence Award 2021-22 for the Institute of Excellence in Infrastructure from TV9 Bangla
- The Swami Vivekananda Group of Institutions received the Education Eminence Award 2022 for Excellence in Academic Performance from the prestigious media house News 18 Bangla.
- Swami Vivekananda Group of Institutes received the ABP Anand Shiksha Samman Award 2022 for Outstanding Education Excellence
- Swami Vivekananda Group of Institutions received the Education Excellence Award for contribution to the field of education on 22.08.2022.
- SVIST was the proud participant of the prestigious 5th Global Education Forum GEF: 2022-2023 held at the Indian Chamber of Commerce on 14.01.2023.
- Our principal was felicitated with the Certificate of Recognition for Valuable and Exemplary Contribution in the Education Sector by ArdorComm media and LinkedIn in New Normal Leadership Summit and Awards 2023 held at Taj City Centre on 23.02.2023
- Swami Vivekananda group of Institutes, received the Academic Excellence in Higher Education Award by News18 Bangla on 30.05.2023.
- Swami Vivekananda Group of Institutes, received the Education Excellence Award by TV9 Bangla for Excellent Academic Infrastructure on 31.05.2023.
- Swami Vivekananda Group of Institutes received the ABP Ananda Shiksha Samman Award 2023 on 08.06.2023.
- Swami Vivekananda Institute of Science & Technology received the Times Engineering Award from Optimal Media Solutions (A Times Group Company).

Such awards have motivated us to do better and at the same time have put a huge responsibility on us to excel further.