## **Extension activities**

The valley of Kashmir was devastated by floods in 2014, with South Kashmir being the most affected. The floods wreathed havoc in the Kulgam district. As an institute of prime importance in the district, GDC Kulgam couldn't have turned a blind eye to the tragedy. As a result, NSS unit of the college, other faculty members and students of the college, came together to help people affected by the floods by distributing basic amenities like rice, pulses, cooking-oil, sanitation kits, blankets, stationary and books to students of the area etc. NSS volunteers of the college under supervision of Mr Sajad Ahmad Shah and Ms. Asifa Monjkhal played a vital role in this drive. Apart from providing sanitation kits to the affected families, they sanitized the places, inundated by flood water, in order to prevent the growth of diseases like Cholera, Malaria, etc. Faculty members of the college also made financial contribution towards this cause and as a result more than Rs. 92,000/= were collected. The amount was distributed among those students of the college, whose families were affected the most.

To spread the awareness among students about the prevention. control and necessary precautions against HIV the NSS unitof the college organized seminars and Debates in collaboration with J&K AIDS Control and Prevention Society.

As part of the Swach Bharat initiative for making India clean and green, different initiatives like sanitation and cleanliness drives were held throughout the year, in and around the campus by the NSS unit of the college in collaboration with Municipal Committee of Kulgam. Trees were planted across and around the campus as part of the pro-green and eco-friendly initiatives. The college organized tours to different schools in the vicinity of the district, thereby, creating among their students the awareness of making their surroundings neat and clean.

Similarly, on the path of sustainable development, the college is spreading awareness about the eco-friendly activities. Use of polythene is discouraged throughout the campus and programs like anti-polythene drives have been organized by the NSS unit of the college, whereby, volunteers of the unit distributed paper/cloth bags among people in Kulgam market and its surroundings.

In order to sensitize the students about equality of genders and importance of women, different programs have been organized by the college. Gender sensitization tours have also been organized by the institute in which awareness is spread about women empowerment, gender equality and importance of education of women.