

**TITLE:** Providing assistance during the Covid-19 pandemic.

**OBJECTIVE:**

The main objective of the practice is to undertake relief measures and to provide assistance to needy people during the Covid-19 pandemic.

**THE CONTEXT:**

The Covid-19 pandemic has led to a dramatic loss of human life worldwide and it presents an unprecedented challenge to public health, food systems and the world of work. The economic and social disruption caused by the pandemic is devastating. Millions of people are falling into extreme poverty, while the number of death toll goes on increasing day after day. Currently, it is estimated as much as 1.2 million people have already lost their lives due to this Covid-19 pandemic, and the death toll could increase up to 2 million by the end of the year.

Mizoram is also severely affected by this novel Coronavirus. Economic activities are often disrupted due to frequent nationwide lockdown. With low and irregular income during lockdowns, many people are living on the verge starvation. The pandemic has also affected normal flow of food, vegetable and other essential commodities. As inter-state movement of vehicles carrying essential commodities is often restricted, this has resulted extreme shortage in the supply of essential commodities in Mizoram. Amidst such critical condition, many people have found it difficult to make both ends meet.

**THE PRACTICE:**

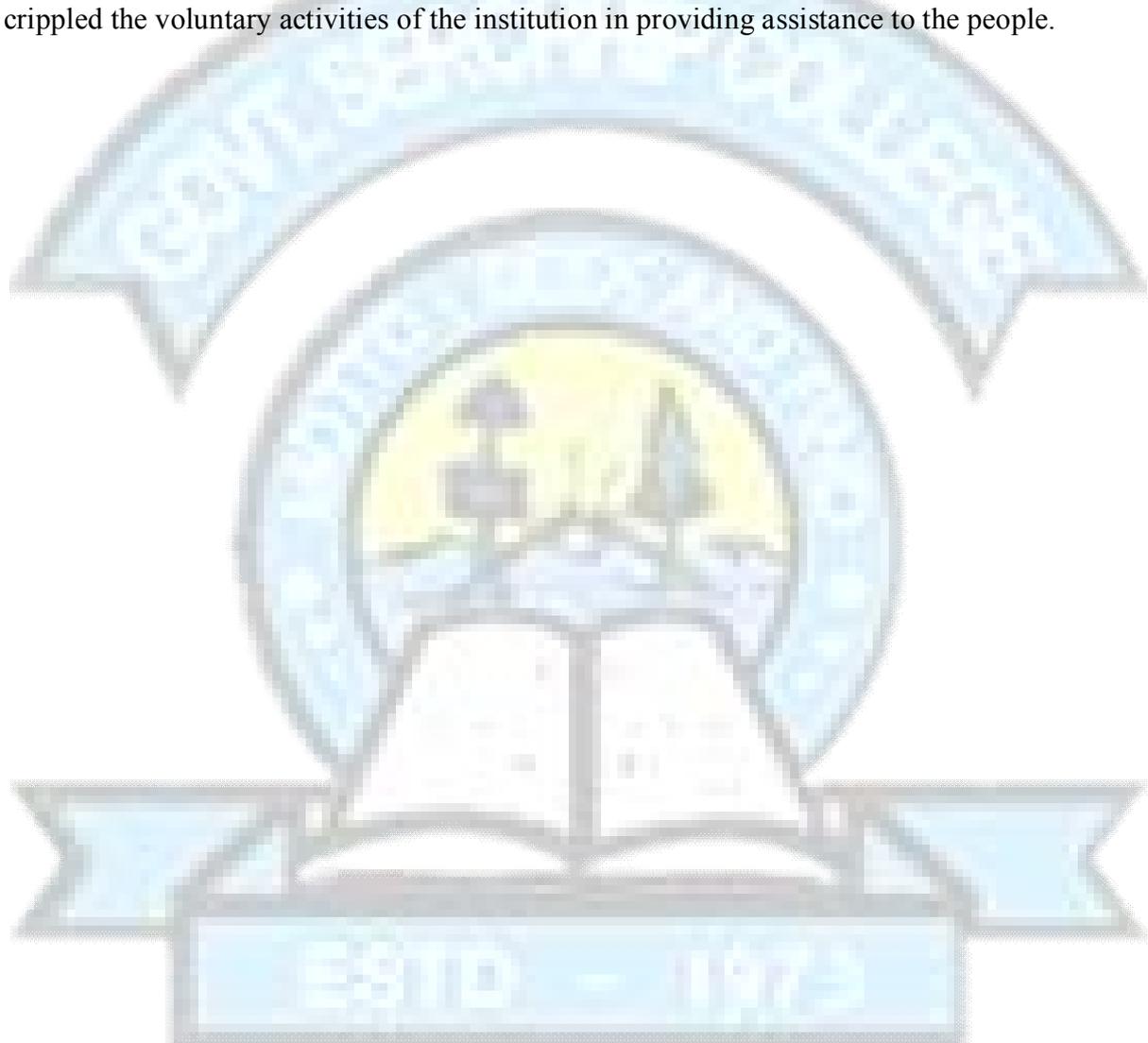
In order to mitigate the hardship and suffering of the people, the institution had undertaken an outreach programme as follows:

1. Each and every faculty member made a little donation of Rs 500 per head. The donated fund was utilised for the purchase of essential commodities like rice, dal, potato, onion etc. and they were distributed to the needy families in Keikum, the adopted village of the College in Serchhip district. Identification of the needy families was done with the help of Village Task Force.
2. College staff (teaching and non-teaching) sacrificed their 'one day salary', and it was credited to the 'Chief Minister's Covid Relief Fund'
3. Science students and teachers of the College made a good quantity of hand sanitizers, and they were distributed to various Local Task Forces who were on regular duty at different localities in Serchhip town.
4. NSS student volunteers prepared lunch packs and distributed them to LTF personnel on duty at different localities in Serchhip town.
5. NSS volunteers took a responsibility in sensitizing the general public regarding the precautionary measures to be taken to contain the Covid-19. Social distancing, hand washing at regular interval, staying at home during lockdown period, wearing face

mask and other precautionary measures are always encouraged among the people. Information regarding these precautions are disseminated through poster, placard and social media.

**PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED:**

Despite its willingness to extend a helping to all needy families in the district, the institution was unable to do so due to financial constrain. Besides, as movements of goods and services are strictly kept vigil, especially during the lockdown period, this has somehow crippled the voluntary activities of the institution in providing assistance to the people.



**Title:** Waste Management

**Goal**

The goal of this project is to systematically manage both the wet and dry wastes generated within the institution.

**The Context**

The institution enjoys a favourable location which is surrounded by lush green trees. However, the constant shedding of leaves by the trees proves to be a slight hindrance to the overall cleanliness of the institution. It is felt that these leaves along with the wet wastes generated in the institution can be utilised as fertilizers after the process of decomposition.

**The practice**

The fallen leaves are collected every morning and placed in the two polypropylene tanks having capacity of 2000 litres. Perforate holes on the tanks for easy decomposition of leaves. To decompose it takes five to six months and the decomposed are uses for fertilizer. The accumulated dry wastes are collected every week by UD&PA vehicles. The wet wastes along with the fallen leaves are kept in a composting pit for decomposition. The chemical wastes are properly and carefully disposed off, using separate pipelines. E-wastes are segregated and are stored in a safe place till they are carried to Aizawl for further disposal.

**Evidence of success:**

The success of the proper waste management is evident from the clean campus area.

**Problem encountered:**

The lack of e-waste treatment mechanism within the district is an ever existing hindrance to the overall waste management.

