

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

Five wings of NSS and 1 unit of NCC of the college are a big strength for the institution. Along with its regular activities, these wings are always working towards attaining sustainable development and helping the society in hour of need. One such occasion in 2019 was when Ropar villages were inundated in floods after Bhakhra releases water following heavy rains in the region in August 2019. Dozens of villages in the district were flooded. The rainwater started flooding the area as all the tributaries of the Sutlej swelled to brims during night, trapping people in many villages. As the level of water kept increasing, the district administration ordered to evacuate people from areas near the Budhki and Sarsa rivers. Several people could be seen sitting on the roofs of their inundated houses at Khairabad and Bada Phool villages on the outskirts of Ropar. The rainwater entered the building of the new campus of Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar, forcing the authorities to shift students from the ground floor to the upper floors of the hostel. At Surtapur Mand and Kotla Nihang Tappararian, a bundh on the Sadhraon river was washed away, resulting in flooding of fields and houses.

It was a severe situation but the administration along with the students, faculty members and staff responded to it very positively to combat the challenges. Our volunteers of NSS and NCC Cadets visited the flood affected areas of Ropar district. They communicate with local people, inquired about their needs and provided the affected families with required help. The volunteers also helped the people affected at ground zero level by rehabilitating them in their houses by cleaning the mud collected in houses .Our students contributed to provide the affected families with clean drinking water and other eatables and supplies. We provided the necessary supplies to the residents during the crisis hours under very trying circumstances. This small initiative of our students was a big step towards sustainable development.