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**AWARENESS CAMPAIGN OF COVID-19 SOPs DURING
MATRICULATION EXAMS BY NCC (19th July to 22nd July, 2021)**

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Report on NCC Cadets' Awareness Campaign for SOPs During Matriculation Exams

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Subject: Report on NCC Cadets' Efforts in Promoting SOP Awareness Among Students and Local Community During Matriculation Exams (19th - 22nd July 2022)

1. Introduction

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, our college's NCC (National Cadet Corps) unit undertook a significant role in ensuring compliance with Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) during the matriculation exams held from 19th to 22nd July 2022. This report highlights the activities conducted by the NCC cadets aimed at raising awareness of SOPs among exam appearing students and the local community of Bhatkal.

2. Objectives

- To raise awareness about COVID-19 SOPs among students appearing for matriculation exams.
- To engage with the local community to reinforce public health measures.
- To ensure effective implementation of SOPs during the examination period.

3. NCC Cadets' Activities

a. Awareness Campaigns (Pre-Exam Period)

- **Community Outreach:** Prior to the exam dates, NCC cadets organised awareness drives in the local community. This included distributing informational pamphlets and posters about COVID-19 SOPs. Cadets also held street plays and discussions to explain the importance of preventive measures such as mask-wearing and social distancing.
- **Campus Information Sessions:** On the college campus, cadets conducted informational sessions for students. These sessions included briefings on SOPs, proper hand hygiene, and the importance of adhering to health guidelines during the exams.

b. During the Exam Days (19th - 22nd July 2022)

- **On-Campus Activities:**



- **Guidance and Assistance:** Cadets were stationed at key locations such as exam entry points and waiting areas to provide guidance on SOP compliance. They ensured that students sanitised their hands, wore masks correctly, and maintained social distancing.
- **Information Booths:** NCC cadets set up information booths near examination halls where students could ask questions and get clarifications about SOPs.
- **Local Community Engagement:**
 - **Public Announcements:** Through loudspeakers and community radio, cadets made regular announcements about COVID-19 safety measures, reminding local residents to follow health guidelines to protect themselves and others.
 - **Visibility Patrols:** Cadets patrolled local areas around the examination center, engaging with community members and reinforcing the importance of SOPs. They addressed concerns and provided information about safe practices.

c. Post-Exam Activities

- **Feedback Collection:** Cadets collected feedback from students and community members regarding the effectiveness of the awareness campaigns and SOP enforcement. This feedback was used to assess the impact and identify areas for improvement.
- **Follow-Up Campaigns:** Based on feedback, cadets planned follow-up initiatives to address any gaps in awareness and ensure continued adherence to health guidelines.

4. Outcomes and Impact

- **Enhanced Awareness:** The efforts of NCC cadets significantly increased awareness of SOPs among students and the local community. The distribution of pamphlets, public announcements, and personal interactions contributed to a higher level of compliance with health guidelines.
- **Improved Compliance:** Observations indicated that students and community members demonstrated a strong adherence to SOPs during the exam period, reflecting the effectiveness of the NCC's outreach efforts.
- **Community Support:** The local community responded positively to the cadets' engagement, showing appreciation for the proactive measures taken to ensure public health and safety.



5. Challenges

- **Information Overload:** Some individuals found the volume of information overwhelming. To address this, cadets refined their messaging to be more concise and focused.
- **Resource Constraints:** Limited resources posed challenges in reaching every individual effectively. Enhanced collaboration with local organisations could improve coverage in future campaigns.

6. Recommendations

- **Enhanced Training:** Provide more comprehensive training for cadets on public communication and health advocacy to improve effectiveness in future campaigns.
- **Collaboration:** Partner with local health authorities and organisations to strengthen community outreach and resource allocation.
- **Ongoing Engagement:** Implement continuous awareness programs even after the immediate examination period to maintain high levels of public health adherence.

7. Conclusion

The involvement of NCC cadets in promoting SOP awareness during the matriculation exams was highly effective. Their dedication to educating students and the local community significantly contributed to maintaining a safe examination environment and reinforcing public health measures. Their efforts exemplify the positive impact of organised community engagement during health crises.


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