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Gobbur village adoption:

The institution has been assisting society and the local community in raising awareness on social issues such as the importance of educating a girl child and foetal sex discrimination. The institution adopted Gobbur village, which is located 28 kilometres from Kalaburagi.

Program for Gender Equality: Interns from the department of public health dentistry visit all three school classrooms on a regular basis and interact with the villagers to raise awareness of gender equality issues such as access to education, nutrition, legal rights, medical care, and protection from discrimination.

Tree plantation programme: As part of the NSS activity, periodic tree plantations are carried out and existing plants and trees are watered on a regular basis on the campus.

Tobacco awareness campaign: The staff and interns actively participate in a tobacco awareness campaign to the people and schools in and around Gobbur village by providing health education and counselling.

Oral hygiene and general hygiene: Our interns, students and staff actively involved in giving health education and demonstrating brushing technique and detection of oral lesions in early stage also stressed on hand hygiene, personal hygiene and importance of diet and exercise.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan: Doctors and interns visit Gobbur village frequently to raise awareness among school students and the public about the importance of cleanliness and its benefits.

Digital transaction programme: Our staff, interns, and students actively participated in Gobbur village by raising public awareness about digital transactions and emphasizing the importance of having a bank account and a mobile phone.

