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A Report On Visit to Old Age Home, “Pushpanjali”, Jaipur Celebrating International Day of Happiness (March 20, 2019)

Humanity is something which cannot be found in books. It is meant to be experienced. The feeling and understanding of experiencing human to human connect cannot be compared to even the most beautiful descriptions. To strengthen this feeling and to sensitize today's youth, I Year Students of Computer Science Branch, Poornima Group of Institutions visited an old age home called **Pushpanjali, Near Khandaka Hospital, Gopal Pura Mode, Jaipur**. As a part of the subject, Human Values II Semester/First Year RTU syllabus, the purpose of this visit was to inculcate in the students the values of empathy and compassion, i.e. –the capacity to feel what it is to live in somebody else’s skin and feel their pain; and develop an understanding of the shortcomings of the society we live in.

On 18th February 2019, a group of about 30 students accompanied by two student Coordinators, **Shubham Kansal (III Year, Computer Science)** and Rahul Sikhwal (II Year, Civil Engineering) of the Helping Hands (PIET) and one faculty member, Ms. Ashima Sharma (Assistant Professor, Physics), visited the **Pushpanjali Old Age Home**. Mrs Maina Jain, the care taker of the home informed that there were 25 inmates in the home and she explained in detail about the background, establishment and management of the old age home. It was a paid old age home where people stay there on payment basis. Students were affected by the information and scenario around them. They were concerned and raised countless queries related to the inmates and their care. Having a personal interaction with those aged members, talking to them and seeing the smile on their faces when they knew that someone visited them, was really a heart-warming experience.

Students were escorted and shown all the facilities that were available to the senior citizens there, like – clinic, physiotherapy centre, prayer hall, bedroom, kitchen etc. They spent some thought provoking moments with the inmates who have been either neglected or have become unwanted by their children, who treat them as useless appendages.

A small refreshment with the inmates of the home was also a part of the visit which was sponsored by all the students, coordinators and faculties enjoyed it in the company of the inmates of the old age home. This visit was a huge learning experience for the young citizens and after spending four valuable hours, the students vowed to do something for senior citizens and contribute towards the betterment of their condition.

The overall activity was attractively coordinated by Dr. Anurika Mehta (Associate Professor, Chemistry)





