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Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR) Activity- Visit to Niware Old Age Home

As part of the Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR) initiative, students and faculty members of the Symbiosis Institute of Geoinformatics (SIG), Pune organized a visit to **Niware Old Age Home**. The visit aimed to promote empathy, compassion, and social engagement among students by connecting with the elderly residents and understanding their lives and challenges. The Objectives of the visit is to 1. To spend quality time with the elderly residents of the old age home, 2. To offer emotional support and companionship to senior citizens, 3. To promote social values and human dignity among students, & 4. To raise awareness about the needs and rights of the elderly community.

During the visit, the following activities were carried out: Students interacted with the residents, listened to their life stories, and shared their own experiences, creating a warm and joyful environment. As a gesture of care, students contributed and distributed essential items like fruits, snacks, groceries, to the residents. Basic discussions on health, nutrition, and mental well-being were initiated to better understand the needs of the elderly. Students gained a deeper understanding of the emotional and social needs of the elderly. The visit fostered a sense of gratitude, responsibility, and community service. Residents expressed happiness and appreciation for the time spent with them. The experience was enriching for all participants and highlighted the importance of intergenerational bonding. Many students reflected that the visit was emotionally touching and inspiring, motivating them to engage in more social initiatives.The elderly residents appreciated the enthusiasm and kindness of the students and welcomed the idea of more frequent visits. Faculty members commended the students for their active participation and compassionate behavior throughout the visit. The visit to Niware Old Age Home was a successful ISR activity that aligned with the values of Symbiosis and its mission to nurture socially responsible individuals. Such engagements help bridge the gap between generations and instill values of empathy, service, and social harmony in young minds.



Figure : Department Head addressing SIG students at Niware Old Age Home



Figure : SIG students attentively listening during an interactive session



Figure : Overview of the session held at Niware Old Age Home



Figure : Group photo of SIG students and faculty with the residents and staff