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
### 3.4 Extension activities

3.4.1 Extension activities are carried out in the neighborhood community, sensitizing students to social issues, for their holistic development, and impact thereof during the last five years

The NSS unit in collaboration with IQAC of the Government General Degree College is actively engaged with different extension activities. The program of the extension activities aims to raise awareness, educate, and empower the local community. It seeks to dispel harmful superstitions, promote critical thinking, and foster dialogue. Behaviour change is targeted through evidence-based education, collaborative action, and sustainable impact. Empowering community members to resist social pressures and make informed choices is a key objective. The promotion of inclusivity, tolerance, and respect for diversity is emphasized. Effectiveness is monitored to ensure long-term impact.

Our college is in a rural area where various superstitions are prevalent due to a lack of awareness and a scientific mindset. Incidents like seeking snake charmers instead of medical help after snake bites are common. We feel morally obligated to fight superstitions by educating people and promoting scientific habits.

Encouraging by the advice of the IQAC, the NSS unit of our college actively fights superstitions by organizing several programs inside and outside of the college campus. NSS unit invite activists from Paschim Banga Vigyan Mancha to organize awareness camps in nearby villages like Sonakhara and Panipukuria with the students of the Government General Degree College Gopiballavpur-II. Conversations with local inhabitant's help students understand and eliminate some superstitions effectively. Anti-superstition demonstrations are held in Beliaberah market and Baghuasole village school, supported by the BDO office and Gram Panchayat. Villagers engage with our college students, asking questions and providing valuable feedback. Leaflets, banners, and feedback forms are distributed to increase awareness and evaluate program effectiveness. While faculty members deliver speeches, sometimes social activists are also invited to these awareness programmes. Hands-on training exposes the tricks of occultists and astrologers, emphasizing scientific practices in daily life. We stress the need for youth involvement particularly with these activities, as their minds are open to learning and change.

  
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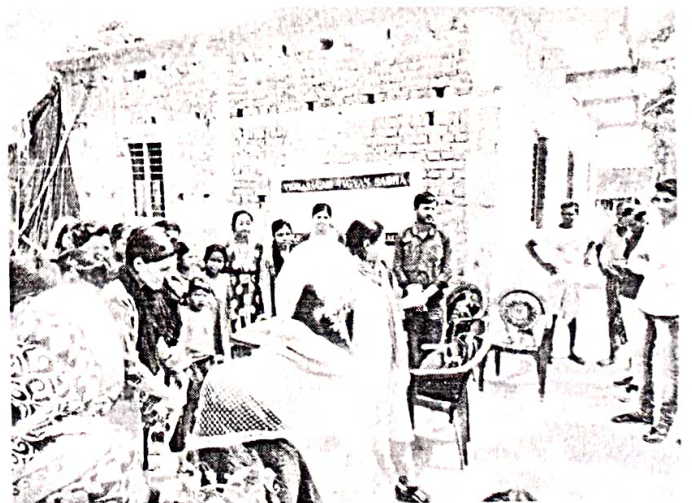
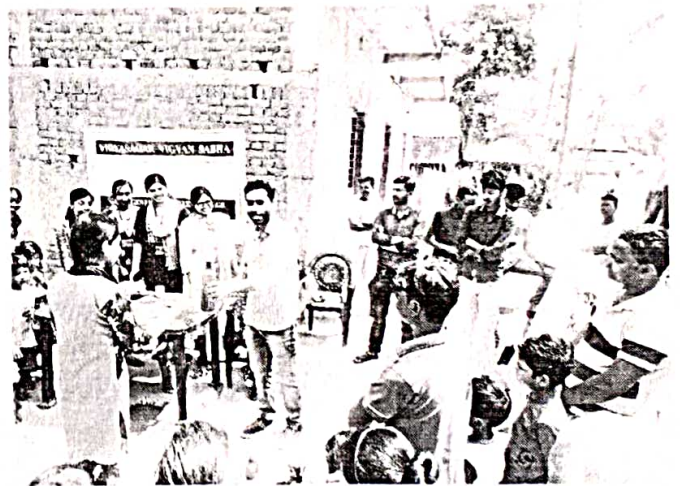
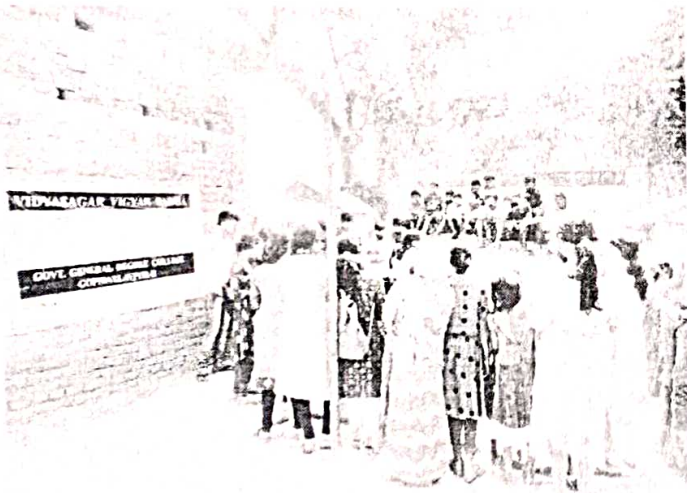
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Thanks to the consistent efforts of our teachers and college students, villagers are showing a gradual shift towards rationality and scientific thinking. There's a notable increase in attendance and participation in our awareness programs, signifying a growing interest and engagement within the community.

Despite our progress, eliminating all superstitions remains challenging due to resistance from entrenched belief systems and cultural traditions. Overcoming these barriers requires sustained efforts. Additionally, limited resources, including funding and logistical support, pose challenges in organizing and sustaining awareness programs on a larger scale.



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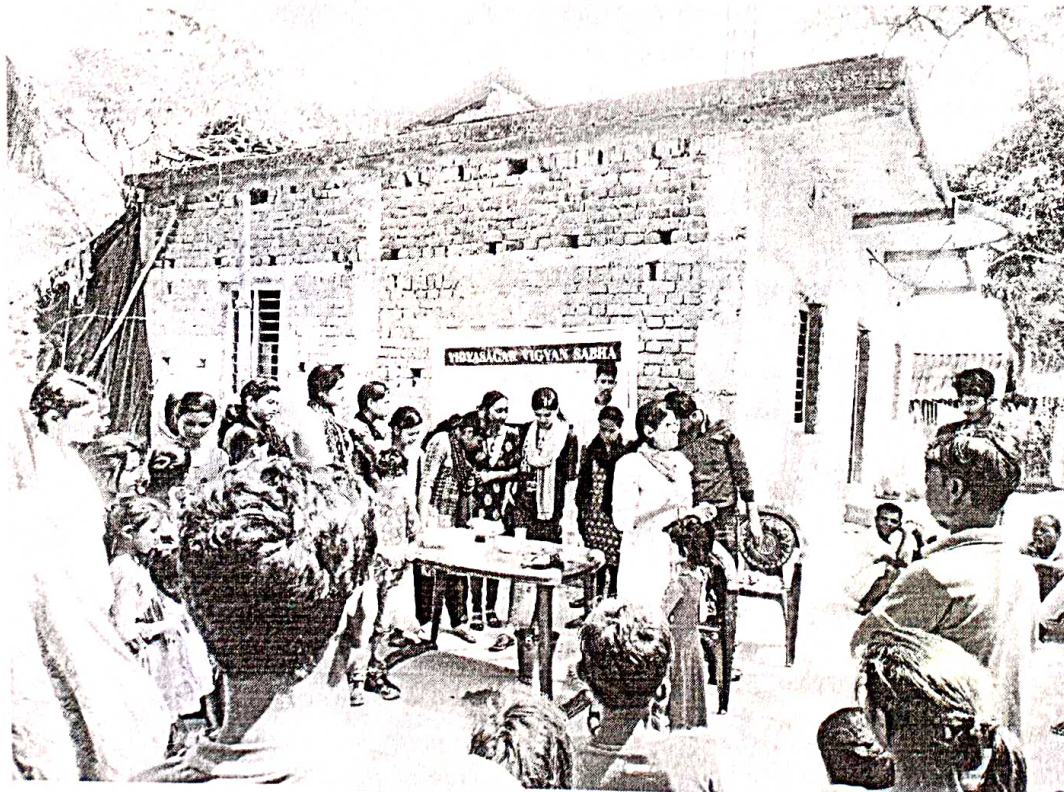
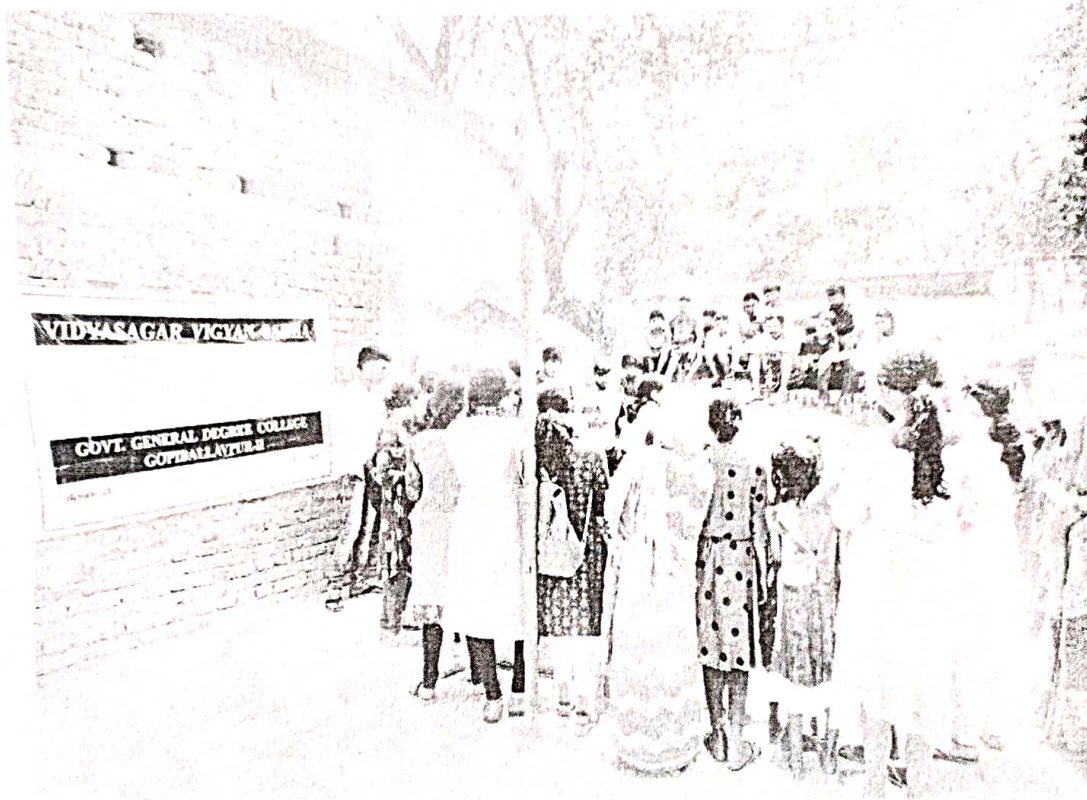
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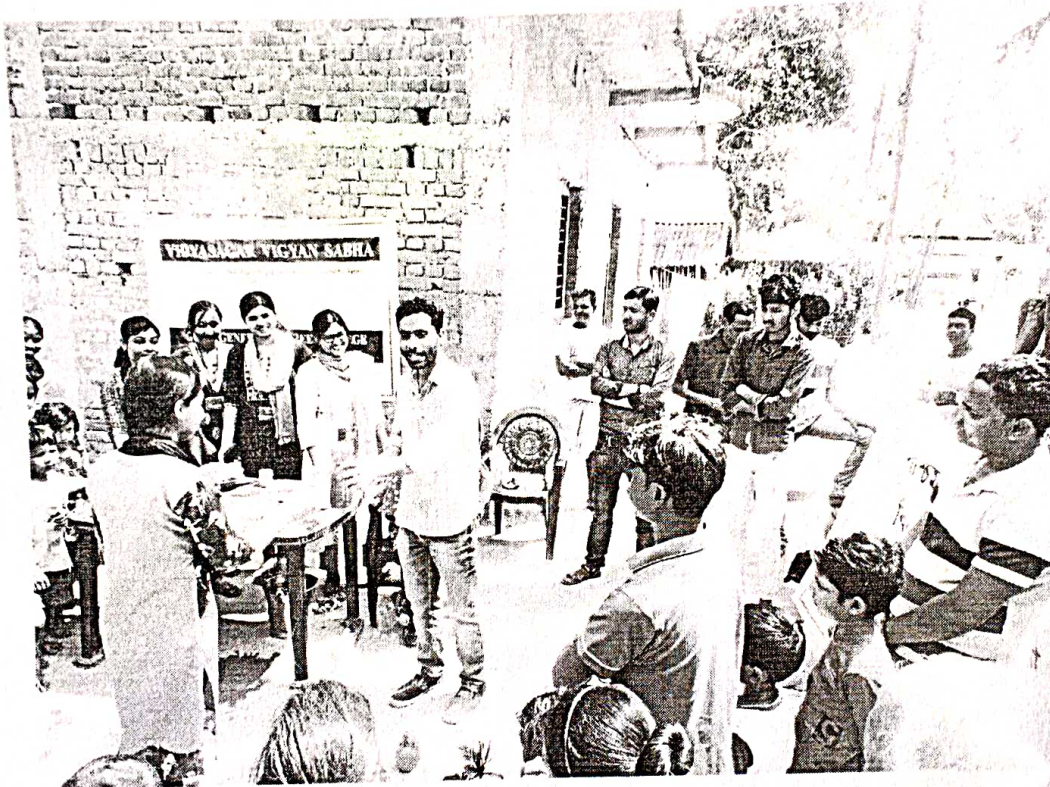
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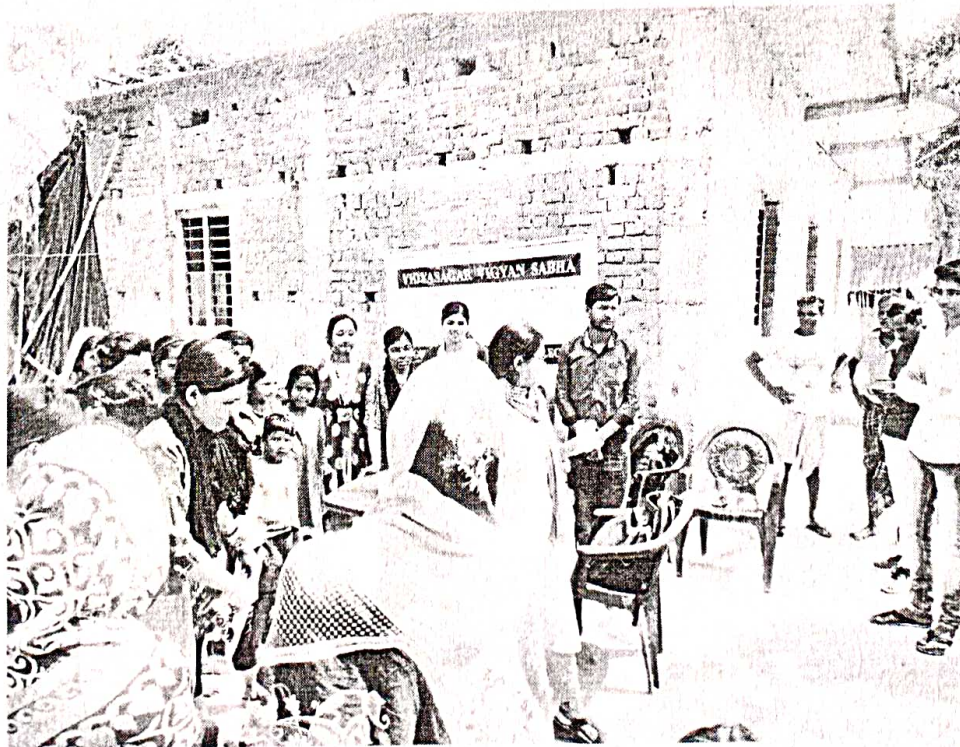
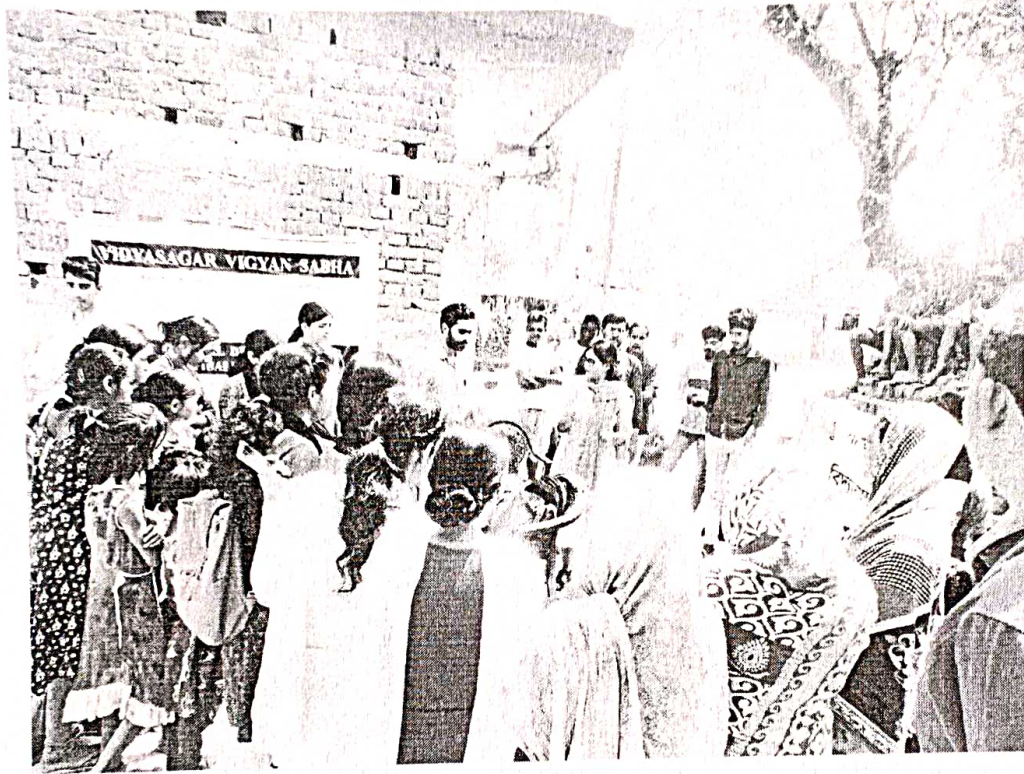
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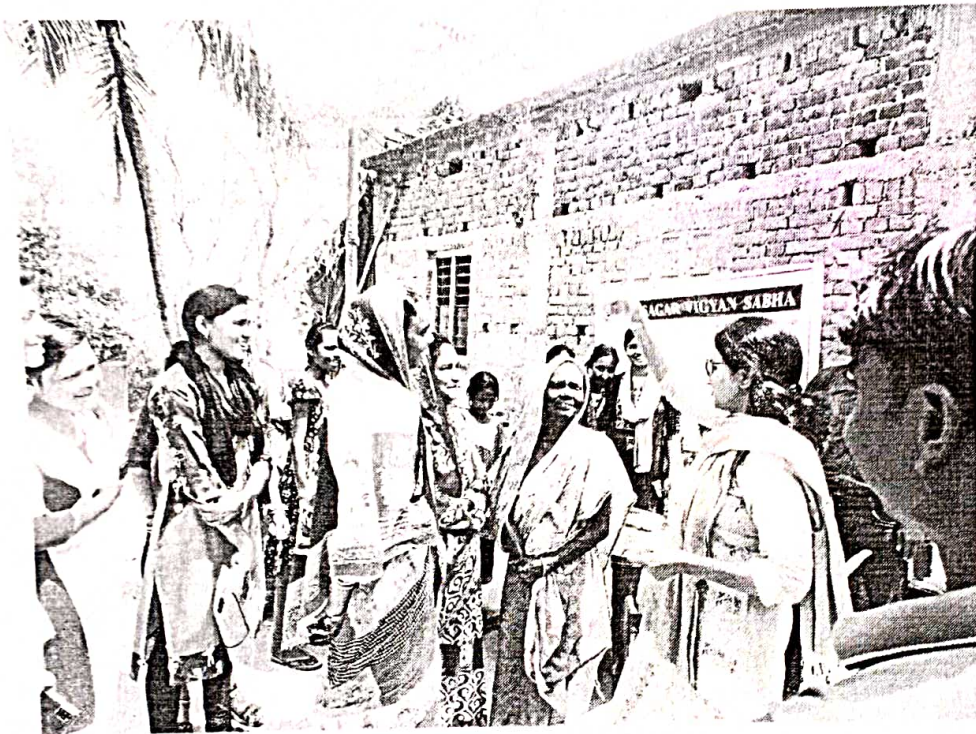
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