

VISIT TO SUKET SENIOR CITIZEN HOME SUNDERNAGAR

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The very concept of an old age home is new to India. An old age home is usually the place, a home for those old people who have no one to look after them or those who have been thrown out of their homes by their children. The place is off course like home where the inmates get all the facilities for a routine living, like food, clothing, and shelter. All these necessities are well looked after but, the much-needed love, and care of loved ones is off course sadly missing; for, how can outsiders provide solace? In these homes, it is very interesting and even touching to talk to people whether they are men or women.

At least in India till now, the old people staying away from the home, from their children, or left to themselves is not considered to be a very happy situation. This concept of separating the elders from the youngsters has been imported into India from the West.



Student volunteers with quilts and a group photo with senior citizens.

Students and NSS volunteers went to “The Suket Senior Citizen Home” Dehri, Sundernagar, Mandi on the occasion of Diwali celebration. The main objective of the visit to made a familiar atmosphere for senior citizens and to organize Diwali in a good manner with senior citizens.

Students interacted with senior citizens and trying to understand their problems and situations, why they parted from their family? Student volunteers collected **Rs. 6000.00** and donated quilts for upcoming winters. Volunteers also distributed fruits, sweets and organize special dinner for them on the occasion of Diwali.

Some of seniors citizens don't have any child and to spend their life smoothly they move to old age homes. Students also know about the difficulties facing by senior citizens. Some of them have their own children but they left them due to the generation gap. Main motive of the visit was to show the real face of society so that students would be committed to serve their parents. The other motive of the visit to meet them so that they don't feel they are alone.