Ramaiah Medical College has been organizing the community orientation programme (COP) for the Medical and Dental undergraduate students from 2004 and 2008 respectively. The institution in its wisdom has expanded the program to include students from departments of Pharmacy, Physiotherapy and Nursing since 2015. The core idea is to bring together the students from various disciplines and expose them to the nuances of the community based learning. This would enable them to work as a team in addressing the health care needs.

Inter-Disciplinary Community Orientation Programme (ID-COP) is to strengthen and orient teaching and training towards primary health care and to instil empathy and insight in students of medical and allied sciences in their professional and personal life while dealing with patients and people in general. It is a unique programme which is academically enriching, provides a holistic learning experience and aids personality development for the students involved.

Objectives:

1. Ensure value education through service to vulnerable/marginalised groups – people living in villages/slums/poorest of the poor and people with disability.
2. Strengthen skill and attitude input to students to help them serve later as effective doctors and leaders in the society.
3. Help the institution to work towards increased social accountability – in its service, training and research endeavours in undergraduate curriculum.
4. Help the students develop appropriate communication skills.
5. Working together as a team towards unity for health.

The programme involves visit to urban slums of Mathikere, Bengaluru and also residential stay at Kaiwara. Kaiwara is one of the rural health centers attached to this college, which is 70 kms from Bengaluru (15 kms from Chintamani) in Chikkaballapur district. The students during this time will be under the guidance of the faculty and visit the assigned villages in groups, build rapport and undertake various activities that will fulfill the objectives of this programme.
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The boarding and lodging facilities for the rural programme have been arranged at *Sri Yoginarayana Yathindraru Ashrama, Kaiwara.*

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