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Policy on Student Engagement in Community Extension Activities



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Preamble

Vimala College inculcates human values and social responsibilities among its student community. The Management and faculty encourage and support students to engage in community development activities through its various clubs, forums, units, cells and initiatives. This Policy provides objectives and operational guidelines for engaging students in community extension activities for reciprocal learning and service.

Underpinning Principle

Higher educational institutions (HEIs) can play an important role to achieve the objectives of socio-economic development of New India through their active community engagement. This approach will also contribute to improvements in quality of both teaching and research in HEIs as they will develop better understanding of issues confronting the society. It is also important that institutional mechanisms are developed to adopt a holistic and functional approach to community engagement, encompassing all the three functions of HEIs – teaching, research and service. UGC's ambitious Quality Mandate launched in 2018 has focused on improving societal linkages of HEIs and enabling students to become socially productive. (UGC National Curriculum Framework & Guidelines January, 2020)

Objectives

- To develop strategies to improve the quality of teaching and learning by bridging the gap between theory and practice.
- Promote deeper interactions, linkages and partnerships between the College and local communities and local self-governing institutions.
- Catalysing acquisition of values of public service and active citizenship amongst students.



- Undertaking research projects in partnership with local community through community-based research methods.

Operational Guidelines

- The College encourages student community to engage in community extension activities through its various forums, cells, units and other government initiatives such as UBA
- The faculty in charge of the above units will give appropriate training to the students before starting their work in communities
- The College will provide, within its capacity to do so, quality facilities that enable students to participate meaningfully in the community extension activities
- The students will discuss and inform their tutors regarding their involvement in the community activities
- The students who are engaged in the community outreach activities are required to observe appropriate standards of behaviour in the campus, community and online interactions.
- All students must adhere to the college requirements regarding community work such as obtaining consent from parents/guardians, informing the Tutor and recording their activities
- All students involved in community activities must demonstrate respectful behaviour in the community and keep the personal information about the clients or community people confidential
- Appropriate dress code and or presentation is required when representing the College



- All expenses towards doing community activities such as travel, food etc. to be met by students
- The students are expected to maintain an e- record of the community extension activities in the prescribed format. Title and venue of each activity, a brief description (20-30) words and the contribution of the student and their learning from the activity (15-20 words) are to be included in the report. The reports of the activities to be submitted to the Tutor at the end of each semester. A final report endorsed by the Tutor and HoD may be kept by the students as a testimony of their community work.




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