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## Presentation of Best Practice No. 2

### 1. Title of the Practice

**Social Cohesiveness for Education & Welfare**

### 2. Objectives of the Practice

The practice sets out to intend the inception and promotion of the concept of social values at the basic levels in the various disciplines of educational courses offered and all administrative divisions by SGT University. Such basic knowledge amongst students and employees equally leads to the objective of application of these social values in curriculum, extracurricular activities and special skill development endeavours by the University. Propelling one's career by remaining rooted to social concepts in the area leads to the development of socially connected and successful personalities with a team building atmosphere.

### 3. The Context

Connecting with the society out of one's comfort requires steps towards initiation of such an approach, which forms the biggest challenge for an individual. The society, especially the rural one which marks no boundaries to human mankind, is a concept which openly welcomes visitors in the traditional Indian way – अतिथिदेवोभवः. The University believes in giving back to the society in the humblest possible ways, so that the society connects with each and every representative of the University. Role modelling by students, teachers can become source of inspiration for people who are present in the varied demographic society of our country. The steps needed to be taken forward are the most challenging aspect of the whole phenomenon. An important feature of social connect is reliability of the content and its sustainability, which requires another challenging aspect of logistic arrangements needed for appropriate outcome.

### 4. The Practice

The practice of Social Cohesiveness intends to take every student of the University to the grass root levels and apply the basics of their curriculum to the society at large. All the faculties organise social outreach activities so that every student can contribute to the concept. Connecting to the society can be done in many ways. Sensitizations of the group, their trainings, awareness development, upskilling and exposure to the culture at the University campus are some means. The Health Sciences faculties of the University also take special care in providing appropriate general health, dental health mental health and other allied health knowledge, consultancy, treatment and referral to all the members of the society at their doorsteps. An example of this is our endeavour in adopting Village Budhera and working through the University platform of *Community Action Group/ "SamajikVikas SGT KaPrayas"* in other nearby villages namely KheraKhurrampur and

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Sultanpur. The engagements involved in this practice are unique to Indian Higher Education both from the past as in Gurukul's and as deemed in future in lines with National Education Policy. This gives an apt opportunity to every student to imbibe the important concept of social principles and its applications for a better tomorrow. Some of our other specific endeavours are sensitisation of farmers for crop protection, soil knowledge and better cultivation organised by Agricultural Sciences; Entrepreneurship skill development by all faculties; NavMuskaan, a dental faculty initiative for cleft lip & cleft palate children; mental health initiatives by Behavioural Sciences; Environmental initiatives by Sciences; Legal & Constitution Counselling by Law; Technological initiatives by Engineering and SwachataPakwada Initiatives. So much so, that our philosophy behind the practice led us to fight and stand tall in harsh COVID 19 times, too. These all aspects somewhere help to bridge the societal gap existing in our country. The government authorities, though working as first line for all the sections of society, sometimes are able to execute policies with collaborative partnership with private educational institutions like ours. Our students have interacted with the society through sensitisations, door-to-door surveys, focus group discussions, workshops, nukkaadnataks and informal discussions. With the involvement of Community Leaders, the practice also has the flexibility of planning and execution as per the need of the society so that the best outcome is achieved which further leads to develop long lasting relationships between the society and the University.

#### **5. Evidence of Success**

The evidence of success for this practice is the health care engagements which have resulted in establishment of super specialty health care facilities at the campus and the ever-increasing utilization of all health services at the campus. To take note is the door-to-door surveys undertaken at nearby villages with respect to oral health, general health, musculoskeletal and behavioural parameters. Health care facilities are being provided at minimal cost. Various faculties at the University have incorporated specific departments which deal with community outreach work targeting social causes. The departments have also been appreciated at various locations for their efforts. The culture is rapidly spreading among students who are also eager to engage in such activities like sensitisations, trainings, highlighting social causes & issues, technology support and skill development. More than 1700 activities have been organised by the University in collaboration with community and other organisations. We have been engaging in large number of activities with government organisations and through our NCC & NSS Units with special focus on drives like Swachh Bharat, Beti Bachao Beti Pado and significance days. Our outreach efforts have been appreciated and recognized too by organizations like Special Olympics Bharat, Haryana Medical Council for service during COVID-19, Social Development and Women Empowerment Organization, Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Blind Relief Association, Colgate Palmolive India Pvt. Ltd. and National Centre for Rural Development, to name a few. All this somewhere also

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make the rural society of our country to become better and confident individuals at their skill so as to contribute to ever growing economy of the country.

**6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

Sometimes the mind-set of the society being engaged is an important factor in defining the outcome of the activity. The initial hesitance and level to which society members involve themselves becomes a big challenge. But perseverance and reinforcement with calm attitude has helped overcome these situations. Another problem area sometimes encountered is lack of financial support for social endeavours. The University sponsors all the social activities but public or other private financial support may help us achieve sustainable goals on the social front. The ever-persistent realization on social matters is another challenge which beckons us as a group. Our cohesive resolute to patiently work for these social issues is the mantra behind our practice and our endeavor to be part of the larger national cause of - आत्मनिर्भरभारत.

  
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