



Rules on Community Engagement

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Short title and Commencement

These rules shall be called the “*Rules on Community Engagement*”.

2. Objectives

The University aims to contribute to the socio economic development of the nation through actively engaging its students and employees in community engagement which shall invariably contribute to the improvement of its teaching and research. Through such community engagement the university aims:

- i. To help students and employees understand the life and culture of people living in rural and remote areas;

- ii. To develop a bonding and mutual respect with the local community;
- iii. To develop knowledge of problems at the local level of the region and address it through the application of their learning/teaching and research;

To fulfil these objectives, University sets out the following rules:

3. Community Engagement Services

- i. Each constituent institute shall constitute a Community Engagement committee (CEC) for planning and organising events, workshops, seminars, awareness drives (environmental, hygiene, technological, informational and etc.) camps, projects, shramdaan, clinical aids (medical and legal) etc. in the rural areas.
- ii. Such events, workshops, seminars, awareness drives, camps, etc. shall be organised with the permission and cooperation of the local authorities.
- iii. Students and employees shall develop linkages with local government, district administration, businesses and local NGOs to promote, facilitate and implement such community engagement services.

4. Free Clinics

Free clinics such as Legal Aid Clinic, Medical Clinic, etc. at institutional level shall be established as per the discipline or field of study, primarily to promote the objective of these regulations by each discipline. These clinics will be monitored by the CEC of the respective constituent institute of the university.

5. Value Addition

- i. Community engagement programs shall be the part of the curriculum of all the courses in each constituent college.
- ii. Participation of students in such community engagement programs may earn them credits as per the credit structure defined for the specific course they are enrolled in.
- iii. During the review of the performance of the employees (teaching or non-teaching) which includes their regularisation and promotion, their contribution in such community engagement programs may be considered and given weightage.
- iv. During the assessment of application of any candidate for appointment of teaching or non-teaching employee, their contribution in such community engagement

programs in their previous employment tenure may be considered and given weightage.