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# Haribhai V. Desai College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Pune.

# **Community Work and Extension Policy**

1.	Administrative Policy Number	Functional Area:
	(APN): 15/2018-19	NSS and Community
2.	Brief Description of the Policy:	Purpose: Community and extension policy serves as a guiding framework to ensure that our collective efforts align with our core values of collaboration, respect, and growth.  Audience: Community
3.	Policy Applies to:	Student, Staff, Management and
		Community
4.	Effective from the Date:	1st November 2019
5.	Approved by:	College Development Committee (CDC)
6.	Responsible Authority	NSS Program Officer
7.	Superseding Authority	Principal
8.	Last Reviewed/ Updated:	New policy
9.	Reason for the policy	Quality as the sole criterion for updating
10.	References for the policy	UGC/ NAAC/ University

#### Introduction:

The college NSS unit acts as a bond between Haribhai V. Desai College of Arts, Science and Commerce and society, to provide better and effective services for the development of surrounding areas through various innovative initiatives. Under the guidance of the NSS Programme Officer, students of Arts, Science, Commerce, BBA, B.Sc.(CS) engage in social upliftment activities to foster the community development through various programs.

This policy for Extension activity involves identifying community needs and then partnering with local organizations and individuals to address them through awareness campaign, extending knowledge and other institutional resources to the community. Outreach program is a complete entanglement between the community and education institution. Outreach activities develop learning and applying knowledge to studies, community services, a sense of responsibility toward the unreached community's reflection and feedback on the experience to improve and sustain the process; and a partnership between communities.

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**Vision:** To improve the value of the life of rural people by meeting their rudimentary needs, and improving the quality of life and economic well-being of people living in the urban and rural area.

**Mission:** Our institution inculcates social value and responsibilities to the faculty members and volunteers by imparting extension activities in the neighbourhood for holistic development of the society. Through extension and outreach programs, we sensitize the students to develop social values, awareness about their responsibilities and knowledge in societal issues and problems by their practical involvement.

#### **Objectives:**

- Cultivate a culture of social responsibility and civic engagement.
- Sensitize students about the socio-economic realities.
- Design programmes for the protection and conservation of Environment
- Help local governments to improve their quality of governance.

#### **Code of Conduct:**

- The NSS Extension and Outreach Committee shall be the central organ for coordinating all extension or outreach projects.
- The members of the committee shall comprise of the college principal, one representative from each of the academic unit, NSS Programme Officer and two student representatives.
- Every student must participate in at least 2 outreach/ extension activities per semester.
- Extension activities of each department will be planned sufficiently early and included in the annual plan of the department.
- The department involved in maximum number of activities for that semester will be appreciated.

#### **General Provisions:**

- All students should be involved in extension and outreach activities. The programmes
  organised should help in imbibing the spirit of service among students.
- 2. The extension activities should help build society through the service of the college.

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- Special care and consideration are to be given to the marginalised sections of society including tribal, economically backward communities etc.
- 4. Old people should be given special attention when the services are offered.
- 5. NSS and other cells should follow the guiding principles of 'Heart to Heart'.
- 6. Teaching staff should also participate in this programme and contribute in their own way to the community along with their academic exercise.

#### **Incentives:**

Incentives described are subjected to the decisions by the Savitribai Phule Pune University will be allotted credit points according to the range of activities they implement under this scheme.

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