

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

VERSION 1.0



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Preamble

Gauhati University, as a premier institution of higher education in Northeast India, recognizes its responsibility to contribute to societal development through meaningful community engagement. This policy outlines the university's commitment to fostering community participation, addressing societal challenges, and promoting sustainable development.

Objectives

- To integrate community engagement into academic programs and research initiatives.
- To promote social responsibility among students, faculty, and staff.
- To collaborate with government agencies, NGOs, and local communities for social welfare.
- To support capacity-building programs and sustainable livelihood initiatives.
- To encourage student participation in outreach activities and service-learning.
- To establish mechanisms for knowledge sharing and technology transfer.

Principles

- **Inclusivity:** Engage with diverse communities irrespective of socio-economic status, gender, or ethnicity.
- **Sustainability:** Ensure long-term positive impact through responsible interventions.
- **Reciprocity:** Foster mutual learning and benefit between the university and the community.
- **Ethical Engagement:** Maintain transparency, accountability, and ethical standards in all initiatives.

Modes of Engagement

- **Service-Learning:** Integrating community service into curricula to enhance experiential learning.
- **Extension Activities:** Conducting health camps, environmental awareness programs, and literacy drives.
- **Skill Development & Entrepreneurship:** Organizing vocational training and promoting self-employment opportunities.
- **Research & Innovation:** Encouraging faculty and students to undertake community-centric research.
- **Policy Advocacy & Consultancy:** Providing expert recommendations to government bodies on regional and social issues.
- **Cultural & Heritage Preservation:** Engaging in activities that promote indigenous knowledge systems and cultural traditions.

Institutional Framework

- Establishment of a **Community Engagement Cell (CEC)** to coordinate and monitor activities.
- Designation of faculty coordinators for community outreach in each department.
- Development of collaborations with industry, NGOs, and international organizations.
- Periodic assessment of community impact through structured feedback mechanisms.

Implementation Strategy

- Annual action plan for community engagement activities with measurable goals.
- Allocation of financial and infrastructural resources to support outreach programs.
- Capacity-building workshops for faculty and students to enhance community engagement skills.
- Recognition and incentives for outstanding contributions in community service.

Monitoring & Evaluation

- Regular impact assessments of engagement programs through surveys and case studies.
- Feedback collection from stakeholders, including students, faculty, and community members.
- Submission of annual reports on community engagement initiatives.
- Review and revision of policy based on assessment outcomes.

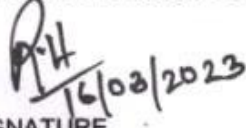
Gauhati University is committed to fostering a culture of community engagement that aligns with its mission of social responsibility and academic excellence. Through this policy, the university aims to create a lasting impact on society while enriching the educational experience of its students.

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