COMMUNITY SERVICES POLICY (CSP)

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1.0. CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES POLICY (CSP)

Digboi College believes that working for a fair, good and sustainable society is the moral obligation of the College. The higher education institutions should bring about good citizens, good society; to find solutions to the ecological, economic and social problems and needs at the local and global level, to improve the quality of life at large. The College recognizes that higher education institutions need to play a significant role by influencing demographically, economically and socio-culturally the region in which it has been established. Accordingly, the College aims to contribute for the creation of a better society by contributing to the solutions of humanistic, social, economic and ecological problems of the area.

Keeping this in mind, Digboi College adopts the motto of “service to the community” as its primary duty in order to ensure that it can reach the society, spread and serve humanity through education, research, social, cultural, artistic and sports activities. It intends to develop a broad-based scheme for this purpose.

2.0. OBJECTIVES OF COMMUNITY SERVICES POLICY (CSP)

The CSP of Digboi College intends to take the social and intellectual responsibility to make a sustainable contribution to the society, the disadvantaged groups and ecological problems of the society.
2.0. RESPONSIBILITIES

While serving the community is a shared responsibility of all the stakeholders of the college; the primary responsibility of implementation of the CSP will rest on the NSS Unit, Women Cell and NCC of the college. The CSP will be monitored by a committee subject to approval of the appropriate authority. The committee consists of the following-

a) Chairperson: Principal, Digboi College;
b) Conveners:
   a. Programme Officer, NSS Unit;
   b. Convener, Women Cell; and
   c. ANO, NCC of Digboi College.
c) Members: IQAC Coordinator, 2 teachers (at least 1 lady), DCSU secretary

4.0 SCOPE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES POLICY (CSP)

The CSP admits that it is the social and intellectual responsibility of the College to make sustainable contribution to the society. Accordingly, the College covers a wide range of areas concerned with its endeavour for servicing the society. The policy covers the following areas –

4.1 Developing Livelihood skills: The CSP intends to take initiatives for disseminating the economic boosting techniques through community participation for the purpose of generating the essential skills for livelihood. This policy aims at providing livelihood skills to the poor people belonging to the neighboring villages through workshop, awareness drive etc. by using indigenous and economy techniques.

4.2 Teaching school students: The CSP advocates that the college fraternity needs to take initiatives to offer study assistance to the school students of the neighboring villages. Apart from curricular aspects, the teachers and students need to be involved in providing training for non-academic activities too.

4.3 Medical Camp: The CSP makes provisions that medical camps are to be organized every year for the neighboring people. The CSP advocates that in doing so the College needs to take assistance from doctors and medical staff available in the health centers and hospitals of the adjoining areas. Assistance from Lions Club and Rotary Club can also be taken in this connection. The policy also advocates organization of veterinary camp for awareness, treatment and vaccination purposes.
4.4 **Assistance to the needy people:** The CSP advocates that the College needs to be involved wholeheartedly for offering helping hands to the needy people. The College needs to take initiatives to provide assistance (in monetary or other forms) to the people of neighboring areas at the time of their hardship. A separate fund is to be kept aside for this purpose.

4.5 **Women empowerment:** The CSP envisions taking up various programmes for empowering women educationally, physically, economically and socially.

4.6 **Awareness Programmes:** The policy makes provisions for various types of awareness programmes to address the diverse issues of the local community. This includes awareness programmes on substance abuse, road safety, swaachata drive, plastic Mukt Bharat, gender sensitization, social taboos, and ill practices like witch hunting, menstruation taboos and many more. The College also needs to take initiative for creating awareness on wildlife conservation and environmental education.

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