

# MURGAON EDUCATION SOCIETY'S COLLEGE OF ARTS & COMMERCE

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## EXTENSION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH POLICY

#### INTRODUCTION:

In line with our mission and vision statements, we at M.E.S. College of Arts and Commerce believe that quality education (SDG 4) targeted at holistic development can cater to the needs of the community and society at large. We recognize the pivotal role of the community as active stakeholders in any institution and our responsibility toward community engagement. Holistic education must include community engagement to foster a strong sense of social awareness and responsibility while fostering community resilience and nation-building. This will help ensure the attainment of other Sustainable Development Goals like Good health and well-being (SDG 3), Gender equality (SDG 5), and reduced inequalities (SDG 10), to name a few. Though the institution has always been actively involved in extension and outreach initiatives, in this Golden Jubilee year, we adopt a policy-driven approach to attain effective community engagement.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- 1. To strategically plan and execute extension and community outreach initiatives.
- 2. To uphold the needs of the community as an integral stakeholder.
- 3. To foster community resilience and nation-building.
- 4. Build a strong bond between youth, community, and society.
- 5. To provide quality education, inclusive of extension and outreach initiatives for holistic development students.
- 6. To undertake initiatives where the institution can give back to the community.
- 7. To spread awareness and undertake activities targeted at health and well-being (SDG
  - 3), reducing gender biases (SDG 5), economic and social empowerment (SDG 10),

- and Environmental Sustainability (SDG 13,14,15), among others in the context of Sustainable Development Goals.
- 8. To partner with other institutions/organizations to uphold our responsibility towards the community and society.

#### SCOPE AND INITIATIVES:

- 1. Health and wellbeing
- 2. Environmental sustainability and awareness
- 3. Economic empowerment
- 4. Social empowerment
- 5. Gender equality
- 6. Community resilience building
- 7. Digital empowerment and well-being

\*The scope mentioned includes but is not limited to the initiatives summarized in this policy document. Some of our initiatives under extension and outreach policy are also extended as green initiatives.

### METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Satisfaction surveys
- 2. Expert opinions
- 3. Feedback/ testimonials

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