

## **BEST PRACTICE – 2**

### **2.1 Title of the Practice: Community Engagement Services**

Encourage student involvement in charitable projects that enhance the lives of the impoverished on both a social and economic level and foster community development.

### **2.2 Objectives of the Practice:**

- To offer engineering remedies for societal problems.
- To support initiatives for gender parity and issues with women's education.
- To empower individuals to advance social justice and equality in the community.
- To increase environmental protection engagement to advance sustainable development.

### **2.3 The Context**

SurTech is steadfastly dedicated to engaging its stakeholders in a range of community-focused endeavours. The institute understands how critical it is to interact with the neighbourhood and have a positive influence off campus. Environmental conservation strategies, a social focus, and community engagement are now commonplace in academic programs.

SurTech hopes to address social challenges, promote meaningful connections, and support community development in a sustainable way through these activities. SurTech fosters teamwork, communication, and shared responsibility by actively incorporating stakeholders in community activities, such as teachers, staff, students, and locals. This inclusive strategy fosters empathy, understanding, and a feeling of shared purpose in addition to strengthening the institute's engagement with the community. The institute works to improve community well-being and the lives of individuals by implementing volunteer programs, forming relationships with local groups, and hosting outreach events. SurTech exhibits its commitment to social responsibility and its faith in the ability of education to act as a catalyst for positive change by investing time, money, and expertise in community engagement.

### **2.4 The Practice**

The institute actively participates in the planning of awareness campaigns on important subjects such as "SAY NO TO PLASTIC," "SWATCH BHARATH" (Clean India), and "SAY NO TO DRUGS". The local community and schoolchildren are to be educated about the value of healthy living and environmental preservation through these initiatives. SurTech aims to instill a sense of responsibility and motivate people to make positive changes for a cleaner and healthier environment by raising awareness and disseminating knowledge.

SurTech actively participates in the Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan (UBA), a

government initiative that promotes cooperation between universities and rural communities. Through UBA, SurTech interacts directly with rural communities to comprehend their problems and create long-term solutions. By utilizing SurTech's resources and skills, this cooperative initiative empowers the community to achieve sustainable growth and encourages social responsibility. SurTech works with rural residents to bring about sustainable, good improvements that enhance their quality of life and advance the community.

Furthermore, SurTech has adopted a nearby village's elementary school on its own initiative. The staff and students at the institute actively assist in improving the school pupils' learning abilities through frequent visits. They strive to provide a welcoming and supportive learning environment in addition to offering invaluable academic support. This program demonstrates SurTech's commitment to inclusive growth and educational outreach, guaranteeing that even the students in the nearby rural areas have access to high-quality education and chances for personal growth.

The institute undertakes several community development projects that support the improvement of societal values. The institute took several actions during the COVID-19 epidemic to help those in need and give them with books, vaccines, and aid.

The National Service Scheme (NSS) division of SurTech actively engages in a variety of community-related endeavours. They host events such as "CLEAN AND GREEN," "SAVE WATER-SAVE EARTH," "PLANT A TREE," and "AROGYAME MAHA BHAGYAM" to increase public awareness of environmental challenges and involve the neighbourhood in finding solutions. SurTech fosters a sense of responsibility and group action by encouraging people to actively participate in environmental conservation through these activities.

The Registered National Cadet Corps (NCC) Cell of SurTech actively engaged in a variety of programs to foster a spirit of patriotism, discipline, and leadership among the youth, and to encourage their participation in the NCC. Twenty-Four (24) No of Cadets of Dr. Sudhir Chandra Sur Institute and Sports Complex (SurTech) were participated in the Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC-KB-07). The students had the opportunity to witness firsthand the precision, coordination, and discipline instilled through NCC training. This practical demonstration served to pique the interest of the students and showcase the various facets of NCC beyond theoretical discussions. Through this type of regular training a special emphasis was placed on the significance of NCC inculcating leadership qualities and instilling a sense of responsibility towards society and the nation at large.

The institute's NSS & NCC unit helps to create a more sustainable and greener future by highlighting the value of a healthy environment and encouraging sustainable activities.

## **2.5 The Evidence of Success:**

SurTech is committed to making a meaningful and long-lasting impact on society, as seen by its involvement in community-related initiatives. The organization makes a concerted effort to **solve social issues, foster positive ties with the community, and advance general development**. SurTech aligns its work with the concepts of **social responsibility and community empowerment** to make a significant difference in the lives of individuals and the larger community it serves through **promoting collaboration**.

Students, faculty members, and staff have participated in a variety of **outreach initiatives** to assist those who are economically and socially disadvantaged. Initiatives to assist the impoverished have frequently included programs like the **distribution of food and other necessities**. Several student and faculty groups from various clubs and units visit nursing homes and other facilities that provide care for the impoverished on a regular basis with the intention of providing them with necessities.

In addition, many your current and former students are involved with different NGOs and freely donate to worthy causes.

Through these continued initiatives, SurTech shows that it is a responsible and engaged organization that extends beyond the classroom to make a good impact on the community.

## **2.6 Problems encountered and Resources Required**

Problems Encountered:

People who are in need are frequently located in far-off places, which makes it difficult to provide them with social services. Moreover, considering the large number of socially disadvantaged people in the neighbourhood, accommodating everyone becomes a challenging undertaking.

Resources Required:

- Relationships to welfare and nongovernmental groups.
- A thorough database of the neighbourhood and surrounding areas.
- A special car with all the materials it needs.