

# **SOCIAL AND INDUSTRY CONNECT**



**ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE**

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## **Incorporating and enhancing social responsibilities and community enhancement in Higher Education Institutions**

The world around is going through unprecedented happenings, responsibility of Higher Education system towards society and nearby communities is getting remarkable attention. So many issues of the society like environmental degradation, social exclusion, poverty, natural hazards, pandemics, sustainable growth etc. need immediate attention of Higher Education capabilities. Social transformation and social equity through education is long expected to be accomplished. This integration of knowledge and society cannot be pushed further. The society needs that positive transformation as the need of the hour. Teaching faculty and the students can act their roles as intellectuals in societal support and in the meantime, the students can develop and grow the concept of inclusive development where a sense of social responsibility and community engagement activities are inculcated with their academic achievements and personal growth. Instilling the requirements of immediate society and dedication towards addressing them should be imparted to the students through a curriculum incorporating these principles.

1. Activities related to social responsibility through NSS where the students are in constant touch with a rural community near the institution which they are part of
2. Involving students of the institution with the young adults of the community to practice and develop 'Money management skills in young adults' as it seems to be an important issue in the current economic state of the country and the societies in it
3. Training school students in the immediate community by students of the institution in basic aspects related to their studies
4. Encouraging students to share a part of their resources to the less privileged children in the community
5. Deploying students of the institution to give proper guidance in issues related to environmental degradation and its management
6. Orienting students to give training to the nearby school students for their skill enhancement

7. Encourage the students to be participants of societal development activities such as building houses, construction of toilets, cleaning activities etc.
8. Preserving a green and sustainable neighborhood
9. Inculcate activities related to farming and cultivation in the institution, in the community as well as in their own homes
10. Donating their voices to differently abled children for academic and non-academic purposes

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