

NIP-NGO Internship Program at Sharda University An initiative by Sharda Education Trust

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Mr PK Gupta, Chairman, Sharda Group of Institutions said, "The NIP project is a social initiative undertaken by the Trust for the development and betterment of society. SET will provide these NGOs highly motivated students and experienced faculty."

Dedicated, trained manpower, i.e the university's national and international faculty with years of experience and intellect, will work with them on Field, Application and Research based projects. These inputs in turn will enable the NGOs to effectively implement and execute their present, as well as future projects.

Sharda University students will assist as volunteers on ground level projects and also get an opportunity to work on live projects, which will go along in contributing to their overall development.

As per the understanding, REACHA will identify, screen and select the NGOs where NIP can roll out. SET will provide: Infrastructure, trained and dedicated manpower and medical services through its charitable hospital.

Since Sharda University's focus is on application based learning, this program will offer students the required exposure to environmental and social sciences, humanities, cultural heritage and conservation as well as democratic reforms and governance issues.

A standing committee will oversee the execution of NIP and give direction to the programme. Members of this committee are:

1. Mrs.Seema Gupta, Principal Promoter
2. Mrs Susan Bathie (Prof. HR)
3. Mr Yannis Tragopoulos (Prof. IT)
4. Dr Daleep Parimoo (GM HR)
5. Mr Ashique Hasan (Prof Mechanical)
6. Mr Nikhil Pant (Member Secretary and Head-Child and Youth, HRD Division)

The NGOs, which have signed an MoU with Sharda Education Trust are:

1. Ray Welfare Trust
2. Braj Foundation
3. Himjyoti Foundation
4. REACHA
5. Udayan Care

6. Association for Democratic Reform
7. CBGA
8. Om Foundation
9. AROH Foundation
10. Business & Community Foundation
11. Shahari Vikas Manch.
12. Matrica Foundation

CSR Activities at Sharda University

In another step towards corporate social responsibility, Sharda University students launched two unique initiatives -- **Education Beyond Boundaries (EBB)** and **Color It Green**.

EBB recently conducted an interactive session in which Mr. PK Gupta, Chairman Sharda Group of Institution and Mrs. Seema Gupta, Principal Promoter, NIP committee interacted with children of the neighbouring class-four employees' colonies.

"Education Beyond Boundaries" is an attempt by Sharda University to educate class four employees. Preliminary research for this program has identified the following needs:

- Healtheducation
- Medical services
- Literacy

To take this programme forward EBB is in the process of commissioning an in-depth survey of employees living in the colonies. This will lead to the development of a chain-plan to meet their requirement. The thought behind this initiative is to:

- Empower a specific group of employees to improve effectiveness, impact and sustainability of their efforts
- Identify appropriate methods to meet their requirements.
- Make women self-dependent so that they can also contribute to the family income.
- Provide education to children through proper schooling so that they can become civilized and responsible citizens of the country.
- Create awareness with regard to hygiene and health.

Color It Green: This initiative works towards promotion of an eco-friendly environment at the Sharda University campus. Measures will be taken to ensure cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation within the surroundings and appropriate methodologies will be adopted to find an effective solution for waste management on the campus. The motive is to 'Regain the Colors of Nature'.

SET will also provide intellectual capital and volunteers to these initiatives so that they run on a self sustainable model.

Notes to Editor

About Sharda University

Sharda University in Greater Noida, established under the aegis of Sharda Group of Institutions (SGI), and enacted by Act 14 of year 2009 Govt. of U.P is North India's largest education group. SGI was set up by Sharda Education Trust in 1995 and offers over 75 programmes at its 14 colleges across 4 campuses. The institutions run maximum NBA Accredited Courses taught by full time foreign and Indian faculty. Degrees are offered in all disciplines including Engineering, Management, Commerce, Economics, Mass Communication and Journalism, Medical, Dental, Nursing etc.

Sharda University in Greater Noida is the only one in India to offer a fully flexible credit based system. Its philosophy is based upon 'process-driven' & 'knowledge based' education to prepare the student stand out in today's competitive world with confidence and caliber. The University believes in basic education delivery through "Application Based learning" by utilizing modern practices.

The Sharda University campus, spread over 63 acres has one of the most vibrant and stimulating academic, co-curricular and student friendly infrastructure in the NCR. It also has a 500-bedded super specialty hospital on site attached with a proposed medical college.

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