



# Swami Vivekanand Subharti University

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## 1. Title of the Practice: “Responsibilities Foremost Rights Later”

## 2. Goal/Objectives of the Practice

Fundamental Rights and Social responsibilities of an individual are an integral part of the developed as well as developing countries. Rights provide an equal opportunity to all irrespective of the cast, creed or religious background. We all are well versed with our rights but are never forthcoming on the issue of our responsibilities. So to develop the values and respect for the rights and freedom is the foundation Human Value and Professional Ethics Education.

At Subharti, Responsibility is not just another word; it is the essential part of life. The principal objectives of this practice are as follows:

1. To inculcate an understanding of what human rights are among the students, faculty members and other non-teaching staff;
2. To make them understand their responsibilities, so that their rights are invariably taken care of.
3. To develop perceptible about the relationship between rights and responsibilities;
4. To organize activities for the students, faculty members and other non-teaching staff to foster knowledge of human rights and fundamental freedoms at the national and international levels

## 3. The Context

"Every individual and every component of society ... shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms." Preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948. In 2004, the United Nations Human Rights Commission was split down the middle on the question of developing an approach to 'human responsibilities'. The preamble of our constitution secures to all the citizens "*Liberty of thoughts, expression, belief, faith and worship*", which are fundamental rights of the citizens. Our duties as a citizen of India are enshrined in the Article 51-A of our Constitution.

To preserve these values which are also enshrined in our Constitution, we are involving all Subhartians to follow a practice named "***Responsibilities Foremost Rights Later***". Under this practice, numerous activities have been organized like seminars, workshops to make aware the people of the facts of the constitution, importance of constitutional values, competitive programs like debate competitions, art and crafts, various contests, various campaigns etc. with the active participation of students, faculty members and other non-teaching staff every year.

## 4. The Practice

The fervour of patriotism (Rashtriyata) of Swami Vivekanand Subharti University is one of the virtues, which are inculcated among students and all employees. University celebrates commemorate the birth and death anniversaries of our freedom fighters, honour our Martyrs and the various festivals with great fanfare irrespective of the religion along with students and all the employees by organizing several activities throughout the year as 'Subharti Days'. These commendable initiatives are very much effective to spread awareness among the different stakeholders of the society towards their responsibilities for nation.

Gender Sensitization Committee in association with the FACULTIES of University organizes programmes specific to Gender Equality such as International Women Day, Women Empowerment, Women Health and Nutrition, Self Defence Camp etc. aiming to sensitize about equal responsibilities towards opposite gender.

Recycling, Reusing, and Reducing to contribute towards environmental responsibility. University has declared every Wednesday as "Car Free Day" and also celebrates Environment Day, Ozone Day and Wildlife Week to sensitize the students. Preparing a green belt by planting more number of plants within campus is also an added step to reduce our carbon footprint. Even, during the visit of any dignitary guest, we prefer to honor them offering a sapling for plantation as a token of thanks.

Under the Institutional Social Responsibility, University is serving to the community from almost two decades. University organizes several camps such as Health Check-up Camps, Tobacco Awareness Camp, AIDS Awareness Camp, diabetes Awareness Camp, Blood Donation Camp, Eye Check-up Camp, Nutrition and Health Camp, Oral Screening Camp, Legal AID Camp, Educational Camp etc. and also conducts various activities such as Nukkad Natak, Skit, and Competition etc. in the neighbourhood communities.

University has adopted 5 villages under Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan in 2018 for providing necessary and essential services to the community. This helps community to get rid of its social ills and develop with ease thus contributing to the development of the nation and the overall betterment of life.

## **5. Evidence of Success**

Several initiatives of the University have made students and employees sensitized about their responsibilities. This mantra has already started paying dividends. We are creating citizens who are more responsible and are more responsive and working for the betterment of the society and Nation.

The University has been recognized for its efforts by various National and International organizations with various awards and recognitions like Paryavaran Sangrakshan Award in Thailand, Global Ambassador for Buddhism Award, SIX SIGMA Healthcare Excellence Award, CSR Excellence Award, Covid-19 Healthcare Excellence Award etc.

As a result of continuous efforts for the accomplishment of objectives of this best practice, our students are able to understand the values of sacrifice and forgiveness, respect for elders, honesty and truth, thinking about others before self-etc. Before they stake a claim for their rights, they definitely consider their responsibility and duties. University has placed a good example by adhering socially responsible practices which are helping to improve the quality of lives for individuals and their families of the neighbourhood communities.

With these healthy practices a seed of change has been sown and the blossoming of tree might take some time but we have to wait patiently for it. It is a continuous process, some results are already visible, but it will take a consistent effort on the part of every individual.

## **6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

Being a Private self-funded University, there are financial constrictions to organize the activities at large scale, thus University is working to get the 12B recognition so to get the funds from the outsource government and non-governmental agency. University has received some grants under the School of Buddhist Studies which includes self-generated funds to organize several activities like Celebration of Constitution Day, Human Rights Day, Independence Day, Republic Day Independence Day of United India, International Yoga Day, International Women Day etc. We are still working harder to get more success in this field.