

A Brief Note on Institutional Distinctiveness

a. National Social Service (NSS)

To create an awareness among the NSS students and make them enrol under NSS of SPPU, the students were given a briefing on NSS activities, the need for social service and its humanitarian aspect on 24th Nov,2018 by Dr. Praveen Saptarshi. On 29th Nov,2018, the students visited a hostel meant for orphan children (whose parents were killed in 1993 blasts and farmers who had committed suicide). Students attended Nari Shakti Workshop on 4th Dec,2018, at SPPU. The guests were women from the Indian Army who encouraged the students to join the Indian Army and work for the development and safety of the country. They also promoted BetiBachao, BetiPadhao campaign. The Swachha Bharat Abhiyan was conducted on 12th Dec,2018 to clean the areas near Indsearch college in alignment with the campaign of Swachha Bharat Abhiyan. To understand the functioning during camp students attended 7 day NSS camp from 22nd Dec,2018. There were various activities like tree plantation, role play on importance of health and cleanliness and a dance competition as well. Students planted tree saplings. To make the students understand the village environment and try to bridge the gap between rural area and urban area and to understand the day to day problems faced by the villagers and the students, to guide the students for their career development and growth a camp was organized at Khed, Ahmednagar during 21st Feb, 2019 to 23rd Feb, 2019.

b. Internationalization of Education

IndSearch conducted Internationalization of Education by providing an International knowledge environment required to develop global competencies with the objectives to provide students and faculty with International exposure and to help students understand and appreciate the various aspects of cross-cultural functioning. The Institute has signed a MoU with the University of Wisconsin, Parkside, USA. Under the MoU a student who has completed his MBA at IndSearch can get direct admission for the MBA or MS programme of UWP. He/she is not required to take the GRE/GMAT or TOEFL. Further since the student has completed the MBA at IndSearch, he is given an exemption for certain credits, thus enabling him /her to complete the Masters programme at UWP in one year and saving on the Lodging and boarding costs. Students also get an opportunity for a Summer exchange programme and earn a few add on credits at UWP. All students who opted for the Summer exchange or the Masters programme have successfully completed the same.

c. WEDP

Women Entrepreneurship Development Cell at IndSearch conducted Women Women Entrepreneurship Development Program (WEDP) in collaboration with Rotary Club of Pune Metro & Jagruti Seva Sanstha on October 20&21, 2018.

Empowering women is the need of the society and it is one of the thrust areas of IndSearch. A workshop 'Empowering women through Enterprise', helps in training of Women of the under-privileged group of the society. The women attending the workshop had a strong will to start / sustain their own tiny businesses. Jagruti Seva Sanstha (an NGO) and Rotary Club of Pune Metro supported this project.

The workshop sessions included the subjects like Basic Management and Entrepreneurship Concepts, Quality & Time management, Finance & Accounts writing, Marketing Concepts, Stress Management, Bank Facilities for women. The classroom training was followed by an interactive session. The workshop concluded by distributing Participation Certificates to all participants.