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7.1.8 AKSSM Shevgaon's Policy for efforts leveraging local environment, locational knowledge and resources, community practices and challenges

AKSSM Shevgaon has developed a policy to guide its efforts in leveraging the local environment, locational knowledge and resources, community practices, and challenges. The policy aims to foster a strong connection between the institution and the local community, while promoting sustainable practices and addressing community needs. The key elements of AKSSM Shevgaon's policy are as follows:

- 1. **Integration of Local Context in Curriculum:** The institution recognizes the importance of incorporating the local context into the curriculum. Faculty members are encouraged to design course content that reflects the region's history, culture, and challenges. This integration ensures that students develop a deep understanding of their surroundings and can apply their knowledge in relevant and meaningful ways.
- 2. **Experiential Learning and Field Studies:** AKSSM Shevgaon emphasizes experiential learning and encourages students to engage in field studies that leverage the local environment and community practices. Field trips, research projects, and internships are designed to provide hands-on experiences and practical application of theoretical concepts. This approach allows students to explore the local environment, understand community dynamics, and address real-world challenges.
- 3. **Collaboration with Local Stakeholders:** The institution actively collaborates with local stakeholders, including community organizations, government bodies, and businesses. These partnerships facilitate the exchange of knowledge, resources, and expertise. By working together, AKSSM Shevgaon and its partners address community needs, leverage available resources, and develop sustainable solutions to local challenges.
- 4. **Community Engagement and Service-Learning:** AKSSM Shevgaon promotes community engagement and service-learning initiatives. Students participate in community service projects, volunteer activities, and initiatives that address social and

- environmental challenges. Through these experiences, students gain a deeper understanding of community needs and contribute to community development.
- 5. Conservation and Sustainable Practices: AKSSM Shevgaon is committed to promoting conservation and sustainable practices within its campus and the wider community. Efforts are made to reduce waste, conserve energy and water, and promote environmental awareness. The institution actively engages students in initiatives such as tree plantation drives, waste management campaigns, and awareness programs to instill a sense of environmental responsibility.
- 6. Collaboration with Local Schools and Institutions: AKSSM Shevgaon collaborates with local schools and educational institutions to share best practices, exchange knowledge, and promote collective growth. The institution organizes joint programs, workshops, and seminars that focus on leveraging the local environment, community practices, and challenges for educational enhancement.
- 7. **Recognition and Celebration of Local Heritage:** AKSSM Shevgaon celebrates and recognizes the local heritage, traditions, and cultural practices through various events and activities. Traditional festivals, language conservation programs, cultural performances, and art exhibitions are organized to create awareness and promote the preservation of local heritage.

AKSSM Shevgaon's policy for leveraging the local environment, locational knowledge and resources, community practices, and challenges serves as a guiding framework for all stakeholders involved. By integrating these elements into the institution's practices, AKSSM Shevgaon aims to create a meaningful and impactful educational experience for its students, while actively contributing to the development and well-being of the local community.

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