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**Institutional Best Practice-II**

**Title of the Practice:** Conduct of Research on Significant Social Issues by Post Graduate Students of the department as a pre-requisite to complete their degree.

**Objective:** The primary objective of this practice is to equip postgraduate students with the knowledge and abilities necessary to address pressing social issues through research in an efficient manner.

**Context:** In the current dynamic and fast-changing world, there is an increasingly pressing need for addressing intricate social issues. By directing the attention of our students towards pressing social concerns, we synchronise our academic endeavours with practical societal demands.

**The Practice:** Our practice entails incorporating research on pressing social issues into the curriculum of our postgraduate programme. Students are urged to carry out research on pressing social issues within their local communities. Faculty members provide direction and support to students throughout the research process, assisting them at every step of their research studies.

**Evidence of Success:** The effectiveness of this method is reflected by the fact that a significant number of our students have disseminated their research through publication in peer-reviewed publications and presentation of their findings at conferences, thereby making valuable contributions to the progress of knowledge in their respective academic disciplines. Many of our pass out students have received offers from local counselling service providers and many have also availed proper licences from RCI.

**Challenges Faced & Required Resources:** Although the advantages of this approach are substantial, we have experienced certain difficulties during the process like all the students while joining university have no background knowledge regarding research practices and not all have the aptitude to complete these research studies on time, to address the issue remedial classes are conducted wherever necessary by the mentors. Further to properly apply this best practice, we need sufficient resources, such as financing for these research studies so that students can stay more motivated to carry out this research.

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