



**SEARCH**



**GONDWANA UNIVERSITY, Gadchiroli**

**A Novel Post – Graduate Diploma**

## **SOCIAL PROGRAM ON ADDICTION IN RURAL COMMUNITY (SPARC)**

**Work in the community, Earn, Learn and get a PG Diploma**

**For whom?**

- You want to do social work, but no skills
- You have a degree in social work but no experience
- You have experience in social work but no degree
- You want to work on the problem of addiction but do not know how to do it

**A new solution for all - SPARC**

**Course Information Booklet**

**SEARCH, Gadchiroli and Gondwana University**

**Under the Faculty of Inter-Disciplinary Studies**

## 1. BACKGROUND

*The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) focuses on education and skill development tailored to the needs of the community. Gondwana University is expected to introduce new education and courses suitable for the communities of Gadchiroli and Chandrapur districts. Among the various needs of the local community, here is a burning need as well as educational opportunity.*

1. Alcohol and tobacco addiction are rampant in today's society. Alcohol and tobacco are among the top 10 causes of disease and death worldwide. The Government of India and the Government of Maharashtra are trying to control these two addicts through various laws and programs. Nevertheless, its effective implementation is a social challenge. In 2015-16, SEARCH and Gondwana University have conducted a survey in Gadchiroli and Chandrapur districts. According to this report, 41% of men drink alcohol and 44% of masses use tobacco products and every year Rs. 393 Crore is spent on alcohol and tobacco. The outcome of the report illustrates a serious social problem.
2. The *Muktipath* campaign was started in Gadchiroli district in 2016 by the SEARCH organization and the Government of Maharashtra with the main objective of making Gadchiroli district alcohol and tobacco free. In all 12 talukas of Gadchiroli district, this program has been started in collaboration with various government departments, educational institutes, village level organizations and office bearers as well as NGOs. In the last five years viz 2016-21, Muktipath has started its activities in 1500 villages across the district. This kind of District-wide joint operation is perhaps a first and foremost initiative and a beacon for the whole country. (<http://searchforhealth.ngo/>)
3. The need for this unique method of social work is not only limited to Gadchiroli and Chandrapur districts but is also necessary for the whole of Maharashtra and indeed, for an entire India.

## 2. PROBLEMS AND NEEDS

1. Alcohol and tobacco is a major problem in the entire India and especially in Gadchiroli and Chandrapur districts.
2. There is no manpower available with motivation, capacity and skills with holistic approach to this problem.
3. Gondwana University's mission is to start courses according to the needs of Gadchiroli and Chandrapur districts.
4. Courses such as BSW, MSW, which are available under social work education, lack specific curriculum to work holistically for alcohol and tobacco control in rural and tribal communities. Students who have studied social work today have less-opportunities for actual work due to inadequate skills.

## 3. Solution

To address this problem, a new and unique curriculum, based on the local needs titled as **“P.G Diploma in Social Program on Addiction in Rural Community (SPARC)”** for students pursuing postgraduate studies in social work and other disciplines is proposed to be launched particularly, grounding on the principles of National Education Policy 2020 and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhiji's *Nayi Talim*.<sup>(1)</sup>

Unfortunately, there is a lot of curriculum content in our education that is not required in real life. A different alternative education is possible than this. Therefore, learning with actual working will be the primary base of the proposed PG Diploma in Social Program on Addiction in Rural Community (SPARC). The basic principle of this kind of program will be based on Vinobaji and Gandhiji's principles of *Nayi Talim*.

1. The first principle: Whose education? So, this education is of self. Learning is about knowing yourself. While learning this and doing the actual work, the student will become aware of his/her own identity and abilities.
2. The second principle of *Nayi Talim* is *Swadharma* – means, my duty towards others in the society. Knowledge and capacity development should be done in the society while working on the addiction issues.
3. Where to do is the third principle of *Swadharma*? in the society. Therefore, SPARC diploma students have to stay in the *taluka* and work in 100 villages. It is proposed, for this, Gadchiroli district-wide search *Muktipath* project will be available as a work-area (*Karmkshetra*) for education.
4. The fourth principle of *Nayi Talim* is to achieve financial independence. With this method of education, the student will get a triple opportunity: to work, earn and learn which will enhance employability capabilities of students for further development.

#### **4.OBJECTIVES**

1. To institute and offer one-year Post Graduate Diploma Course in Social Work titled, “Social Program on Addiction in Rural Community (SPARC)”
2. To provide exposure to admitted students by way of full time residency at SEARCH involving field work.
3. To generate manpower with specialized skill sets objected at reducing the problem of alcohol and tobacco in Maharashtra.
4. To provide placement opportunity to successful candidates with relevant institutions, organizations and industries.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY**

1. The title of the course: Social Program on Addiction in Rural Community, SPARC
2. Duration: One Year (12 months') full time
3. Location: H.Q. SEARCH, PO Chatgaon, Tah Dhanora, Distt Gadchiroli
4. Eligibility for admission:
  - Applicant having M.S.W. / M.A. in Sociology degree qualification **OR** having completed post-graduate degree in other disciplines and having 2 years or more full-time experience of social work **OR** having B.S.W. degree qualification with 2 years of work experience **OR** having Professional Degree in any faculty/discipline with inclination to work in social sector.
  - Essentials
    - Motivation to reduce addiction in rural society and readiness to work in real society.
    - Having at least 45% marks in either H.S.S.C. examinations or at degree level examinations.

Intake Capacity: **25**

The intake capacity is subject to change after first years' experience. This course will be open to students with required education from any university or equivalent in Maharashtra. For NGOs, CSR, women's self-help groups, de-addiction centres etc. those who are desirous of working in the area of addiction in the communities, a provision is available under which such students/individuals can be sponsored for admission to this course by NGOs and social organizations.

5. The inmate students shall be entitled for scholarship of Rs. 10,000/- per month, once they complete bridge course and join full time residency with SEARCH.
6. Curriculum - Full time working education (80% of the time teaching through actual work and 20% of the time knowledge, skills education)
7. Medium of Instruction – Marathi.
8. Course fee – Rs. 10,000/- per annum
9. Admission Procedure – as per Selection Criteria and Direct Interview.
10. Opportunity and responsibility to work in the community under daily guidance.
11. Mentor: 10 highly educated and experienced senior activists in SEARCH and Muktipath.
12. PRE-COURSE REQUIREMENT

Students from other disciplines besides social work will need one month of pre-course education viz **Bridge Course**. This pre-course will be organized and evaluated by the Gondwana University in association with SEARCH/Muktipath.

## **6. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT IN P. G. DIPLOMA COURSE**

The SPARC diploma course will exclusively be based on *Nayi talim*. The focal emphasis of this course is education based on actual work culture. This kind of innovative education culture will help to develop following skills amongst the students;

1. What is addiction and how to identify it?
2. How to measure the scale/level of addiction in the community?
3. What and How to provide health-education to various stakeholders? (school/colleges, villages and Individuals)
4. How to organize rural/tribal people for addiction prevention? (Gram Sabha, Women and Tribal Organizations).
5. How to mobilize social action against liquor and tobacco consumption?
6. How to get cooperation of administration? (law, police, tahsildar, education and tribal department)
7. How to create effective awareness through social media and conventional media?
8. How to create effective addiction-remedy? At village and taluka level clinics and counselling and follow up with patient.
9. How to effectively manage, plan and coordinate our work?
10. How to effectively evaluate and impact assessment of any program?

## **7. EVALUATION**

- Admitted students (Non-Social Work Students only) shall have to qualify one-month pre-course (Bridge Course), only after which shall be allowed to join full time residency with SEARCH for 12 months.

- There shall be periodic assessment of inmate students, every 3 months, as to their suitability matching with the objects of the course. Failing in such periodic evaluation/s, the given individual shall be discontinued from the program.
- All such periodic assessment shall be carried out by the SEARCH/Multipath.
- The performance of the admitted students shall be evaluated as follows.

S.N.	Particulars of evaluation	Marks Assigned	Qualifying Marks
1.	Pre-Course (Bridge Course)	NA	As per the criterion decided by the admission committee
2.	Monthly Evaluation	50 X 12 = 600	375 (50 % minimum passing)
3.	Study Essay / Term Paper	100	
4.	External Viva-Voce	50	

Application form is available on payment of Rs.100/- at university website <[www.unigug.ac.in](http://www.unigug.ac.in)>