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Poverty Reduction and Social Inclusion Policy

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S. No.	Particulars	Description
1	Policy Number	Ref-U-01/SVSU/2025/1973(i) Date-17.02.2025
2	Policy Statement	Swami Vivekanand Subharti University is committed to reducing poverty and promoting social inclusion through equitable access to education, financial assistance, essential services, livelihood development, community support, and evidence-informed policy action, in alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goal 1: No Poverty.
3	Scope of the Policy	This policy applies to the University's constituent colleges, departments, centres, students, faculty, staff, administrative units, student-support services and community outreach initiatives. It covers student admission and success, financial support, access to essential services, start-up assistance, community programmes and policy engagement.
4	Policy Status	Original
5	Originated By	Equal Opportunity Cell
6	Reviewed By	Registrar
7	Effective Date	17.02.2025
8	Approving Authority	Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
9	Policy Review Date	

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1. Preamble

The University recognises that poverty may limit access to education, essential services, livelihood opportunities and participation in society. This policy establishes a concise institutional framework to support economically disadvantaged students and communities through inclusive education, appropriate assistance, capacity building, community programmes and documented policy engagement.

2. Objectives

1. To improve admission opportunities and student success rates, particularly for students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds.
2. To provide financial assistance and support to students from low-income and lower-middle-income families.
3. To support local start-ups through financial assistance, technical guidance and capacity-building initiatives.
4. To organise programmes that improve access to essential services and educational opportunities for disadvantaged communities.
5. To participate in local, regional, national and global policymaking initiatives aimed at reducing poverty in all its forms.
6. To implement programmes and policies that promote social inclusion, economic empowerment and poverty alleviation.

3. Policy Principles

- **Equity and inclusion:** Prioritise fair access and reduce barriers faced by economically disadvantaged and underserved groups.
- **Non-discrimination and dignity:** Deliver support respectfully and in accordance with university rules and eligibility criteria.
- **Accessibility:** Promote access to education, financial assistance and essential services.
- **Collaboration:** Work with relevant stakeholders and review initiatives to improve their effectiveness

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4. Policy Implementation

- **Admission and student success:** The University shall implement its ***Admission Policy*** to promote equitable admission opportunities for students from all backgrounds, including financially disadvantaged and underserved groups, and support their retention, progression and successful completion of studies.
- **Financial and student support:** The University shall implement its ***Scholarship Policy*** to facilitate scholarships, fee concessions and other eligible financial assistance for students from low-income and lower-middle-income families. Additional support may include access to food, accommodation, transportation, legal services and other essential services, as available.
- **Local start-up assistance:** The University shall promote entrepreneurship and local enterprise development through its ***Entrepreneurship Cell*** and relevant ***Start-up Policy,*** facilitating financial assistance, mentoring, technical guidance, training, capacity building and access to university facilities or expertise, wherever applicable.
- **Programmes for services access:** The University shall organise or support outreach, awareness, training and community engagement programmes to improve access to essential services and educational opportunities for disadvantaged communities.
- **Policy action and partnerships:** Use institutional experience, research and stakeholder consultation to contribute to poverty-reduction policy initiatives at local, regional, national and global levels, as appropriate.
- **Social inclusion and empowerment:** Promote initiatives that strengthen participation, skills, employability, self-reliance and economic empowerment among disadvantaged groups.

5. Monitoring and Reporting

Relevant units shall maintain records, as applicable, of admission targets and outcomes, student completion, financial assistance, support services, start-up assistance, community programmes, beneficiaries, partnerships, policy participation and outcomes. Evidence shall be compiled for periodic institutional review and SDG reporting. Where gaps are identified, appropriate corrective action shall be considered.

6. Review of the Policy

The policy shall be reviewed periodically as and when required.

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