

**NEHRU GRAM BHARATI (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)**  
**KOTWA-JAMUNIPUR, DUBAWAL-221505 (UP)**

**1. Title of the Practice : Gram Pravas**

**2. Objectives of the Practice :** Accountability of the Universities towards the society and the Nation has been a long cherished desire of the University Grants Commission. This aspect has remained nearly untouched as regards the concern of the Universities towards rural masses. Our Gram Pravas program has yielded wonderful results in this area.

**3. The Context :** We are fully aware that our villages have still to get benefits of the Govt. schemes designed and meant for them. It is responsibility of the Universities to make an audit on this account and do everything necessary to bring the results of the Govt. schemes close to villages and the villagers. Ours is a rural University, therefore, we are deeply concerned about this aspect.

**4. The Practice :** Gram Pravas is a new and novel experiment made by the University and has been quite successful. This program includes : i. going to villages periodically and interacting with village folks, -men, women and children. ii. learning from them their traditional skills iii. transferring to them the latest knowledge and technology iv. collecting first hand information of the status of execution of the Government's Welfare schemes; v. enquiring about their well being and extending to them all possible help for solving their problems. Each Participating student has to submit a report to his course coordinator after every Gram Pravas, which has to be reviewed by the course-coordinator and a subject expert for advising the students to improve their functioning in the next Gram Pravas. At the end of the semester, the student may have to undergo a Viva-voce test for evaluation. Course content of a particular Gram Pravas has to be designed on the basis of the level of the student and also the main course he is pursuing. To start with, we have made it compulsory for Ph.D. Course Work students. Slowly this practice is to be made compulsory for all streams of the students.

**5. Evidence of Success:** Initially, the Gram Pravas program was introduced with a pinch of hesitation regarding interest of the students in this program. To our surprise, the students both girls and boys successfully completed all the twelve Gram Pravas programs designed for them for their one semester course and came out with excellent reports fully illustrated with photographs and audio recorded dialogues. Their reactions to what they saw in the villages show the depth of their concern and their sensitiveness.

**6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:** Cooperation from the Govt. machinery is one point that may immensely enhance the quality of the Gram Pravas programmes. This may come in the form of transport facility and participation of the

Govt. officials and workers of the village level. Lack of toilets and bathroom facilities in the villages and the village schools was one of the major problems faced by the students, particularly girls.

**7. Notes :**

- i. It is recommended that Gram Pravas programmes be made compulsory for all teaching institutions at all levels in one form or the other.
- ii. Nehru Gram Bharati Vishwavidyalaya may be promoted as a nodal agency for promotion of the Gram Pravas Programme.
- ii. All Adarsh Grams adopted by Sansads and Vidhayaks must be covered by Gram Pravas programme of the Universities.