

Community Outreach and Engagement through the Community Connect Program

Shiv Nadar University has a comprehensive program of engagement with the wider community. Deeply committed to improving outcomes in a rapidly urbanizing rural region marked by socio-economic inequality and low SDG performance, the University, located in Dadri, Uttar Pradesh, plays a central role in the community initiative through the **Community Connect Program**. This program embodies the University's vision of extending education beyond the campus and integrating **social responsibility into its core academic mission**.

Convened by the Shiv Nadar Foundation (SNF) in partnership with the local government, this initiative aims to develop a *model sustainable rural community* around the Shiv Nadar University. Through this program, the university conducts extensive outreach educational activities and information sessions for local communities, promoting education, healthcare, skill development, social safety, nature conservation, and sustainable agriculture. These interventions are evidence-based, inclusive, and aligned with many UN Sustainable Development Goals.

These activities and programs are implemented in phases with multi-stakeholder participation, rigorous monitoring, and evaluation. The University's leadership, faculty, and students are actively engaged, ensuring that community engagement remains embedded in the institution's mission and long-term strategy.

