

## Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence

### Collaboration with NGOs to Advance the SDGs through Education and Field Engagement

Shiv Nadar University actively collaborates with **Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)** to tackle the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** through the experiential education, community engagement, and applied research. The **Master's Program in Rural Management** embodies a unique pedagogy that provides students with an in-depth, multi-disciplinary understanding of the problems of rural India, combining innovative classroom teaching with two full semesters devoted to field education, including internships with the best practitioners in rural India, that nurtures students to develop critical thinking to find innovative and far-reaching solutions. The field projects are conducted in partnership with the leading NGOs that address critical SDG challenges across rural India. Students often work on live projects on issues around Clean Water and Sanitation, Gender Equality, Poverty, Hunger, Sustainable Agriculture, and Responsible Consumption and Production, to name a few. These partnerships build community capacity and create a platform for developing innovative, locally informed solutions to rural development challenges. Through these sustained collaborations, we are strengthening university-NGO partnerships that deliver measurable progress on multiple SDGs.

<p><b>Gram Vikas –</b>          An NGO based in Odisha works to enable rural communities to lead dignified lives. This is done by building the capabilities of village communities, strengthening community institutions, and mobilizing resources.</p>	<p><b>Samaj Pragati Sahayog (SPS) –</b> One of India's most significant grass-roots initiatives working towards women empowerment, water, and livelihood security. It works with its partners on a million acres of land across 72 of India's most backward districts, mainly in the central Indian Adivasi belt.</p>	<p><b>Advanced Center for Water Resources Development and Management (ACWADAM) –</b>          A not-for-profit organization aims to establish a groundwater management agenda in India to demystify groundwater science and strengthen the hydrogeological capacity of institutions working in the water sector in India.</p>	<p><b>The Center for Sustainable Agriculture</b>          - An organization that works with a vision to become a national institution to lead the transition of Indian agriculture to become ecologically and economically sustainable.</p>
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A partnership with these institutions aims to build a larger community of social transformers, essential to the vision that animates the field component in the master's program in Rural Management.