3.3.4 – Does your university as a body provide students access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including information and education services?

Dnyaan Prasad Global University (DPGU), Pune, recognises access to sexual and reproductive healthcare, health education and preventive healthcare services as essential components of student well-being. The University, through its six Schools – School of Pharmacy and Research (SPR), School of Hospitality and Tourism (SHT), School of Technology and Research (STR), School of Liberal Arts (SLA), School of Business and Strategy (SBS), and School of Management and Research (SMR) – promotes awareness of health, hygiene, personal well-being and responsible healthcare practices across its multidisciplinary academic environment. Through its association with Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, equipped with a 2,000-bed hospital, the University facilitates access to medical consultation, healthcare facilities and appropriate reproductive healthcare support.

The University promotes awareness of sexual and reproductive health through educational workshops, seminars, awareness programmes and interactive sessions involving healthcare professionals and subject experts. These initiatives aim to enhance students' understanding of sexual well-being, reproductive health, menstrual hygiene, contraception, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), preventive healthcare and responsible health practices. Students across all six Schools are encouraged to develop informed perspectives and make responsible decisions concerning their health and well-being.

As part of its academic and outreach initiatives, the School of Pharmacy and Research (SPR) undertakes educational activities to disseminate information on reproductive health and contraceptive awareness. These initiatives include the display of informative charts, educational materials and products relating to contraceptive options, including condoms, oral contraceptive pills and emergency contraception. Such activities provide students with scientifically informed knowledge about different contraceptive methods, their appropriate use and the importance of responsible reproductive health practices.

The University also emphasises the importance of creating a supportive, respectful and gender-sensitive academic environment across SPR, SHT, STR, SLA, SBS and SMR. Awareness initiatives address subjects such as gender sensitisation, personal health, psychological well-being, reproductive rights, health-related misconceptions and the importance of seeking timely professional medical advice. These efforts aim to reduce stigma surrounding reproductive health and encourage students to seek appropriate healthcare assistance.

Furthermore, DPGU recognises that access to reliable healthcare information and appropriate medical support is important for students across all academic disciplines. Through interdisciplinary engagement, healthcare awareness initiatives and institutional collaboration, the University seeks to promote health literacy, preventive healthcare practices, informed

healthcare choices and an inclusive campus environment that values the physical and psychological well-being of its entire student community.

1. **Gender Sensitization and Awareness Initiatives**

Dnyaan Prasad Global University School of Pharmacy and Research (Formerly Dr. D. Y. Patil Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research) conducted a Gender Sensitization Session on 22 January 2025 through its Internal Complaints Committee (ICC). The session featured Ms. Asha Bhat, President of the Manthan Foundation, Pune, who addressed important aspects of gender sensitization, including gender roles, stereotypes, discrimination, gender equality, and inclusivity.

The session aimed to enhance students' understanding of gender-related issues, promote respectful behaviour, and encourage awareness of equality and dignity among individuals. It provided an educational platform for students to understand the importance of challenging gender stereotypes, preventing discrimination, and fostering a safe, inclusive, and respectful campus environment.

Through this initiative, the university demonstrated its commitment to gender awareness, education, and student well-being. The activity supports the university's broader efforts to promote equality, respect, and awareness of gender-related concerns within the academic community.

Website Link : https://pharmacy.dypvp.edu.in/Event.aspx?EventID=972

2. **DPU Hospital for Sexual Reproductive Health Services**

The tie-up with DPU Hospital provides students with timely access to doctors, counselling, and treatment for sexual and reproductive health concerns. This ensures early diagnosis, preventive care, and professional guidance. The confidential services encourage students to seek support without hesitation, strengthening overall health security on campus and contributing to healthier lifestyles.

3. **Inclusion of SRH Topics in Curriculum**

The inclusion of sexual and reproductive health topics in the academic curriculum improves health literacy and encourages responsible behaviour. Students receive accurate information about health, disease prevention, and hygiene. This reduces misconception s, promotes informed decision -making, and fosters a culture of awareness that supports lifelong well -being. Impact: Improved health literacy and informed decision -making among students, promoting responsible behaviour and lifelong well -being.

4. **Free Sanitary Napkin Machine Facility**

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The provision of free sanitary napkin vending machines on campus ensures convenient access to menstrual hygiene products, promoting physical health and emotional well-being. This initiative helps minimize absenteeism, upholds dignity, and enables students, particularly women from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, to manage menstruation safely and hygienically. It also encourages
proper menstrual hygiene practices, helps reduce the risk of infections, and fosters a healthy, inclusive, and supportive educational environment.

Impact: Facilitated easy access to menstrual hygiene products for all students, helping reduce absenteeism while promoting dignity, health, and an inclusive learning environment.

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Date: 28/01/2025

REPORT

Type of program	Guest Session
Resource person	Ms. Asha Bhat, President of the Manthan Foundation, Pune
Topic	Gender Sensitization
Date	22nd January 2025
Brief report	The ICC of DPU Pharmacy, Pune, organized a session on Gender Sensitization on 22nd January 2025. The session highlighted the importance of raising awareness about gender roles, stereotypes, and biases, emphasizing that gender equality is a universal concern. It clarified distinctions between biological differences (sex) and socially constructed roles (gender), with an inclusive approach to diverse identities like male, female, and non-binary. Common stereotypes, such as "women are emotional" or "men are breadwinners," were discussed for their role in reinforcing discrimination and limiting opportunities, perpetuating economic, educational, healthcare, and social inequalities. Ms. Bhat emphasized the significance of gender sensitization in fostering inclusivity, reducing gender-based violence, and creating equitable communities. Steps toward achieving this include education, open communication, advocating inclusive policies, and empowering individuals. Practical actions, such as supporting equal opportunities, using gender-neutral language, and challenging sexist remarks, were suggested. Institutions such as schools, workplaces, and media were identified as pivotal in driving change through gender-neutral curricula, fair pay, and inclusive representation. The session reinforced the need for collective efforts to build a respectful and equitable society.
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Certificate

I am writing to confirm that Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Pimpri, Pune-411018, one of the constituent college of our educational ambit and has been providing free medical and childcare facilities to the staff and students of Dr. D. Y. Patil Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research, Pimpri, Pune-411018.

The services offered by the hospital, which boasts more than 2000 beds, encompass an extensive range of medical departments including general medicine, gynecology, surgery, cardiac care, ophthalmology, neurology, psychiatry, and many others. In addition to medical care and childcare facilities, the hospital also provides sexual and reproductive health-care services, guidance, and counseling, as well as mental health support.

This comprehensive support from Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital, and Research Centre, has greatly enhanced the overall well-being and health of our staff and students. It ensures they have access not only to medical care and childcare services but also to critical sexual and reproductive health care, guidance, counseling, and essential mental health support when needed.

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As part of curriculum to promote better understanding of contraceptive options, a display of chart and products initiative was conducted at Dnyaan Prasad Global University School of Pharmacy and Research (Formerly Dr. D. Y. Patil Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research). The activity aimed to provide students with clear, accessible information on contraceptive methods (e.g., condoms, birth control pills, emergency contraception). The initiative also sought to foster an environment of open discussion around these important health topics, which are often underrepresented in college settings. The display of charts successfully raised awareness about contraceptive options among college students. The initiative provided a valuable opportunity for students to access accurate, clear, and non-judgmental information about their health. It also contributed to creating a more open environment where students felt comfortable discussing personal topics related to contraception.





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