**Criteria 7.1.9**

**Values and Professional Ethics at IMI Bhubaneswar**

From the day of its inception, IMI Bhubaneswar intends to be an institute of difference not only by excelling in education delivery or world class infrastructure but by ***integrating value added activities*** in the course curriculum. One such attempt is to integrate “**corporate social responsibility**” and “**ethics**” in the course. The institute has **compulsory/core courses on CSR & Sustainability, and Business Ethics & Corporate Governance**. Elective courses like “**The** **Science of Happiness”** and “**Human Values”** have also been floated. The courses aim at the development of a wholistic perspective based on self-exploration and understanding of the harmony in human being.Faculty members encourage students to explore ethical aspects and they incorporate ethical issues in various courses taught by them. Some faculty members are involved with the corporates as members of the ethics / sexual harassment committees. Faculty members guide the students in their projects and help them understand the ethical nuances of the outcome relative to local, regional, national, and global context. Plagiarism check is required for all long-term projects like comprehensive projects and SIP.

In addition to the classroom teaching, the faculty members believe in creating managers with a human face and this is possible only when the students understand and appreciate the social realities and work closely with the local community. Towards the commitment to such objectives, faculty and students undertakes various activities in the field of CSR such as volunteering in NGOs, working with the local community and discussion forums for knowledge dissemination, exchange of ideas, and sharing best practices related to CSR with various key stakeholders.

Over the last one decade of its existence, the institute has conducted many events. Notable among those are **two roundtables on CSR.** The institute has formed a student club named as "Prayas" to undertake various CSR activities under the patronage of senior faculty member. Some of the notable activities undertaken by Prayas Club over the years, include **cloth donation drive**, extending a **helping hand to cancer patients by raising fund** for their treatment, **contribution to CM’s and PM’s relief fund** to help calamity affected areas / people in India, organizing various awareness programmes in nearby villages through activities such as **Swacchta Pakhwada**, **water conservation**, sanitation, plantation and the like, organizing various **outreach programmes for orphanages and old age homes**, conducting welfare activities for the house-keeping staff, security guards and mess workers of IMI Bhubaneswar, and many more such activities. The Institute has made an effort to join hands and make a difference by bringing smiles on the faces of the under-privileged and poor. It believes in giving back to the society through various activities and acts as a catalyst to make lives better of the ones who are deprived. Prayas club aims to make the planet a better place to live in for everyone. Furthermore, **Azadi Mahotsav** and **Constitution Day** are also celebrated. This ensures that IMI Bhubaneswar students behave responsibly in typical business settings.