



7.1.8 Describe the Institutional efforts/initiatives in providing an inclusive environment i.e. tolerance and harmony towards cultural, regional, linguistic, communal, socio-economic and such other diversities

The University believes in creating a congenial environment as far as tolerance and harmony towards regional, cultural, linguistic, communal and socio-economic diversities are concerned. The logo of the university itself as inscribed “*In pursuit of permanent peace and spiritual brotherhood*”.

Harmony amongst different regions of the country: University harbors students from 17 different states of the country. Each state student has the freedom to believe in its culture, and religion, although the Eternal University is a Sikh Minority Institution declared by the Govt. of India. There is no disparity or isolation as far as regions are concerned and all live in harmony. There are 552 students from Himachal Pradesh and 420 from other states.

Tolerance towards religion: As far as the religion is concerned the Sikhs, Hindus, Muslims, Jain and Buddhist are 288, 668, 13, 2 and 01 respectively in the reporting year admitted. Every student has the right to follow her faith and enjoy religious days with one another. Many festivals like Janmashtami, Gurpurab, Baisakhi, Shivratri, Holi, Deepawali and Lohri are celebrated to develop the emotional and religious oneness feeling among the students and faculty. Special mid semester break is designed in Academic Calendar to celebrate Diwali and Laxmi Puja by staff and students at their homes. Students are encouraged for performing selfless services like Sewa in Gurdwara, Langar hall, Darbar Sahib and hospital.

University efforts for cultural brotherhood: As the students are from diverse states and religions, their dancing culture is respected in all the functions of the university. Nati from Himachal, Giddha from Punjab, Jhumar from Haryana and bharatanatyam from Telengana have been performed in many cultural programs. Social evils (regional aspects) through Nataks and Bathukama festival of Telengana with different culture have been allowed.

Socio-economic diversity: Mostly the students are from poor class and are given free education by the University. Those paying fee are from mediocre families. The university in no case discriminates their economic disparity as far education is concerned, allotment of rooms, dining halls facility. The University provides scholarships to students from lower

economic backgrounds and given free boarding and lodging. Women grievance Redressal cell to deal with grievances without considering anyone's racial or cultural background.

Harmony through commemorative days: Irrespective of cast creed, region, economic disparity the students' committees are constituted to commemorate Important National and International Days. International Women's Day, Yoga Day, World Cancer Day, World AIDS Day, Independence day, Republic Day, Kidney Day, -----?.Marathon race, educational tours, morning walk, various awareness marches, makes the students to intermingle irrespective of their oneness.

Intercollege youth festival: This is the most important events in which various dances, dramas, singing, debates, quizzes makes the student enjoy in oneness. Farewell and welcome functions are arranged. During induction they are informed of no disparity.

Extension activities: Students are encouraged for performing selfless services like Sewa in Gurdwara, Langar hall, Darbar Sahib and hospital. Regular community health checkup is done by the Department of nursing by organizing free medical camps and outdoor campaigns. University publishes magazine 'EU-Voice' in the Hindi, Punjabi and English to promote the linguistic skills of its stakeholders in their mother tongue