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BARRIER FREE ENVIRONMENT
FOR DIVYANGJAN**

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Introduction

The college is committed to providing comprehensive support and guidance to Divyangjan. Recognizing the importance of an inclusive education system, the college has implemented a series of practices to ensure a barrier-free environment. This enables individuals with disabilities to move safely and freely while accessing all campus facilities. The college has aligned its policies with the guidelines set forth by the UGC, Government of Maharashtra and affiliating University to create a disabled-friendly and barrier-free campus. The Right to Education, as enshrined in the Indian Constitution, is a fundamental right for all citizens, including Divyangjan. To uphold this right, the college offers adequate facilities designed to create a hassle-free environment that supports the teaching-learning process for all students.

Objectives

The objectives are multifaceted and aimed at ensuring a comprehensive support system for differently-abled students. Key objectives include:

- To understand and implement the rights, regulations, scholarship provisions and opportunities provided by legislations for persons with disabilities.
- To ensure strict adherence to all legislation.
- To establish a comfortable regulatory mechanism for the effective delivery of services.
- To foster an inclusive culture that prevents discrimination, exploitation and exclusion of Divyangjan in all educational and work-related activities.
- To create a barrier-free environment on campus.
- To provide equal opportunities for Divyangjan students.
- To enhance the teaching-learning process and build the confidence among Divyangjan students.

Policies and Measures

- **Built Environment with Ramps:** In compliance with the *Persons with Disabilities Act 2016*, the college ensures a discrimination-free environment for differently-abled individuals. Ramps have been constructed to provide easy access throughout the campus.
- **Admission Policy for Persons with Disabilities:** Following the guidelines of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, seats are reserved in all programs for persons with

disabilities.

Policies and Measures

- The college will ensure admission to as many differently-abled students as possible.
- Examination assistance and other necessary support will be provided.
- Educational needs will be assessed and appropriate assistive devices will be facilitated.
- Scholarship facilities will be made available.

Exam Policy

The College will make suitable arrangements for Divyangjan students during examinations. This includes following rules set by Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, such as providing extra time and allotting scribes if needed.

Services for Divyangjan Students

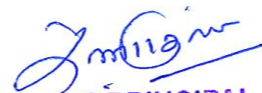
- Railing ramps
- Separate Divyangjan-friendly toilet
- Wheelchairs
- Rest-room
- Signage and display boards
- Simplified admission processes and human assistance
- Extra time for assignments, projects, journal submissions and examination
- Reader services and scribes for those in need
- Special attention through the mentor-mentee scheme

Awareness and Sensitization

Teaching and non-teaching staff are sensitized to the challenges faced by Divyangjan and are trained to adopt inclusive pedagogy. The students, librarian and volunteers are also sensitized to their roles in fostering an inclusive environment.



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