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MOST URGENT

The Dean Faculties/ The Head of Department

The Principal/ The Provost



SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AS PER THE MANDATORY PROVISIONS OF PwD ACT, UNCRPD AND DECISIONS OF HON'BLE COURTS

Dear Sir/ Madam,

As you are aware, the Equal Opportunity Cell, University of Delhi is working for the empowerment of students with disabilities to give them equal opportunities in higher education, in this context we are duty bound to provide facilities and assistance to our students with disabilities and request you to support the University in this endeavor.

The following are some of the necessary directions which must be implemented to facilitate our students with disabilities and also to honor the decisions of the Hon'ble High Court and the PwD act and the mandatory provisions of UNCRPD.

- A. The University of Delhi through the Equal Opportunity Cell in the year 2008 had got an access audit done on all its building and those of its colleges to recommend infrastructural additions and changes such as Ramps, Tactile Path, Accessible Toilets, Lifts, Braille Symbols and Signage's, auditory signals in lifts etc. We must remember that the University and its colleges, hostels are committed to comply with and implement these recommendations. As per **Section 46 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995**, the Universities are directed by the Hon' able Courts to provide requisite facilities and uphold the letter and spirit of this Act. We once again request you to kindly implement the Access Audit Report at the earliest in case you have not done so.

- B. We request you to kindly arrange volunteers for reading for the visually impaired students of your institution. The visually impaired students require volunteers for reading books and for preparing assignments. You can take the help of NSS volunteers for this purpose. The EOC also provides this service to students who approach us but we are not in a position to provide volunteers for all the students. As far as students with other disabilities are concerned they should be provided with volunteers to assist them in their day-to-day activity. It is further requested to provide these students with assistive devices like: Plectalk, Angel recording device, Hearing Aids, Wheelchairs, Accessible Computers etc., Signers and accessible reading materials. Libraries should also be provided with instant reading device for conversion study material in accessible format.
- C. It has been observed that many of the Enabling Units of the Colleges/ Departments are not yet fully functional. We once again request you to strengthen the Enabling Unit by extending your personal intervention and support to encourage the faculties to take active part in supporting these students to pursue their studies.
- D. Sensitize the staff (both teaching and non-teaching) for a better and friendly environment for Students with Disabilities.
- E. Special Arrangement's must be made for the ensuing semester/ house examination and facilities such as writers/ interpreters/ extra time/ one invigilator for one student should be implemented without any hurdle. Students with Disabilities should not be made to run here and there for any kind of problem.
- F. Additional seats in the hostel must be provided to such students as per the new guidelines issued by the University No. **Aca.I/2012 dated August 31, 2012** and due procedure to fill up these seats must be followed.
- G. Fee waiver as per the new guidelines issued by the University Circular No. **Aca.I/082/2001/PwD/2012-13/355 dated September 13, 2012** and Hostel Concession/ waiver of fess in respect PwD by the University Circular No. **Aca.I/082/2001/PwD/2012-13/356 dated September 13, 2012** must be implemented.
- H. All possible supports as far as possible must be extended to such students.

In view of the above we would request you to consider our guidelines to facilitate our students with disabilities to encourage them to pursue their higher studies.

It is expected that the colleges/ departments and hostels will accord the urgency to the matter and begin the process of implementation immediately if not done so far.

Hope your co-operation in this regard will go long way in giving equal opportunity to our students with special needs.

A report on action taken in this regard will be a great encouragement to enable this office for further action.

Warm regards,


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