

Policy for Physically Challenged Students



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ASSISTANCE FOR DISABLED STUDENTS

The institute places a paramount emphasis on fostering an inclusive culture to safeguard individuals from diverse forms of discrimination, exploitation, and exclusion, particularly focusing on disabled students and staff across all domains of work and education. Establishing a robust regulatory mechanism applicable to all members of the college community is deemed essential. The institution actively undertakes various initiatives to ensure compliance with legislation pertaining to persons with disabilities.

1. Numerous measures have been introduced to accommodate 'Divyangian' students, including provisions for additional time in examinations and the assignment of scribes.
2. The college boasts infrastructural amenities such as specialized ramps, disabled-friendly washrooms, designated rooms, and a dedicated reading area within the library.
3. Comprehensive signage, encompassing paths, lighting, display boards, and classroom and restroom signposts, is strategically placed throughout the college campus.
4. The integration of assistive technology, exemplified by the presence of Alexa, addresses frequently asked questions. The college's website features adjustable fonts to enhance accessibility for Divyangians.
5. Screen readers, notably the open-source NVDA software, are employed to facilitate visually impaired students in navigating computer systems, reading and writing files, browsing the web, and operating various software products. These users receive audio feedback while utilizing keyboard commands.
6. The institution extends support for popular applications, including web browsers like Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome, internet chat software, Microsoft Office 2019, and other office programs such as Microsoft Word and Excel.
7. Various formatting features for website text, including font name, size, style, and spell-check functionalities, are readily available.
8. The support extends to both 32- and 64-bit variants of Windows operating systems.
9. Microsoft PowerPoint 2019 facilities are leveraged to record e-content videos created by college faculty members, which are made accessible on the official website for the benefit of differently-abled students.

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POLICY DOCUMENT AND INFORMATION BROCHURE FOR**PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED STUDENTS**

The college ensures comprehensive support for physically disabled students, catering to their every need.

1. Physically disabled students benefit from a 5% reservation in admissions and age limits for physically disabled students are extended by 5 years in accordance with government regulations as stipulated by government guidelines.
2. Extra time is allocated to physically disabled students during university examinations, adhering to both university and government protocols.
3. Tailored facilities are provided to physically disabled students based on their specific requirements and requests.
4. Physically disabled students are encouraged to utilize the college's ramps as necessary for ease of access.
5. Dedicated accessible toilets are available for disabled students throughout the college campus.
6. Priority is accorded to physically disabled students in all areas and situations, ensuring equitable treatment and support.

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THE ROLE OF ALEXA TECHNOLOGY IN CAMPUS ACCESSIBILITY

The incorporation of Alexa as a tool for differently-abled students exemplifies the transformative role of technology in addressing societal gaps. Alexa, a voice-activated personal assistant, offers a range of functionalities including appointment management, setting reminders, creating lists, making phone calls, and tracking tasks. Particularly for physically disabled students, Alexa streamlines daily activities, enhancing efficiency and reducing obstacles. Its accessibility features cater to a diverse range of disabilities, including physical, learning, dyslexic, and visual impairments. Through voice commands, students can seamlessly navigate university processes such as admissions and examinations. Not only does Alexa provide assistance tailored to individual needs, but it also promotes energy efficiency. In essence, this technology serves as an adaptive solution, empowering differently-abled students to engage more effectively in campus life and academic pursuits.



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