



श्री माता वैष्णो देवी विश्वविद्यालय
SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI UNIVERSITY
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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Constitution of Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups Cell (SEDGs Cell) at SMVDU.

Refer to the University Grants Commission's 'Guidelines to Provide Equitable Opportunity for the Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) in the HEIs, January 2024' and approval accorded by the Competent Authority, sanction is hereby accorded to redesignate Equal Opportunity Cell (EoC) as Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups Cell (SEDGs); comprising of the following members:

1. Dr. Eswarmoorthy Muthusamy, Professor, SoME	- Chairperson
2. Dr. Supran Kumar Sharma, Professor, SoB (Director DQA)	Member
3. Dr. Kakali Majumdar, Professor, SoE (Presiding Officer, Internal Complaint Committee SMVDU)	Member
4. Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh, Associate Professor, SoALD	Member
5. Dr. Kuldip Raj, Associate Professor, SoM	Member
6. Dr. Vivek Kumar, Assistant Professor, SoM	Member
7. Ms. Sweta, Entry No. 23BEC061	Student Representatives
8. Mr. Vivek Kumar, Entry No. 24BCS089	
9. Mr. Samir Vohra, Deputy Registrar	Member Secretary

SEDGs Cell -SMVDU shall perform the following functions:

1. To co-ordinate with other existing cells and statutory bodies of the SMVDU and enable implementation of the existing schemes and provisions, including scholarships and fellowships of the Govt. of India and respective States.
2. To ensure the implementation of bridge courses, earn-while-learn schemes, and outreach programs designed and developed by SMVDU for SEDGs.
3. To provide socio-economic, academic, and emotional support and mentoring for such students through proper counseling and mentoring programs.
4. To ensure sensitization of faculty, staff, counselors, and students on the gender-identity issue and their inclusion in all aspects of the SMVDU, including making curricula gender and ability inclusive.
5. To explore and generate funds from various sources like Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) and Alumni to provide more financial assistance and scholarships to Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) to mitigate opportunity costs and fees for pursuing higher education.
6. Coordinate with the Directorate of Quality Assurance Cell (DAC) to raise awareness about the implementation of various policies for inclusive and equitable quality higher education.

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7. To work as a 'Single Window' for students belonging to SEDGs for their grievances, basic needs, amenities, facilities, welfare measures, and govt. scholarships & fellowships.
8. To upload guidelines, facilities, welfare, and safety measures on SMVDU website and maintain such records to review and monitor amenities and basic facilities for a safe and secure environment for SEDGs.
9. To circulate, publicize, and facilitate existing welfare schemes for SEDGs.
10. To establish a team of counselors, social workers, and faculty members to provide emotional and social support to SEDGs to adapt to the environment of the University.
11. To focus on overall personality and skill development, including professional and soft skills, so as to ensure enhancing the student employability.
12. To organize periodic meetings and to monitor the progress of various schemes and prepare the database.
13. To assess the needs of SEDGs and make necessary recommendations to the authorities of the institutions.
14. To make faculty, staff and students aware of facilities available for SEDGs.
15. To sensitize all the students to bring an attitudinal change towards SEDGs. Students should accept and involve SEDGs in curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities in the SMVDU Campus.
16. To hold regular meetings with SEDG students to check their grievances and also meet with authorities of SMVDU to facilitate discussion of the grievances of SEDG students and maintain the confidentiality of deliberations and data.
17. To review, monitor, and ensure disposal of all grievances within 15 days.
18. To inform all students during induction/counseling session about Zero-tolerance policy for any form of discrimination.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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Registrar

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1. All Deans/ HoD's/ Section Heads, for information and circulation among all faculty members, staff members & students.
2. All concerned, for information.
3. AR (VC Office), for kind information of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.
4. I/c Website, for information and uploading of same on the University Website.
5. Concerned File.