Equal Opportunity Cell

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The Equal Opportunity Cell, formerly known as the Enabling Unit, is a statutory body that caters to the needs of differently-abled students. It oversees admission of students with at least 40% disability for whom three percent seats in all undergraduate courses are reserved. The Committee is further tasked with empowerment of the differently abled by giving them access to resources and infrastructural facilities.

To ensure the complete integration of all students it keeps a close watch on the infrastructural needs of differently-abled persons within the College. For example, Braille signages are installed in various key places across the College; ramps all over the campus ensure safe and convenient mobility; dedicated lavatories cater etc. The EOC has invested in resources to create a Knowledge Hub equipped with laptops, with relevant reading software and reading material for the exclusive use of visually-challenged students. It ensures students with locomotive challenges are assigned easily accessible classrooms. The EOC offers one on one mentoring to students and strives through interaction with the stakeholders and relevant NGOs to keep abreast with the latest assistive technologies. The EOC room is dedicated to providing assistive technological support.

In the academic year 2023-24 there were a total of 12 students with disabilites who were provided mentoring by 6 faculty members.

Students were regularly informed of government schemes for PwD. The three visually impaired students were provided assistance to avail scholarship from Help the Blind Foundation as well as in the processing of the writer fee.

In a major milestone, the cell was able to make arrangements for a visually challenged student to write her exams online using a computer in both the even and odd semesters in the year 2023-24.

On 31st January 2024 in collaboration with Gandhi Study Circle we organised a talk which aimed at sensitising the student body as a whole and benefiting PwD in particular. The title of Dr Chanda Sagar's talk was "Embracing Social Harmony: Challenges and Opportunities for Disabled Students in Higher Education and NEP 2020." The confidence boosting talk by Dr Sagar encouraged students with disabilities to achieve their potential by informing them of the avenues available.

On 18th April 2024 EOC organised a full day event. In the morning session we had Mr Jayant Singh Raghav from the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) who spoke on inclusion and voting rights. In the afternoon a skills augmentation workshop was held in which a team from Saksham provided hands on practise of using devices for visually challenged students.









