



Ahmednagar Jilha Maratha Vidya Prasarak Samaj's
NEW ARTS, COMMERCE AND SCIENCE COLLEGE
PARNER – 414 302
Dist.-Ahmednagar (MS), India

Disabile Friendly Environment

Policy and Procedures



Disable Friendly Environment

“I thank God for my handicaps, for through them I have found myself, my work and my God.”
...Helen Keller

Introduction:

New Arts, Commerce and Science College, Parner is an affiliated college of SPPU, Pune. It is catering the diversified educational needs of all kind of learners. HEI provides an inclusive environment for the different sections of the learner society including physically challenged as well as persons with the disabilities. College formulated a policy on the basis of National Policy of GoI 2006 and Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 which deals with educational rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. HEI's policy recognizes that persons with disabilities are valuable human resource for the institution and seeks to create an environment that provides equal opportunities, protection of their rights and full participation in the academic environment.

Objectives:

1. To have the building with ramps, railings and lifts.
2. To provide the accessible, gender-sensitive, safe, usable and functional washroom facilities.
3. To use/install the proper text and pictogram signage such as tactile path, lights, display boards, signposts to be visible and touchable.
4. To use of signage of male and female symbols, in accordance with local customs and standards, with raised outlines and bright color contrast will be more evident to everyone and particularly helpful for persons with visual impairments.
5. To support learners adequately and appropriately in and out of the classroom with the right resources and assistive technology, and with leadership, teaching staff and college communities that are responsive to their needs.
6. To ensure the accessibility of software tools and technology for the people with disabilities.
7. Provision for enquiry and information: Human assistance, reader, scribe, soft copies of reading material, screen reading.

Scope of the Policy:

1. Students enrolled at the various programmes and courses;
2. Teaching and non-teaching Staff;
3. Other Stakeholders of HEI such as alumni, parents, visitors, etc.



Guiding Principles:

HEI provided barrier-free environment where people with disabilities can move about safely and freely and use the facilities within the built environment. The environment supports the independent functioning of individuals so that they can participate without assistance in everyday activities within the campus.

1. HEI established ramps, and railings for every building for the free movement.
2. College buildings have provision of lift for barrier free access for students, staff, visitors and differently abled people. There are two lifts; one in Bldg. No. 1 and the other in Bldg. No. 3.
3. Differently abled friendly restrooms are established. These accessible restrooms carry the fixtures and fittings that are comfortable and convenient to the differently abled people.
4. Screen reader is an assistive software programme which helps the visually impaired or the blind to work with computer. The Non Visual Desktop Access (NVDA) is free; open-source software.
5. NVDA and Braille softwares are installed in the computers at Library to help the visually challenged students in learning. Audio Books are also made available in library.
6. Classes for Divyangjan are conducted at ground floor only.
7. A wheelchair is made available for easy movement.
8. Signage boards are fixed at appropriate places.
9. Institute offers 5% reservation for persons with disabilities in all the courses offered by Institute.
10. The scribe facility is made available for differently-abled student in the examination as per the SPPU, Pune.
11. If necessary, the separate sitting arrangement would be for the differently-abled student.
12. Programmes are conducted in the institution for the differently-abled to encourage them in the college events.
13. They are also motivated to participate in the programmes organized by other institutes.
14. The institution has a supporting staff to help the differently-abled person in urgent need for movement from one place to other.
15. The college fee is waived off for the differently-abled student.
16. Exam fee is also waived off to the differently-abled student.
17. Counselling to differently-abled students on the types of courses they could study.



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We strive to follow a scheme of continuous improvement and upgradation in our procedures, practices and review the policy on a regular basis to evaluate continued relevance and to monitor compliance.

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