

Sangameshwar College, Solapur (Autonomous)

Institutional Policy for *Divyangjan* Friendly Environment

The Preamble:

All are not born with equal abilities! The Constitution of India has the concept of inclusive growth. The same approach towards the physically challenged has percolated in the UGC and Maharashtra Public University Act. Quality assessing and accrediting agency the NAAC also stresses the equal opportunity for the physically challenged. The academia is the place where *divyangjan* are made confident to reach the main stream of life. Sangameshwar College has a few physically challenged learners every year. The institution has a track record of creating able human resources over coming all physical challenges.

The concept of *Divyangjan*:

Divyangjan is a Hindi word which means the one with a divine body part. According to the Prime Minister Hon. Narendra Modi persons with disability should no longer be referred to as disabled person or viklang. Since then they are euphemistically called *divyangjan*.

The Objectives:

- To create institutional academic ambience
- To sensitize the stakeholders towards the *divyangjan*
- To support the *divyangjan*
- To build confidence among the *divyangjan*

The Policy:

1. Volunteers of the cell "Sangmitra" to support the *divyangjan* will be formed under a teacher coordinator.
2. The cell will support the needy in, admission procedure, as scribes in the examinations and their visit to library etc.
3. The cell will provide the data to the College Development Committee regarding the special needs of the *divyangjan*
4. The *divyangjan* will be provided ramps, user friendly washrooms and the lift facility.
5. The physically challenged will be provided wheel chair facilities if needed.
6. The *divyangjan* will be allowed to approach the principal directly with their grievances
7. The above policies will be amended in tune with government policies whenever changed



The Excepted Outcomes: The policy implemented in sprit should create:

- Democratic atmosphere under special provisions
- Feel good experience for *divyangjan*
- stockholder Sensitivity towards *divyangjan*
- Institutional values towards the disadvantaged and physically disabled



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