



**VIVEKANANDA GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE
VIDYANAGAR, HYDERABAD – 500 044.**

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**POLICY DOCUMENT FOR DISABLED-FRIENDLY, BARRIER FREE
ENVIRONMENT**

Vivekananda Government Degree College (VGDC), considers it an honour to serve the differently abled members of the community. Adhering to the National Policy formulated by the Government of India for Persons with disabilities in February 2006 which deals with educational rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, VGDC has formulated a specific policy to keep the College disabled friendly, and to take every possible measure to provide a barrier free environment to the Divyangjan.

Policy Statement

VGDC will strive to always serve students with disabilities in higher education, thereby to develop a society in which individuals with disabilities thrive and participate fully to become responsible decision-makers, problem solvers and self-advocates in charge of their own destiny.

Objectives:

- To ensure that students with disabilities get equal opportunities to explore their educational potentials.
- To provide a nurturing and motivating environment for students with learning disabilities to accommodate their pedagogic needs.
- To eradicate any kind of stigmatization and segregation so that they can become confident individuals.
- To promoting independence and self-advocacy

The focus of the policy is on the following:

- To ensure implementation of all legislations with respect to persons with disabilities.
- To Provide counselling for the students with disabilities on the types of courses they can study at the higher education.
- To have a make shift arrangement of classes to which a differently abled student is admitted so as to have the easiest and shortest access.
- To provide a barrier free environment so that the differently abled students can move about without obstacles anywhere in the campus.
- To provide Audiolessons to the differently abled students


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- To ensure that the design of the building such as ramp/ lift should be according to the disabled persons.
- To ensure the accessible, gender-sensitive, safe, usable and functional washroom facilities should be provided for disabled persons
- To ensure the accessibility of software tools and technology for the people with disabilities.
- To ensure Provision for enquiry and information: Human assistance, reader, scribe, soft copies of reading material, screen reading etc.
- To provide support to the students with disability and assist them in getting appropriate employment after their studies.

Others:

- To provide counselling to differently - abled students on the types of courses they could study at the higher education institution.
- To gather orders dealing with fee concessions, examination procedures, reservation, policies, etc., pertaining to differently-abled persons.
- To conduct awareness programmes for teachers of the institute about the approaches to teaching, evaluation procedures, etc, which they should address in the case of differently-abled students.
- To celebrate important days pertaining to disability such as the World Disabled Day, White Cane Day, etc., in the institute and also in the neighbourhood in order to create awareness about the capabilities of differently-abled persons.

Thus, VGDC continuously strives to address the accessibility issues pertaining to disability.


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Facilities provided to the differentlyabled students

The Constitution of India ensures equality, freedom, justice and dignity of all individuals including persons with disabilities and mandates an inclusive society for all. Further Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 prohibits discrimination against individuals with physical and mental disabilities. In accordance with the constitutional act Vivekananda Government has always been proactive in addressing the needs of students in disadvantaged situation and providing them equal opportunities for higher education.

In the present endeavour, the College Mentor –Mentee convenors looks after the interests of the students with special needs. Special support is provided to slow learners and those who need additional help through a variety of means such as remedial and extra classes. The college has been conducting awareness among the staff and Students against all kinds of discriminations and give the unheard voices (differently abled students) a place to belong. The college provides the following facilities for students with special needs.

Ramps:

The College has constructed ramps, railings, wherever necessary so that wheelchair users, blind students and handicapped students can easily access to their classrooms or navigate between areas of different height in the campus. Aside from providing easy access, ramps help differently abled students to move around safely. The College also makes sure that the classes in which the differently abled students are admitted is arranged in the ground floor only.

Rest Room:

The College has made arrangement to have accessible toilet that has been specially designed to better accommodate students with physical disabilities. The accessible restrooms carry the fixtures and fittings that are comfortable and convenient to the differently abled students. It has Nonslip floor, and grab bar.

Scribe:

The College provides scribeservices for candidates who are blind / low vision with more than 40% disability during the written examination within the College. This facility is also extended to the students who are allotted centre as our college for their end semester examination.


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