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## **Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC)**

An **Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC)** ensures a fair, inclusive, and discrimination-free academic environment for all students and faculty, particularly those from marginalized backgrounds. It promotes equity in education, career opportunities, and campus policies.

## **Objectives of the EOC**

- 1. **Ensure Non-Discrimination:** Promote fairness and equal access to resources for all students, faculty, and staff.
- 2. **Support Marginalized Groups:** Assist SC/ST, OBC, minority communities, women, economically weaker sections, and persons with disabilities.
- 3. **Promote Inclusive Education:** Organize workshops, seminars, and awareness programs on diversity, inclusivity, and social justice.
- 4. **Address Grievances:** Provide a transparent mechanism to handle discrimination or harassment complaints.
- 5. **Assist in Financial & Academic Support:** Guide students toward scholarships, fee waivers, and academic assistance programs.
- 6. **Enhance Career Opportunities:** Offer skill development programs, mentorship, and placement assistance for disadvantaged students.

#### **Key Initiatives & Activities**

#### 1. Awareness Programs & Workshops

- o Sensitization programs on gender equality, caste discrimination, and disability rights.
- Seminars on government policies like the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, etc.

#### 2. Grievance Redressal Mechanism

- o A confidential system to address discrimination, harassment, or bias.
- o A structured complaint resolution process with defined timelines.

## 3. Scholarships & Financial Aid Guidance

- o Assistance in applying for government and private scholarships.
- o Fee waivers and financial aid information sessions.

## 4. Skill Development & Placements

- o Special training programs for underprivileged students.
- o Industry collaborations for inclusive hiring and career mentorship.

#### 5. Infrastructure & Accessibility Improvements

- Ensuring ramps, accessible classrooms, and assistive technologies for students with disabilities.
- Providing digital and learning resources for all.

# **Equal Opportunity Cell**

India is a hub of different religions, castes, and culture and is a country of diversity. Unity in diversity is our principle. Discrimination against any person on his/her disability or physical limitations and minority status is a violation of the principles of equality and human rights.

In order to address the issues which are related to the students & staff belonging to Schedule Caste/Schedule Tribe, Other Backward Caste, minorities, persons with disabilities (PWDs) & women, the Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC) has been established in the campus.

## **Member List of Equal Opportunity Cell**

Sr. No	Members Name	Designation
1	Dr. Y. D. Venkatesh	Principal
2	Mr. Suhas Lawand	Asst. Professor
3	Ms. Ereena Rodrigues	Registrar
4	Mr. Nitin Nijap	Office Executive
5	Ms. Shreya Jadhav	Student
6	Mr. Shantanu Ramteke	Student
7	Ms. Isha Vanjare	Student

(Dr. Y. D. Venkatesh)

**Principal**