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Criterion VII – Institutional Values and Best Practices

7.1 Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities

7.1.7 The Institution has disabled-friendly, barrier free environment

POLICY DOCUMENT

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7.1.7 POLICY DOCUMENT FOR DISABLED-FRIENDLY, BARRIER FREE ENVIRONMENT

Government of India passed “Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PwD) Act, 2016” for the welfare of differently abled persons in 2016. This act states that "**Person with disability**" means a person with long term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which, in interaction with barriers, hinders his /her full and effective participation in society equally with others.

As per the act, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) framed several guidelines for the higher educational institutions that supports Physical, Educational & Economic Rehabilitation, barrier free environment, social security, research, etc., for persons with disabilities, especially for women and children. Earlier, with respect to “The Persons with Disabilities Act 1995”, the University Grants Commission (UGC) too mandates all universities in the country that PwD should have access to all levels of education .

MSEC has a policy of treating its people with dignity and equal rights, irrespective of their race, caste, region, etc. and also a special care is given for women.

MSEC is implemented the policies as instructed by AICTE that provides social justice and empowering learning capabilities of disabled persons. The facilities adopted by the institution as per the policies are listed below:

Building has ramps and lifts that helps the persons with *mobility impairment* or wheel chair users for the easy access. MSEC provides a barrier free environment for disabled persons.

1. College facilitates wheel chairs for Students (persons) with disabilities.
2. Easily accessible washroom facility is provided for the disabled persons(for both men and women).
3. The sign boards are provided legibly so that people can easily identify library, lecture halls, staff rooms, class rooms, and other administrator rooms, common room and directions to specific locations, etc.
4. Classrooms are allotted for the disabled students in the ground floor for their convenience.

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5. Each department provides a computer with screen reader software (NVDA) for visually impaired persons. Human assistance like Scribe is arranged for the student those who have restricted ability to write.
6. Periodic counselling is provided to all students (including differently abled students) to discuss their problems regarding academics and social life.
7. MSEC formed **Societal Beneficial Innovation** program in which the students create innovative projects for the poor and needy people (especially differently abled persons). Successful projects are made into products and donated to suitable beneficiaries.

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