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DR. D. Y. PATIL VIDYAPEETH, PIMPRI, PUNE

(Deemed to be University)

(Accredited (3rd Cycle) by NAAC with a CGPA of 3.64 on four point scale at 'A++' Grade)

(Declared as Category - I University by UGC Under Graded Autonomy Regulations, 2018)

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POLICY FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED PEOPLE



Date of Implementation: 18 December 2024

NOTIFICATION

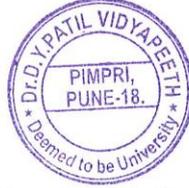
In pursuance of the resolution passed by the **Executive Council** at its meeting held on **18th December 2024**, vide **Resolution No. EC-55(iv) -24**.

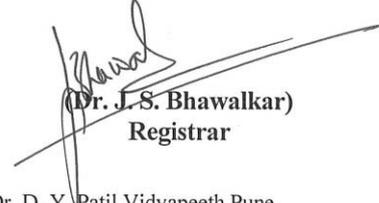
It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pimpri, Pune, has published a **“Policy for Differently-abled People”** to foster an accessible, inclusive, and supportive academic environment. This policy is designed to remove barriers faced by differently-abled individuals and ensure their full participation in academic and co-curricular activities through necessary accommodations, assistive technologies, and support services.

The **Policy for Differently-abled People** comprises the following parts:

1. Objectives
2. Policy Statement
3. Policy Strategy
4. Scope
5. Eligibility
6. Implementations

The **Policy for Differently-abled People** will serve as a detailed guideline and will be useful to all concerned. This will come into force with immediate effect.




(Dr. J. S. Bhawalkar)
Registrar

Copy to;

1. P.S. to Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Pune.
2. P.S. to Vice Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
3. P.S. to Pro Vice Chancellor for the Kind information of Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
4. Director (IQAC), Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
5. Director (Administration: Quality Assurance, Faculty Development & Research), Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune
6. Director (Research), Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
7. Controller of Examinations, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
8. Finance Officer, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.
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10. Web master for uploading on DPU website.

Encl.: As above

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WHEREAS Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pimpri, Pune popularly known as "DPU", managed by **Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Society, Pune**, was declared as "Deemed-to-be-University", **under Section 3 of UGC Act 1956** in 2003.

AND WHEREAS today the Vidyapeeth has 14 constituent institutions under its umbrella. All the institutions have the approval / recognition of the relevant statutory bodies to offer UG, PG Degree, Super-specialty and Ph.D. programmes in relevant and emerging disciplines, specializations and super specializations.

AND WHEREAS, as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Institution Deemed to be University) Regulations, 2019 in Sub Clause Nos. 10.07 sub-sub clauses 10.07.1 and 10.07.2 provides that the Board of Management shall be the Principal Organ of Management and the Apex Executive Body of the Institution Deemed to be University, with powers to make rules and shall be the final decision-making body in respect of every matter including academic, administrative, personnel, financial, development matters of institution Deemed to be Universities.

AND WHEREAS, as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Institution Deemed to be University) Regulations, 2023 Clause 11 and Sub Clause No. 11 (3) and 11 (4), Clause 13 and Sub Clause No. 13 (1) and 13 (2) of the Regulations provides that the Executive Council shall be the Principal Organ of Management and the Apex Executive Body of the Institution Deemed to be University, with powers to make rules and shall be the final decision making body in respect of every matter including academic, administrative, personnel, financial, development matters of institution Deemed to be University.

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth is committed to providing comprehensive support and facilities for differently abled persons, including initiatives under the Teacher Preparation in Special Education (TEPSE) and Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs (HEPSN) programs. The university shall facilitate barrier-free infrastructure, accessible learning resources, assistive technologies, and inclusive teaching practices to create a supportive academic environment.

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Introduction:

Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth is committed to fostering an inclusive and equitable learning environment for differently abled persons. In line with the provisions of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, this policy ensures equal access to education, resources, and opportunities for all students, faculty, and staff with disabilities.

Objective:

The objective of this policy is to create an accessible, inclusive, and supportive academic environment by eliminating barriers faced by differently abled persons. It aims to provide necessary accommodations, assistive technologies, and support services to ensure their full participation in academic and co-curricular activities.

Policy Statement:

Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth shall provide comprehensive support to differently abled persons, ensuring inclusivity through accessible infrastructure, reasonable accommodations, and sensitized faculty and staff. The university will implement specialized programs such as Teacher Preparation in Special Education (TEPSE), Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs (HEPSN), and support for visually challenged teachers.

Policy Strategy:

- Ensure barrier-free infrastructure and assistive technologies across the campus.
- Promote inclusive education through capacity-building programs and sensitization workshops.
- Provide accessible learning materials and resources.
- Establish a support centre for differently abled persons offering counselling and academic assistance.

Other Enabling Facilities:

In addition to the above strategies, the university shall provide other enabling facilities to ensure a supportive environment for differently abled persons. These facilities include:

- **Accessible Transportation:** University transport services will include accessible vehicles to cater to the mobility needs of differently abled individuals.
- **Assistive Technology and Devices:** Provision of screen readers, Braille displays, hearing aids, and other assistive technologies.
- **Accessible Housing:** Special provisions for accessible hostel rooms and accommodation facilities.
- **Health and Wellness Support:** Availability of specialized medical and counselling services on campus.
- **Personal Assistance Services:** Trained assistants will be available to provide support as per the needs of students and staff.
- **Sign Language Interpreters and Scribes:** Facilitation of sign language interpreters and scribes for academic and administrative purposes.

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- **Emergency Evacuation Plans:** Formulation of accessible emergency evacuation procedures and installation of visual and auditory alarms.
- **Cultural and Sports Inclusion:** Encouragement and support for differently abled students to participate in cultural events, sports, and recreational activities.

Scope:

This policy applies to all students, faculty members, staff, and visitors with disabilities at Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth. It covers academic, administrative, and recreational facilities.

Review of Policy:

The policy shall be reviewed annually by an expert committee consisting of faculty members, field specialists, and representatives from the differently abled community. Recommendations from the committee will be considered for continuous improvements.

Facilities for Differently Abled Persons:

A. Teacher Preparation in Special Education (TEPSE)

Support will be extended to university departments offering courses in special education, subject as per the norms.

B. Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs (HEPSN)

This scheme supports higher education institutions in creating accessible learning environments and offering support services, including assistive devices and counselling.

C. Visually Challenged Teachers

Visually challenged faculty members will receive necessary assistive technologies, accessible reading materials, and other reasonable accommodations.

Eligibility:

Institutions seeking assistance under this policy must fulfil the following requirements:

- Approval from the Rehabilitation Council of India.
- Operational model school or written agreement with a nearby special/integrated school.
- Minimum five years of experience in teacher education programs.
- Formation of a functional expert committee for policy review.
- Recognition under UGC sections 2(f) and 12(B).

Financial Assistance:

Financial assistance will be provided as per the norms of the UGC to support infrastructure development, procurement of assistive technologies, training programs, and the establishment of support centres.

Implementation:

The implementation of this policy will be overseen by a designated committee at Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth. The committee will ensure effective application of provisions, monitor progress, and recommend necessary adjustments.

CONCLUSION

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Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth firmly believes that every individual has the right to pursue education in an inclusive and supportive environment. Through the implementation of this policy, the university aims to remove obstacles that hinder the participation of differently abled persons in academic and professional settings. By providing equitable access to resources and opportunities, the university endeavours to nurture the talents and potential of all members of its community.

Furthermore, the university recognizes that inclusivity is a continuous process that requires ongoing evaluation and adaptation. It will remain committed to fostering awareness, empathy, and acceptance among its stakeholders, ensuring a culture of respect and equality.

In conclusion, this policy is not only a reflection of Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth's dedication to social responsibility but also a step towards creating a diverse and empowered academic community. The university encourages collaborative efforts from faculty, staff, and students to uphold the principles of accessibility and inclusivity, paving the way for a more equitable society.

Date of Implementation: 18/12/2024

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