

## SRI GURU NANAK DEV KHALSA COLLEGE

# (UNIVERSITY OF DELHI)

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## Policy for the Differently Abled

The Enabling Unit at Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College strives to provide encouraging, inclusive environment to the differently abled students at the college. It is important that steps are taken to ensure a safe and comfortable space along with additional support that is essential for their academic and co-curricular development.

#### Infrastructure

For comfortable movement of differently abled students in the college premises, ramps and railings are necessary. Access to lift will add to the comfort of movement. Braille marking and announcement system in lift is also appropriate. Tactile path for visually impaired students will further enhance the comfort of their movement from one place to other and reduce dependence. Provision for dedicated common room and washroom facility for the differently abled students is desired.

#### Library

Monthly subscription to braille magazines in college library will help the students keep pace with latest developments and socio-political issues. Computers with JAWS software will help the visually impaired students to prepare their assignments and access internet. For this they need a quiet space dedicated for their usage. Library should try to arrange/procure recordings of lectures available in the University and reading material in Braille. College should also make available Screen Reading Software and Scanner for visually impaired students to enhance their learning/reading habit.

#### **Assistive Technology**

Considering the special need of visually challenged students, it is suggested that college should attempt to provide assistive technology to facilitate their learning process.

College should try to provide the below technology assistance to these students:

- Distribution of DAISY players to all visually impaired students
- Providing Laptop while they are at college.
- Braille Slate and Braille Books will help them to read and write in their language; this is an important instrument for Visually impaired students.

#### **Financial Assistance**

All possible efforts should be made to give economic assistance to the needy students as per rules. Timely payment of writing fee to the writers is very important in ensuring that they have no problem in arranging for a writer for their class work and examination.

#### Co-curricular activities

Students at college should be sensitized to the special need of differently abled students and should be encouraged to assist them and make all possible efforts to include them in class

discussions, projects, and college activities. Their active participation in cultural and sport activities should be ensured. A short trip keeping their requirements and interest in mind can be organized. To challenge and encourage students mentally, competitive events should be planned.

## **Staff and Students**

It is imperative to be sensitive to the needs of differently abled. Care should be taken that staff and students in their interaction with them are not brash, dismissive, or condescending. They are an integral stakeholder of the college and community and have the potential to contribute to the development of the world around them. It is everyone's responsibility to provide space to them to learn and develop their potential. Compassionate accommodation is what is desired and not aid.

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