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Aim:

To ensure inclusive, equitable, and barrier-free access to all academic, infrastructural, digital, and support services in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for students with disabilities and socio-economically disadvantaged groups, in line with national and international accessibility standards.

Objectives:

1. To Create Barrier-Free Physical Infrastructure

Ensure that campuses, classrooms, hostels, libraries, and other facilities are fully accessible to students with physical, sensory, and mobility challenges.

2. To Promote Digital Accessibility

Guarantee that all digital platforms, websites, and learning management systems are compliant with accessibility standards and usable by all students.

3. To Provide Inclusive Learning and Evaluation

Facilitate equal academic participation through accessible learning materials, flexible assessment methods, and assistive technologies.

4. To Establish Dedicated Support Systems

Set up Accessibility Cells or Equal Opportunity Cells to coordinate services, assistive devices, and policy implementation.

5. To Offer Financial and Academic Support

Provide scholarships, fee waivers, assistive technology grants, remedial coaching, and mentoring for students with disabilities and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

6. To Build Awareness and Sensitize Stakeholders

Conduct training and sensitization programs for faculty, administrative staff, and students to foster an inclusive institutional culture.

7. To Ensure Policy Compliance and Monitoring

Align institutional practices with national regulations (RPwD Act, NEP 2020, UGC Guidelines), and establish monitoring mechanisms including accessibility audits and grievance redressal systems.

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