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## SocioEconomically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) Cell

JSS College for Women has established SEDGs Cell to ensure opportunities for inclusive, equal and quality higher education to the SEDGs students.

SEDGs Cell ensure the protection of the constitutionally guaranteed rights, dignity, safety, and security of all individuals belonging to the SEDGs and also ensure them equalizing access and opportunities to pursue higher education with the help of the existing statutory bodies such as Internal Compliance committee Cell, Equal Opportunity Cell etc.

## **Objectives of SEDGs Cell:**

- 1. To protect all the constitutional rights of the SEDGs students.
- 2. To ensure that the college is inclusive, safe, and secure for the SEDGs students.
- 3. To provide socio-emotional and academic support and mentoring for the students belonging to the SEDGs through proper counselling and monitoring programme.
- 4. To ensure implementation of all such programme designed and developed by the college to increase the participation of SEDGs students in academic activities.
- 5. To ensure implementation of Government's policies, including reservation policies and various schemes, programme, facilities and guidelines for SEDGs students.
- 6. To ensure proper implementation of preventive measures and Laws against discrimination and atrocities, and for safeguards of students belonging to respective categories under SEDGs.
- 7. To circulate, publicize, facilitate, and monitor the implementation of all UGC and Government guidelines and instructions issued from time to time in reference to SEDGs.
- 8. To redress the grievances and complaints of the SEDGs students within 15 days through a Grievances Redressal Committee (GRC) without compromising the safety, privacy and dignity of the complainant.

## **Functions of SEDGs Cell:**

- 1. To co-ordinate with other existing cells and statutory bodies of the college and enable implementation of the existing schemes and provisions, including scholarships and fellowships of the Govt. of India and respective States.
- 2. To provide socio-economic, academic, and psychological support and mentoring for such students through proper counselling and mentoring programme.
- 3. To ensure sensitization of faculty, staff, counsellors, and students on the SEDGs issues and their inclusion in all aspects.
- 4. To coordinate with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) to raise awareness about the implementation of various policies for inclusive and equitable quality higher education.
- 5. To work as a 'Single Window" for students belonging to SEDGs for their grievances, basic needs, amenities, facilities, welfare measures, and scholarships and fellowships.
- 6. To circulate, publicize, and facilitate existing welfare schemes like Remedial, entry into services, and residential Coaching for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer), Minority Community, and PwD Students.
- 7. To focus on overall personality and skill development, including professional and soft skills, so as to ensure enhancing the student employability.
- 8. To assess the needs of SEDGs and make necessary recommendations to the authorities of the management.
- 9. To make faculty, staff, students, and service professionals aware of facilities available for SEDGs.
- 10. To sensitize all the students to bring an attitudinal change towards SEDGs to ensure participation of SEDGs in curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities in the college.
- 11. To hold regular meetings with representatives of SEDG students to check their grievances and also meet with management/authorities to facilitate discussion of the grievances of SEDG students and maintain the confidentiality of deliberations and data.
- 12. To review, monitor, and ensure disposal of all grievances within 15 days.

## Composition of Socio Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) Cell

S.No	Name	Designation/ Department	
1	Dr. Rechanna	Principal	Chairperson
2	Smt. Sowmya BL	Computer Science	Convener
3	Smt. Nalina Kumari DM	Coordinator- IQAC	Member
4	Dr. Shilpa ND	HoD, PG Commerce	Member
5	Sri Girish M	HoD, Microbiology	Member
6	Dr. Abhijith M Singh	HoD, Biotechnology	Member
7	Dr. D. M. Lokeshwari	HoD, Chemistry	Member
8	Sri. Shivashankarappa	Office Superintendent	Member
9	Kum. Bhoomika K	Student Representative	Member
10	Kum. Gangamrutha M R	Student Representative	Member

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