

POLICY DOCUMENT FOR BARRIER FREE
DIVYANGJAN FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT



MAJULI COLLEGE

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Introduction :

The "Individuals with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights, and Full Participation) Act" of 1996 established by Indian Govt. for Equal Opportunities of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities) and made particular provisions for them. This Act includes requirements for ramps in public buildings, restroom adaptations for wheelchair users, Braille symbols, and auditory indications in elevators, all of which will make it easier for Divyangjan to access the built environment. According to the provisions stated, it is advised that there should be no discrimination against physically challenged people in those institutions.

Majuli College is against all kinds of discrimination on any grounds including disability. Majuli College intends to have an inclusive environment for Divyangjan students to have a barrier free access across the college and wishes them to have access to all areas without any hindrances.

OBJECTIVES

- To facilitate admission of persons with disability by following Rules & Regulations as per the Policies of the States and Central Governments.
- To provide counseling to differently-abled individuals in the University for better learning support.
- To provide guidance to avail various fellowships / scholarships of different funding agencies.
- To create awareness about the needs of persons with disabilities and other general issues concerning disabilities.
- To provide equal educational opportunities to disabled persons in the college
- To provide infrastructural needs to enable them to easily access classrooms, laboratories, toilets, etc for barrier free learning environment.
- To explore the full participation and equality as well as suitable placement opportunities for educated disabled graduates in public as well as private sector enterprises.
- To adequately support learners with disabilities with the right resources and assistive technology, and with leadership, teaching staff and college as a whole being responsive to their needs.

CATEGORIES OF THE DISABILITY

As per the guidelines of the University Grants Commission and the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, the "Disability" is classified in following categories:

- Blindness
- Low vision
- Leprosy-cured
- Hearing impairment
- Loco motor disability
- Mental retardation
- Mental illness

ACTIONS INITIATED BY THE COLLEGE

The college may provide following to the differently-abled students (Physically Challenged students) as following:

- The hostel rooms in the college hostels to be allocated to the differently-abled students in the ground floor only.
- The college has ramps with railings on both sides almost at all the departments to let tricycles pass freely directly to the classrooms.
- The cell shall maintain the complete database of differently-abled students, their addresses with phone numbers in order to facilitate the communication and other requirements.
- It will be continuously monitoring the facilities and assistance in the matters of differently-abled Persons.
- The students should be encouraged to take part in the sports and cultural events and the winners/active participants of such events to be felicitated.

MOBILITY DEVICES

Persons utilizing mobility devices, such as wheelchairs, crutches, and walkers, as well as those walking with the assistance of others, should be given adequate room.

- A person in a wheelchair's range of reach (forward and side; with or without obstruction) should be considered. The dimensions of wheelchairs in use in the area should be considered.

- The minimum width of the space for wheelchair entry should be 900mm, the length should be 1200mm, and the breadth should be 1600-2000mm. (for the reason of rotation of the wheelchair).
- The forward reach should be a minimum of 380mm and a maximum of 1300mm without obstruction.
- Grasp reach should be a maximum of 500mm and Touch reach should be a maximum of 600mm. For locking and opening controls for window and doors should not be more than 1400mm from the finished floor usable by one hand.
- Switches for electric light and power as well as door handles and other fixtures and fittings should be between 900 mm - 1200 mm from finished floor.
- Power point for general purpose should be fixed between 400-500 mm from the finished floor.

PARKING PROVISIONS

The following provisions must be made for parking persons with disabilities' vehicles:

- Surface parking for two car spaces near the entrance for physically handicapped people with a maximum travel distance of 30 meters from the building entrance shall be provided.
- The width of parking bay shall be minimum 3.60 Meter.
- A sign indicating that the space is reserved for wheelchair users must be prominently displayed.
- Guiding floor materials shall be provided.

APPROACH TO PLINTH LEVEL

- Every building should have at least one handicapped-accessible entrance, which should be clearly marked.
- To enter the building, the ramp must be finished with non-slip material.
- Minimum width of ramp shall be 1800 mm with maximum gradient 1:12
- The length of the ramp shall not exceed 9.0 meters, with a double railing on both sides at a height of 800-900 mm, extending 300 mm beyond the top and bottom of the ramp.
- There must be a 50 mm gap between the adjacent wall and the handrail.
- A ramp's grade should be a gentle increase of 10mm for every 120mm of travel.
- At the top and bottom of a ramp, provide a flat surface of 1500mm or more in length.

STEPPED APPROACH

- The tread must be at least 300mm wide, with a maximum riser of 150mm.
- A 900mm high handrail should be installed on both sides of the stepped approach, identical to the ramped approach, with a 40mm diameter and a 50mm spacing from the wall.

CORRIDOR

- Minimum width of corridor should be 1500mm.

TOILET

- In each set of toilets, one unique western closet for the handicapped shall be provided, with a washbasin at the door.
- The door must have a minimum clear opening of 900mm and must swing out.
- The western closet seat must be 500mm above the ground level.
- The toilet floor must have a non-slip surface with no variation in level.

SIGNAGES

- Signs must include the symbol of access as well as the direction and name of the accessible facility.
- The height of the letter should be readable at various viewing distances.

OTHER FACILITIES

- Allow a space under the counter of 700mm height and 350mm depth to make a counter wheelchair accessible.



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