



## Policy Document for Barrier-Free and Disabled-Friendly Environment at Darrang College

### Introduction

Darrang College is committed to providing equal opportunities for individuals with disabilities, ensuring that faculty members and students with special needs can fully participate in teaching, learning, and all campus activities. It is the responsibility of all stakeholders to promote an inclusive environment, integrating persons with disabilities into the social and academic mainstream. The college aims to create a barrier-free environment that facilitates smooth access to all facilities and services for differently-abled individuals.

### Objectives

1. To create an inclusive academic environment where students with disabilities have equal access to resources, support, and opportunities.
2. To ensure the physical infrastructure of the college is accessible to people with disabilities, providing them with a barrier-free campus.
3. To foster an atmosphere of respect and inclusion for students, staff, and faculty with disabilities.
4. To continuously improve and upgrade facilities and support services to meet the needs of students and staff with disabilities.

### Policy Guidelines

#### 1. Infrastructure and Accessibility

- **Ramps and Elevators:** Ensure that ramps and elevators are available at all major building entrances, classrooms, laboratories, and administrative blocks for easy access.
- **Pathways:** Maintain smooth, wide pathways for wheelchair access and ensure that corridors are free from obstructions.
- **Accessible Toilets:** Construct and maintain toilets designed to be accessible for people with disabilities in all buildings.

- **Tactile Pathways and Signage:** Install tactile pathways for the visually impaired and provide clear, legible signage throughout the campus.
- **Assistive Technologies:** Provide assistive devices and technologies such as Braille books, hearing aids, and other tools to support students with disabilities in their academic work.

## 2. Support Services and Facilities

- **Wheelchairs and Attendants:** Provide wheelchairs and assistance from attendants when necessary, ensuring that students with disabilities can move around the campus freely.
- **Scribe Facility:** Ensure that students with disabilities are provided with scribe services during examinations if needed.
- **Specialized Academic Support:** Organize remedial classes, provide accessible study materials, and ensure that students with disabilities have access to electronic resources in appropriate formats, such as Braille or audio files.
- **Counselling and Mental Health Support:** Provide dedicated counseling services to students with disabilities, addressing both academic and personal needs.

## 3. Inclusive Admission and Scholarships

- **Reservation in Admissions:** Implement state government rules for reservations for students with disabilities during the admission process.

## 4. Faculty and Staff Training

- **Sensitization Programs:** Conduct awareness campaigns to sensitize faculty, staff, and students about the needs and challenges faced by persons with disabilities.
- **Teaching Methods:** Train faculty to adopt inclusive teaching methods, ensuring that academic material is accessible to all students, including those with disabilities.

## 5. Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Participation

- Provide students with disabilities the opportunity to participate in cultural, sports, and extra-curricular activities.
- Ensure that all events, workshops, and competitions are inclusive and accessible to individuals with disabilities.



## 6. Evaluation and Continuous Improvement


- **Feedback Mechanism:** Implement a system for gathering feedback from students and staff with disabilities to assess the effectiveness of the disability support services.
- **Annual Review:** The College Authority will review the facilities, resources, and policies on a yearly basis to identify areas for improvement and ensure the college remains a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.

### Conclusion

Darrang College is dedicated to ensuring that all students, regardless of their physical abilities, can access education and participate in college life without hindrance. Through continuous efforts to improve infrastructure, provide necessary support, and create an inclusive academic environment, the college aims to empower individuals with disabilities, enabling them to realize their full potential.

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