

Mula Education Society's  
**Arts, Commerce and Science College, Sonai**  
Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra

Policy Document On

**DISABLED FRIENDLY & BARRIER FREE ENVIRONMENT**

**1. Preamble :**

The Government of India has enacted "The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 which came into force on February 7, 1996. The main objectives of the act are to create barrier free environment for persons with disabilities and to make special provisions for the integration of persons with disabilities into the social mainstream. In February 2006, the Government of India formulated the "National Policy for Persons with Disabilities," which deals with educational rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. In 2016, the Government of India has introduced another act known as "Rights of Persons with Disabilities" Act, which prohibits discrimination against individuals with physical and mental disabilities.

Mula Education Society's Arts, Commerce and Science College, Sonai, recognizes that persons with disabilities are valuable human resource for the institution and seeks to create an environment that provides equal opportunities, protection of their rights and full participation in the academic environment. With this objective in mind the institution advances the following comprehensive "Disabled Friendly, Barrier Free Environment Policy" in which incapacitated students and employees are not distraught or treated un-favourably. The policy is to be adopted and strictly observed by all stake holders of the institution.

**THE POLICY:**

1. The institution shall provide adequate space for persons using mobility devices like wheelchairs, crutches and walkers, as well as those walking with the assistance of other persons.

2. The institution shall create barrier free environment for disabled and physically challenged persons in the form of Ramps with railing facility, provision of Lifts in each and every academic building and in Restrooms.
3. Adaptation of toilets for wheel chair users,
4. Construction of slopes (ramps with railing facility) in pavements for the easy access of wheel chair users,
5. It shall also provide necessary signage, lights, display boards and signposts for the easy movement of the disabled persons.
6. To provide scribe facility for the person who required human assistance during the course of examination and academic activities.
7. To augment screen reading software and braille facility for the needy person.
8. To adopt and implement the necessary facilities as per the guidelines of Govt. of India as on when required.
9. If required, allotment of extra time in tutorials, internal and university examinations.
10. The institution shall ensure itself that it has disabled friendly and barrier free environment.

Principal



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