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National Education Policy 2020 aims to develop good human beings, capable of rational thought and action, compassion and empathy, courage and resilience, scientific temper, and creative imagination, with sound ethical moorings and values. It aims to produce engaged, productive, contributing citizens to build an equitable, inclusive, and plural society as our Constitution envisages.

A good educational institution is one in which every student feels cared for and welcomed, where a student also feels safe, and a stimulating learning environment exists, where a wide range of learning experiences are offered, good physical infrastructure is available, and appropriate resources conducive to learning are accessible to all the students. Every institution's main aim should be to provide access to quality education, which must be considered a basic right of every child. At the same time, there must be seamless integration and coordination across institutions and across all stages of education.

Education is the single greatest tool for achieving social justice and equality, inclusive and equitable education. The policy also aims to bridge the gap between various social groups, particularly for socio-economically disadvantaged groups (SEDGs), i.e., SCs, STs, and OBCs, which are historically underrepresented in higher education. The policy recognizes the importance of creating enabling mechanisms for providing Children with Special Needs (CWSN) or Divyang, the same opportunities of obtaining quality education as any other child. The policy acknowledges the importance of interventions to promote the education of children belonging to minority communities, including women, transgender, and migrant communities, children victims of trafficking, orphans, child beggars in urban areas, etc.

Keeping in view the significant recommendations of NEP 2020 towards accessibility, equitable, and inclusive Higher Education for SEDGs as envisaged in our Constitution, the UGC has prepared/ framed guidelines entitled "Guidelines for Equitable Opportunity to the Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) in HEIs."

Feedback/suggestions on the draft Guidelines from all stakeholders are invited latest by **17th May, 2023** on the University Activity Monitoring Portal (UAMP) of UGC at <https://uamp.ugc.ac.in/>

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