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Sub: Implementation of Guidelines "Accessibility Guidelines and Standards for Higher Education Institutions and Universities"-regarding.

Respected Madam/Sir,

The Govt. of India launched the Accessible India Campaign (*Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan*) in 2015 to facilitate barrier-free urban development for persons with disabilities in three broad domains i.e., Built Environment, Information Technology, and Transportation. It has been a nationwide flagship campaign to achieve universal access and development for persons with disabilities. The NEP 2020 has also envisioned the provisions for extensive use of technology in teaching and learning, removing language barriers, increasing access for Divyang students, and educational planning and management including full equity and inclusion as the cornerstone of all educational decisions to ensure that all students are able to thrive in the system of modern education.

Inclusive practices in education ensure quality education without discrimination to any learner. It fulfills diverse needs in a responsive and supportive manner. Higher education institutions (HEIs) need to create a common learning environment that is flexible and accessible for all the students to learn together including those from varied backgrounds and diverse abilities. Such an inclusive environment will not only be beneficial for the learners but will also form a strong foundation for social inclusion and accessible environments as a whole. Thus, it should result in removing barriers by bringing necessary transformations in infrastructure, curriculum, teaching-learning process and all such components for equal and quality participation in both academic and social aspects of campus life.

With a view to improve the participation and learning experiences of persons with disabilities in HEIs and also to achieve the goals of NEP 2020 and provisions of Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2016, The Ministry of Education has notified E-Gazette of "Accessibility Guidelines and Standards for Higher Education Institutions and Universities", which will play a very significant role in making our HEIs accessible. **(copy enclosed)**

You are, therefore, requested to take necessary steps for implementation of the "Accessibility Guidelines and Standards for Higher Education Institutions and Universities" (available on UGC website) in your esteemed University and also in the affiliated/constituent Colleges in the best interest of Divyangjan.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Manish Joshi)

- The Vice-Chancellors of all Universities
- The Principals of all Colleges

Encl: As above



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फा. सं. एन-11018/01/2024.—सीडीएन, जबकि दिव्यांगजन अधिकार अधिनियम, 2016 की धारा 40 में यह परिकल्पना की गई है कि केंद्र सरकार, मुख्य आयुक्त के परामर्श से, शहरी एवं ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में आम जनता को उचित प्रौद्योगिकी तथा प्रणालियाँ, एवं अन्य सुविधाएँ और सेवाएँ प्रदान करने के साथ-साथ प्राकृतिक वातावरण, परिवहन, सूचना तथा संचार के लिए पहुँच के मानक निर्धारित करने के क्रम में दिव्यांगजनों के लिए नियम तैयार करेगी।

और जबकि, विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (यूजीसी) द्वारा 'उच्च शिक्षा संस्थानों और विश्वविद्यालयों के लिए पहुँच संबंधी दिशानिर्देश और मानक' जारी किए गए हैं, जिन्हें इस उद्देश्य के लिए गठित विशेषज्ञ समिति की देखरेख में मुख्य आयुक्त (दिव्यांगजन) के परामर्श सहित विस्तृत जन परामर्श के बाद तैयार किया गया था।

इसलिए, अब, शिक्षा मंत्रालय द्वारा 'उच्च शिक्षा संस्थानों और विश्वविद्यालयों के लिए पहुँच संबंधी दिशानिर्देश और मानक' एतद्वारा अधिसूचित किए जाते हैं और ये लिंक https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/8572354_Final-Accessibility-Guidelines.pdf पर उपलब्ध हैं।

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Department of Higher Education)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 19th January, 2024

F. No. N-11018/01/2024.—CDN, Whereas Section 40 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 envisages that the Central Government shall, in consultation with the Chief Commissioner, formulate rules for persons with disabilities laying down the standards of accessibility for the physical environment, transportation, information and communications, including appropriate technologies and systems, and other facilities and services provided to the public in urban and rural areas.

And Whereas, University Grants Commission (UGC) released '*Accessibility Guidelines and Standards for Higher Education Institutions and Universities*' which was prepared under the supervision of Expert Committee constituted for the purpose after detailed public consultation including consultation with Chief Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities.

Now, therefore, Ministry of Education hereby notifies the '*Accessibility Guidelines and Standards for Higher Education Institutions and Universities*' and the same is available via link https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/8572354_Final-Accessibility-Guidelines.pdf.

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