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This is to bring to your esteemed attention the imperative need to ensure full compliance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, across all educational institutions under your jurisdiction.

The RPwD Act, 2016, was enacted to uphold and protect the rights of persons with disabilities and to ensure their full and effective participation and inclusion in society. Educational institutions have a crucial role in implementing these provisions and creating an inclusive environment for all students.

UGC has also issued the instruction to all Institutions to implement the following recommendations in your university/constituent and affiliated colleges in compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court orders dated 15.12.2017 in WPC No. 292 of 2006 vide D. O. Letter No. F.6-1/2018(SCT) and No.F.1-2/2024 (SCT/Circular) Part-1 dated 02.09.2020 and 16.07.2024. (copy attached)

1. Compliance with the provision of Section 32 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, while dealing with the issue of reservation of seats in the admission of students in each course and notifying the compliance each year to UGC. "To this end, they shall submit a list of the number of disabled persons admitted in each course every year to the Chief Commissioner and/or the State Commissioner (as the case may be). It will also be the duty of the Chief Commissioner as well as the State Commissioner to enquire as to whether these educational institutions have fulfilled the aforesaid obligation. Needless to say, appropriate consequential action against those educational institutions, as provided under Section 89 of the Disabilities Act, 2016, as well as other provisions, shall be initiated against defaulting institutions."
2. Adoption of the Harmonized Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier-free Built Environment for persons with disabilities developed by the Ministry of Urban Development, which has been notified by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment as accessibility standards for public buildings. University and its affiliated colleges to submit a detailed accessibility action plan to be implemented in a time-bound manner.
3. Formation of an Internal Committee comprising teachers, staff, students and parents to take care of the day-to-day needs of differently abled persons as well as for implementation of the schemes.

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4. Ensuring the proper functioning of Equal Opportunity Cell in the Universities, Colleges, and other higher education institutions.

It is essential to mention here that it is a collective responsibility to ensure that the educational institutions are inclusive and accessible to all students, enabling them to achieve their full potential. Adherence to the RPWD Act, 2016, is not only a legal obligation but also a moral duty to support and empower persons with disabilities.

It is mandatory to furnish a report along with statistical information in respect of students admitted, teaching and non-teaching recruitment as well as fellowships/scholarships provided to PWD students during last five years (2024-25 and 2025-26) as per the prescribed format on the Universities Activity Monitoring Portal (UAMP) of UGC at the link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLZdhCqhQbtJAMmQPCan6HrCIGxzAXOO bCIPxPC1F-A3MUGQ/viewform?pli=1> latest by 30 September, 2026. The above instruction should also be circulated to all the constituent and affiliated colleges of your university to follow suit.

Your prompt action and cooperation in this matter are highly appreciated.

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