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ARPUTHA

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

(Affiliated to Bharathidasan University)
(Recognized Under Section 2(f) & 12(B) of the UGC Act 1956)

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Enabling Unit for Differently Abled Persons

The University Grants Commission (UGC) supports universities in the country to involve in special education activities to empower differently-abled persons. The UGC started the scheme of assistance to universities to facilitate Teacher Preparation in Special Education (TEPSE) and Higher Education for persons with special Needs (Differently- abled persons) (HEPSN) during the Ninth Five –Year Plan which continued in the Tenth Plan. Keeping in view the need to provide special education programmes as well as infrastructure to differently –abled persons in higher education institutions the scheme is extended to the Twelve Plan too in line with the UGC guidelines ,the Enabling Unit at Arputha College of Arts and Science strives to enrich education learning experiences of differently – abled persons by creating awareness about the capabilities of differently – abled persons, constructing facilities aimed at improving accessibility , purchase of equipment to enrich learning , self – reliance and feeling of inclusivity. The person with Disabilities Act 1995 indicates that different – abled persons should have access to education at all levels.

Policy objective

In accordance with the Higher Education for persons with Special Needs (HEPSN) Scheme, Arputha College of Arts and Science follows the following objectives:

- To provide equal educational opportunities to the differently-abled.
- Create awareness among the administration teaching and non-teaching staff and students on the specific educational needs of differently abled persons.
- To provides facilities to differently –abled persons.
- To make by easy accessible way special help that augment the learning experiences of differently-abled persons.
- To give technologically empowerment to the staff and students with special needs.
- To empowerment the students with special needs to join the workforce.

Implementation of the policy

To successfully follow the direction of the UGC to promote inclusiveness for the persons with disabilities Arputha College of Arts and Science provides the following facilities and service.

Admission Support

The differently-abled students are guided through student volunteers and staff to fill up the admission form.

Enabling unit room

- To assist the differently-abled students, support staff and teacher coordinator are available. Students may visit them for guidance and support.
- The mobile numbers of the supporting staff and students is available to such students.
- Accessible washroom.
- The room will be equipped with computers with screen readers, printers and scanner on demand recording devises and laptops are available on request.
- The syllabus and guidelines are available on request.

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Infrastructure facilities

- Braille languages signage will be displayed in front of the office room for identification of each room.
- Accessible student accommodation in the college hostel is provided.
- Accessible library reading room and the enabling unit shall be provided with computers with disable-friendly software.
- Barrier free environment, are assisted to them in their moment by the tactile pathways and ramps.
- Provision of wheelchairs and crutches is ensured to help the orthopedically challenged students.
- Accessible washrooms for them.
- The college provides all the necessary first aid facilities.

Technology Facilities

- Laptops for differently-abled students in the college as an assistive device are made available.
- The recording device, angle shall be provided to the visually challenged students to record their lectures.
- Braille books are available in the library.
- Kibo scanner, computers, printer and audio aids will be available in the enabling unit and the library reading room.
- Magazines in braille shall be for the visually impaired students.

Student council

The disabled students get opportunities to showcase their leadership qualities and work as a team with other students as president, vice-president, secretary, technical head, treasure etc.

Peer care

- Scribe facilities to the differently abled students by appointing volunteers to write assignments and keep their fellow students abreast of important announcements.
- Personalized care in the classroom and online platform
- Special attention after classes.
- Peer group reading arrangement
- The student volunteers of the equal opportunity cell are always available for escort reading and writing help.
- Active social media groups keep the students updated with upcoming workshops/seminars/job opportunities.



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Financial support

Financial help and scholarship are extended through various government and Non-government organizations.

Extra-curricular activities

- Facilities in the field of sports and cultural activities are also provided.
- Musical instruments are available.
- Cultural events/debates/music competitions/talent hunts are a regular feature.
- All special events/days are celebrated

Job Ready Training

- Regular workshops for skills enhancement are undertaken.
- Offline/Online speaker sessions in relevant areas.
- Job opportunities are shared with the students

Adherence to the UGC guidelines

The policy is revisited time to time and objectives are updated to be online with the revised university guideline as and when needed.