



## SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY, KOLHAPUR

### National Seminar

On

### Opportunities and Challenges before Persons with Disabilities in

### Higher Education

3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024

Organized by

**Department of Sociology**

**And**

**UGC-Scheme for Persons with Disabilities**

#### **ABOUT SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY:**

Shivaji University was established in 1962 and now it is one of the prominent Universities in the state of Maharashtra, the. At present the University is home to 43 departments with a sprawling campus of 840 acres. The University is named after the Great Maratha Warrior and Founder of the Maratha Empire, Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji. On 18th November, 1962 World renowned educationist Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, then President of India inaugurated the University.

The University started functioning with 34 affiliated colleges and about 14000 students and 5 post-graduate Departments on its campus. Today, the number of affiliated colleges is 293 and 43 post-graduate Departments on the campus with total student strength about 2.50 lakh. The University imparts education in four major faculties: the Humanities, Science & Technology, Commerce and Management and Interdisciplinary studies. Shivaji University is committed to provide the barrier free learning environment to persons with disabilities. Shivaji University has been re-accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) 'A++' Grade with (CGPA-3.52) (2021) and ISO 9001-2015 Certified University. It also stood in QS World University Ranking 2023 in the rank of 501-550 and 131st rank in the Southern Asia Ranking.

#### **ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

The Department of Sociology was established in the Shivaji University, Kolhapur during the academic year 1970-71. It offers M. A. and Ph. D. courses. Right from the establishment of the department, it is actively engaged in organizing state, national and International level seminars and conference on various themes. With due recognition of the earlier achievements, UGC, in 1994, recognized this Department as a resource centre for Sociology of Environment subject. The Department has been identified by the UGC Under UGC-SAP-DRS-Phase-I with the thrust area of Sociology of Development and Environment in the academic Year 2004-05 and it has successfully completed UGC-SAP-DRS- Phase-III in the academic year 2019-20.

## **ABOUT UGC SCHEME FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Persons with Disabilities Act 1995 states that persons with Disabilities should have access to education at all levels. In the higher education sector, the University Grants Commission (UGC) is supporting universities to undertake special efforts to empower Persons with Disabilities.

The UGC had started the scheme of assistance particularly to universities to facilitate, initially the UGC had sanctioned the UGC-Scheme for Persons with Disabilities for period 2012-2017 and this year UGC has given extension to the scheme. Under this scheme many programmes, seminars and workshops have been conducted. Shivaji University has formulated Policy for Persons with Disabilities under this scheme.

### **ABOUT THE SEMINAR:**

“Disability is a condition caused by an accident, trauma, genetics or disease that may limit a person’s mobility, hearing, vision, speech or mental function”. Disability is part of the human condition. Persons with Disability Act (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) of India (1995) included seven types of disability whereas RPWD Act, 2016 includes 21 types of disabilities. Education for students with disabilities is an issue in India since many years. An individual with a disability studying in mainstream educational institutions experiences many difficulties in navigating through the critical course of the Indian educational system. Education became the hope for emancipation and enlightenment of the marginalized. Higher Education is a tool for empowerment of persons with disabilities which help them to bring in mainstream society. Persons with disabilities are facing many problems in higher education.

In this context, Shivaji University Kolhapur under UGC-Scheme for Persons with Disabilities is going to organize one day National Seminar on “**Opportunities and Challenges before Persons with Disabilities in Higher Education**” on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024 in association with Department of Sociology.

#### **The objectives of the seminar:**

1. To discuss various policies, programmes, schemes and facilities available for providing inclusive and equitable education to the persons with disabilities.
2. To analyse the opportunities for Persons with Disabilities in Higher Education.
3. To analyse problems faced by Persons with Disabilities in higher education.

#### **The sub-themes of the seminar include but are not restricted to:**

1. Disability related Laws, Policies and Programmes.
2. Students with Disabilities and Inclusive Education.
3. Accessibility of higher education institutions.
4. Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities.
5. University Interventions and Persons with Disabilities.
6. Problems faced by Persons with Disabilities in Higher Education.
7. Any other issues related to theme.

We welcome original, unpublished papers that address the above sub themes and any other issues related to theme. We look forward to papers from all parts of the India. Only very high-quality and relevant papers will be selected to present at the time of seminar. Interested authors may send a **300-word abstract** covering the thematic area, research objectives, methodology, findings and send it through email to [disabilityseminar2024@gmail.com](mailto:disabilityseminar2024@gmail.com) by **20<sup>th</sup> January, 2024** and full paper before **30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**. Selected full papers will be published in edited book with ISBN.

#### How to Register:

- There is no registration fee for the Persons with Disabilities
- There is registration fee for other than Persons with Disabilities

**For UG and PG student** - 100/-

**For Research Scholar** - 300/-

**For academician and faculty** - 500/-

**For Institution** - 1000/-

All the participants must register with the required registration fee on or before deadline. All the Co-authors are also required to register separately. Only registered participants will be allowed to present paper. Registration fee includes breakfast, lunch and kit. T. A. will not be paid to any participants and paper presenters.

#### Payment Procedure:

Delegates are requested to pay their registration fee by credit card/debit card/internet banking. The registration fee can be paid by clicking on workshop/ Seminar/Conference Registration.

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/erwiENkiAyKHPTLs6>

#### Deadlines:

- Abstract Submission : 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2024
- Submission of Full Length Paper : 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024
- Last Date of Registration : 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

#### Accommodation:

Accommodation will be provided by the organisers on request to pre-registered participants in the University guest house/University Hostel.

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