Equal Opportunity Cell Report 2022-2023



St. Ann's College for Women (Autonomous), Affiliated to Osmania University, Accredited 'A+' Grade by NAAC (3rd Cycle), College with Potential for Excellence by UGC, ISO 9001: 2015-ISO 14001: 2015

Equal Opportunity Cell

Motto:

"Opportunity Unites, Diversity Ignites"

Vision:

Creating a Tomorrow of Equal Possibilities

Mission:

Empowering Diversity, Eliminating Discrimination, Fostering Inclusion

Objectives

The Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC) serves as an overarching body within a college. Its primary purpose is to coordinate and oversee the functions of various sub-cells focused on promoting equal opportunities and addressing the needs of different marginalized and underrepresented groups. The EOC acts as a hub for fostering a fair, diverse, and inclusive educational environment by coordinating efforts across various sub-cells, thereby ensuring that every student has an equal chance to succeed and thrive.

The four main sub-cells that fall under the EOC's umbrella are:

1. ST/SC Cell:

- Focuses on the welfare and advancement of Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Scheduled Castes (SC) students.
- Ensures equal access to educational resources and support.
- Addresses challenges specific to ST/SC communities.

2. OBC Cell:

- Supports students from Other Backward Classes (OBC) backgrounds.
- Provides resources and assistance to promote academic success.
- Addresses social and educational disadvantages among OBC students.

3. Minorities Cell:

- Supports students from religious or linguistic minority groups.
- Promotes an inclusive environment that respects diversity.
- Addresses cultural and religious concerns.

4. PWD Cell:

- Focuses on students with disabilities (PWD).
- Ensures accessible infrastructure and support for disabled students.
- Aims to remove barriers and create an inclusive learning environment.

EOC Objectives:

- Promote inclusivity and diversity within the college.
- Ensure equitable access to educational opportunities for all students.
- Address disparities in educational outcomes among marginalized groups.
- Raise awareness about challenges faced by different communities.
- Advocate for policy changes to enhance inclusivity.
- Provide counseling and support services to students with specific needs.

Minutes of the meeting

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Date:1-08-2022

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Venue: Conference Room

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- 1. Prayer
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting
- 4. Review of activities planned and executed, Highlights

5. Activities planned for the next year-2023-24

EOC Members

Dr. Sr. P. Amrutha, Principal

Dr. Smita Asthana, Dean, IQAC Coordinator

Ms. Mahitha, Dean, Student Affair

Dr. Santoshi Mishra, Student Affair

Ms. Pushpa Latha, Head, MCA Dept

Ms. Popy Devi Nath, Director, Centre for Women's Studies W

The following points were discussed:

 opportunities for collaboration with other departments, organizations, or groups that share similar goals.

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Discussed to organise awareness programs, workshops, and sensitization sessions
that can educate the larger community about issues related to equal opportunity,
diversity, and inclusion by NCC, NSS, Sanskriti Club.

 Discussion on scholarship for differently abled students and single parents' students.

 Dr. Santoshi Mishra suggested implementing a confidential feedback mechanism for students to report incidents of discrimination or bias. The members discussed the feasibility and mechanisms for this initiative.

Activities

Field trip to Samarthanam trust for disable on 27th April, 2023

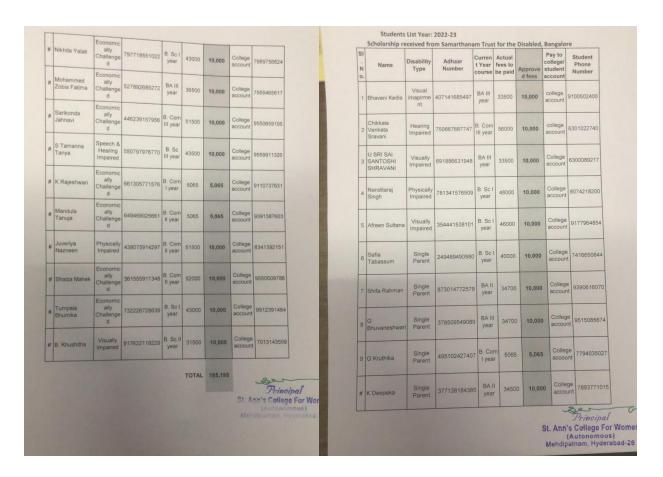
An Educational field trip to Samarthanam trust for disable. 53 numbers of students along with one faculty members in order to give them a practical experience. Mr. Joseph, Centre Manager of Samarthanam NGO, Secenderabad Branch has briefed about the organization and explained about their work, funding, and various initiatives.

Students really appreciated and learned their Seven diverse initiatives (Education, Livelihood, Sports, Environment, Culture, Rehabilitation, Health) transforming the lives of people with disabilities and the underprivileged. Students have made a note of each to share the knowledge with their friends.



Scholarship to Differently abled and students from BPL

Received Financial Grant of 185,195.00 for Differently abled students and BPL students from Samarthanam NGO, Bangalore.



Gender Sensitization

Various committees of the college, NSS, NCC, Centre for Women's Studies, Rotaract Club organised 25 activities for raising awareness about gender equality.

Institutional efforts/initiatives in providing an inclusive environment

Departments, Sanskrit club, Cells organised 22 activities on inclusivity and diversity.