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Office Order

Constitution of Enabling Units for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)

In reference to the above said NMC circular and in compliance with the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, particularly Sections 16 and 17, which cast an obligation upon educational institutions to provide inclusive education, reasonable accommodation, appropriate support measures and an accessible learning environment for persons with benchmark disabilities and in furtherance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court all medical colleges/institutions regulated by the National Medical Commission are directed to constitute an Enabling Unit within the institution.

In this regard, an Enabling Unit at SMIMER is hereby constituted with the following faculties and staff ~

S. No	Name	Committee Designation
1.	Dr. Janak Rathod (Prof. & Head Orthopedics)	Chairman
2.	Dr. Pranav Prajapati (Prof. & Head F.M.T.)	Coordinator
3.	Dr. Kanan Uttekar (Prof. Anatomy)	Member
4.	Dr. Jigna Patel (Asso. Prof. Ophthalmology)	Member
5.	Dr. Vishal Rojivadiya (Tutor Anatomy)	Member

The Enabling Unit at SMIMER shall function as the single point of contact for students with benchmark disabilities and shall, inter alia:

- Facilitate access to reasonable accommodation, academic and clinical support measures, and barrier-free access within the institution;
- Receive and address requests relating to disability-specific accommodations during the course of study, including clinical training and internship;
- Disseminate information regarding the availability, role and contact details of the enabling unit to all students at the time of admission and through the institution's website and notice boards;
- Coordinate with the designated disability assessment board, faculty, hospital administration and other competent authorities to ensure timely implementation of reasonable accommodation in accordance with the RPWD Act, 2016 and the guidelines issued by the National Medical Commission; and
- Maintain records of requests received and accommodations provided, while ensuring confidentiality and non-discrimination.
- This Enabling Unit shall ensure that it remains fully functional, adequately publicized (institution's website and notice boards etc.) and readily accessible to students with benchmark disabilities so as to promote an inclusive educational environment consistent with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the directions of the Honorable Supreme Court.

This order is to be implemented with immediate effect.


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