



AARUPADAI VEEDU MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL

Vinayaka Mission's Puducherry Campus

VINAYAKA MISSION'S RESEARCH FOUNDATION - Deemed to be University

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Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) Cell

The cell is formed with the following members for the period of 2024-2027.
The tenure of the cell shall be three years other than student's representative.

Committee Designation	Name	Academic Designation
Chair Person	Dr. Rakesh Sehgal	Dean
Senior Professor	Dr. D. Arunachalam	Prof. & HOD, Department of Community Medicine
Presiding Officer of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)	Dr. R. Sasikala	Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Coordinator - IQAC	Dr. T. Prasad	Professor, Department of Community Medicine & IQAC Coordinator
Representative - SC/ST	Mr. L. Perumal	Deputy Registrar
Representative - OBC	Mr. Suresh Raman	Director - HR
Student Representative (M)	Mr. Vizapo Sophie	(2021-2022 Batch)
Student Representative (F)	Ms. Sadhana Pandey	(2022-2023 Batch)
Member Secretary	Dr. T. Rajan	Vice-Principal (Administration & Student Progress)

Objectives of SEDGs Cell

1. To protect all the constitutional rights of the SEDGs students.
2. To ensure that the university and constituent institutions are inclusive, safe, and secure for the SEDGs students.
3. To provide socio-emotional and academic support and mentoring for the students belonging to the SEDGs through proper counselling and monitoring programme.
4. To ensure proper implementation and monitoring of orientation and bridge courses designed by the HEIs to benefit SEDGs students.
5. To ensure implementation of all such programme designed and developed by HEIs to increase the participation of SEDGs students in academic activities.
6. To ensure implementation of Government's policies, including reservation policies and various schemes, programme, facilities and guidelines for SEDGs students.
7. To ensure that the HEIs develop appropriate outreach programme to help the SEDGs students to avail the various opportunities of educational/academic programmes of HEIs.
8. To ensure proper implementation of preventive measures and Laws against discrimination and atrocities, and for safeguards of students belonging to respective categories under SEDGs.
9. To circulate, publicize, facilitate, and monitor the implementation of all UGC and Government guidelines and instructions issued from time to time in reference to SEDGs.

The SEDGs Cell has the following responsibilities:

1. To coordinate with other existing cells and statutory bodies of the university and its constituent institutions and enable implementation of the existing schemes and provisions, including scholarships and fellowships of the state, central Government and other recognized agencies.
2. To ensure the implementation of orientation and bridge courses, earn-while-learn schemes, and outreach programmes designed and developed by the university for SEDGs.



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3. To provide socio-economic, academic, and psychological support and mentoring for such students through proper counselling and mentoring programme.
4. To ensure sensitization of faculty, staff, counsellors, and students on the SEDGs issues and their inclusion in all aspects of the university and its constituent institutions.
5. To explore and generate funds from various sources like Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) and Alumni to provide more financial assistance and scholarships to SEDGs to mitigate opportunity costs and fees for pursuing higher education.
6. To coordinate with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) to raise awareness about the implementation of various policies for inclusive and equitable quality higher education.
7. To work as a 'Single Window' for students belonging to SEDGs for their grievances, basic needs, amenities, facilities, welfare measures, and scholarships and fellowships.
8. To upload and disseminate guidelines, facilities, welfare, and safety measures on university and its constituent institutions portal and maintain such records to review and monitor amenities and basic facilities for a safe and secure environment for SEDGs.
9. To circulate, publicize, and facilitate existing welfare schemes like - Remedial, NET, Entry into services and residential Coaching for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer), Minority Community, and PWD Students.
10. To establish a team of counsellors, social workers, and faculty members to provide emotional and social support to SEDGs to adapt to the environment of the university.
11. To focus on overall personality and skill development, including professional and soft skills, to ensure enhancing the student employability.
12. To organize periodic meetings and to monitor the progress of various schemes and all the HEIs may prepare a database of such schemes for SEDGs.
13. To assess the needs of SEDGs and make necessary recommendations to the authorities of the university.



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14. To make faculty, staff, students, and service professionals aware of facilities available for SEDGs.
15. To sensitize all the students to bring an attitudinal change towards SEDGs to ensure participation of SEDGs in curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities in the university.
16. To hold regular meetings with representatives of SEDG students to check their grievances and also meet with management/authorities of HEIs to facilitate discussion of the grievances of SEDG students and maintain the confidentiality of deliberations and data.
17. To review, monitor, and ensure disposal of all grievances within 15 days.
18. To inform all students during induction/counselling session about Zero-tolerance policy for any form of discrimination.
19. To prepare and submit the annual report with supporting documents at the end of each academic year to the university.

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