



स्वामी राम हिमालयन विश्वविद्यालय Swami Rama Himalayan University

Policy of Accessibility and Inclusion for Physically Challenged Students

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1. Short Title & Commencement

- 1.1 This Policy shall be called the "**Policy of Accessibility and Inclusion for Physically Challenged Students**" of Swami Rama Himalayan University.
- 1.2 This Policy shall come into force from the date of approval by the Board of Management of the University.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that physically challenged (differently-abled) students at SRHU have equitable access to all academic, co-curricular, and support services. This policy affirms SRHU's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and non-discrimination, and provides a framework for reasonable accommodations to enable full participation in university life.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all students with physical disabilities enrolled in any constituent academic unit, school or department of SRHU. It is applicable across all levels of study-undergraduate, postgraduate, diploma, and doctoral programs.

4. Policy Objectives

- 3.1 To create a barrier-free, inclusive, and supportive academic environment.
- 3.2 To promote equal opportunities for education and participation of students with physical disabilities.
- 3.3 To ensure provision of reasonable accommodations in academics, assessment, infrastructure, and campus facilities.
- 3.4 To sensitize faculty, staff, and peers to the needs of differently-abled students.

5. Key Provisions

5.1 Admission & Scholarship

- 5.1.1 No discrimination in admission on grounds of disability.
- 5.1.2 Admission forms and entrance exams shall be accessible in formats (e.g., digital, large print) upon request.
- 5.1.3 Reservation of seats as per government guidelines (e.g., Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016).
- 5.1.4 100% and 50% Scholarship on Tuition Fee in UG and PG programmes respectively, for Physically Challenged Students.



5.2 Infrastructure Accessibility

- 5.2.1 Ramps, lifts, accessible toilets, tactile paths, and other mobility aids will be ensured in all buildings.
- 5.2.2 Hostels will have accessible rooms for students with physical impairments.

5.3 Academic Support

- 5.3.1 Provision of scribes, extra time, or assistive technology during examinations.
- 5.3.2 Accessible digital content and classroom materials.
- 5.3.3 Curriculum flexibility wherever needed, without compromising academic standards.

5.4 Support Services

- 5.4.1 Provisions will be made for an appointment of a **Disability Support Officer** in the University as per requirements.
- 5.4.2 Regular counseling, mentoring, and peer support programs.
- 5.4.3 Medical assistance and physiotherapy support within SRHU's hospital, if required.

5.5 Awareness and Training

- 5.5.1 Faculty and staff orientation on inclusive education.
- 5.5.2 Disability Sensitization Workshops annually.

6. Grievance Redressal

Students may report accessibility issues or discrimination to the **Director of Student Affairs and Welfare**. A resolution will be sought within 15 working days. Appeals may be escalated to the University Grievance Redressal Committee.

7. Implementation and Monitoring

The implementation of this policy will be overseen by the Equal Opportunity Cell. An annual report will be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor on accommodations provided, issues addressed, and areas of improvement.

8. Compliance and Legal Framework

This policy aligns with the following national and international frameworks:

- 8.1 Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**
- 8.2 University Grants Commission (UGC) Guidelines for Accessibility**
- 8.3 UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**

- 9 This policy shall be reviewed periodically based on the need of Physically Challenged Students as and when required.

