

SC/ST Cell

India is a country with multiple religion, caste and culture. However, the Indian Society is characterized by a highly-entrenched system of social stratification. Social inequalities sometimes led to denial of access to materials, cultural and educational resources to the disadvantaged groups of societies. Higher Education is a platform for social and economic equality. The University has constituted SC/ST/OBC Committee with a promise to help in eliminating such social disparities.

References: 1.<http://aicte-india.org/bureaus/administration/scst-cell>
2.https://www.ugc.ac.in/oldpdf/xplanpdf/special_cell.pdf
3.UGC D.O. Letter No. D.O.F. 1-7/2011(SCT) dtd.26th June 2019(Given below)

The following Committee has been constituted Vide order No. VSSUT/OOR/312 dtd.29.06.2020 to look after any complaints of discrimination received from SC/ST/OBC students/teachers/nonteaching staff of the University at any point of time.

Sl.	Name of the Faculty	Department	Designation
1.	Prof.(Dr.)Rutuparna Panda	Professor in Electronics & Telecommunication Engg.	Liaison Officer
2.	Prof.(Dr.)Jyoti Ranjan Mohanty	Professor in Mechanical Engg.	Member
3.	Dr.Ajaya Kumar Nayak	Assoc. Professor in Civil Engg.	Member
4.	Dr.Banaja Mohanty	Assoc. Professor in Electrical Engg.	Member
5.	Dr. Janhabi Meher	Asst. Prof. in Civil Engg.	Member
6.	Dr.Bigyan Ranjan Jali	Asst. Prof. in Chemistry.	Member
7.	Dr.Kabiraj Sethi	Assoc. Professor in Electronics & Telecommunication Engg.	Member Convenor

Objectives:

According to the UGC Guidelines of 1998, following are the objectives of the Committee.

i. Circulate GOI and Commission's decisions and to collect regularly, on an annual basis, information regarding course-wise admissions to candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the University.

ii. Analyse information on admissions, education, training and employment of SCs and STs; prepare reports for transmission to the Ministry of Human Resource Development/University Grants Commission and such other authorities as may be required.

iii. Function as a Grievances Redressal Cell for the grievances of SC/ST students and employees and render them necessary help in solving their academic as well as administrative problems.

iv. To promote higher education among these those communities suffering economic, social and educational deprivations.

Duties of Liaison Officer:

The Liaison Officer, on behalf of the Cell, will facilitate the overall welfare of the students, staff and faculty as per the guidelines issued by UGC/AICTE/Government of Odisha.

Frequency of Meeting:

The Committee will meet at least twice in a year and the decisions arrived, will be mandatory for implementation.

The Cell may plan to conduct regular remedial coaching classes on life skills, personality development, writing assignments and making presentations. The Cell also is expected to organize interactive sessions and informal meetings with students to address their personal, social and academic problems. The SC/ST/OBC/PWD students can approach the Liaison Officer of the Cell with a written complaint for redressal of any grievance(s) regarding academic, administrative or social problems. The Liaison Officer and the committee will meet the concerned students to listen their problems and take necessary action and/or render them necessary advice/help to resolve the matter. Any student and employee (including contractual, casual and temporary) of University can approach the Cell.

FUTURE PLANNING OF CELL:

- The Cell is planning for implementing various schemes of the MHRD and University Grants Commission with the objective to improve the learning levels of Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe candidates to bring them up.
- The Cell is planning for more books/journals for the Book Bank in Library and Book Grants for the SC/ST students of the institute.
- The Cell is planning for following special activities so as to tune the students belonging to SC/ST.
 - Remedial Coaching Classes for weaker students
 - Counselling and guidance related to GATE/CAT/IES/IAS/OAS related examinations

VSSUT SC/CT/OBC CELL COMPLAINT FORM

Name	
Staff/Student SC/ST/OBS/PWD	
If Staff give Designation, ID, Section/Deptt. where working.	
If Student Give course name/semester/regn, No./Department/Local address	
Email ID:-	
Mobile No.	
Description of complain	Name, Designation and Department of the person(s) against whom the complaint to be lodged (required) with date, time and location Describe your complain with evidences if any.(add separate Page if required)
Date of Complaint	

Full Signature with date of the student/Employee

- Ragging Complaints will be handled as per the anti-ragging rules of Govt. of India Guidelines.
- Woman harassment complaints will be handled as per government guidelines by ICC of University.



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Prof. Rajnish Jain
Secretary



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University Grants Commission

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Sub: Prevention of Caste Based Discrimination in Higher Education Institutions –reg.

Respected Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, the University Grants Commission is continuously monitoring the Prevention of Caste based discrimination in Higher Educational Institutions. Further, the University Grants Commission has issued letters dated 19.07.2011, 02.07.2013, 07.03.2016, 05.09.2016, 15.05.2017 and 04.06.2018 requesting you to take the following action:

- The officials/faculty members should desist from any act of discrimination against SC/ST students on grounds of their social origin.
- The University/Institute/College **may develop a page on their website for lodging such complaints of caste discrimination by SC/ST students** and also place a complaint register in the Registrar's/Principal's Office for the purpose. If any such incident comes to the notice of the authorities, action should be taken against the erring official/faculty members promptly.
- The University and Colleges should ensure that no official/faculty members indulge in any kind of discrimination against any community or category of students.
- The University may constitute a committee to look into the discrimination complaints received from the SC/ST/OBC Students/Teachers and non-teaching staff.

You are also requested to advise the officials/faculty members of your university/Institute to be more sensitive while dealing with incidents of caste discrimination and **send Action Taken Report to UGC within 30 days** in the prescribed format (copy enclosed) and also on the email: **sctsection@gmail.com**.

The above instructions may also be circulated to all the constituent and affiliated colleges of your University for follow-up action please.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

(Rajnish Jain)

Encl: As above.

The Vice-Chancellor of all Universities.

Different Scholarship Schemes and their respective website links are tabulated below:

Scholarship: UGC, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India

Sl.No	Scholarship/Fellowship Name	Website Link
1.	Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST Candidate	http://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_schemes
2.	Post-Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child	http://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_schemes
3.	Post-Graduate Merit Scholarship for University Rank Holder	http://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_schemes
4.	Post Doctoral Fellowship to SC/ST Candidates	http://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_schemes
5.	Post Graduate Scholarships for Professional Courses for SC/ST Candidates	http://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_schemes
6.	Post Doctoral Fellowship to Women Candidates	http://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_schemes
7.	Research Awards for the Teachers	http://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_schemes
8.	Raman Fellowship for Post-Doctoral Research for Indian Scholars in USA	http://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_schemes
9.	Emeritus Fellowship	http://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_schemes
10.	Junior Research Fellowship in Engineering & Technology	http://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_schemes
11.	Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Students with Disabilities	http://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_schemes