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### Equitable Opportunity for the Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs)

Accessibility of quality education to all has been a major challenge in countries all over the world. In India, the disadvantaged groups, such as women, minorities, SCs and STs, OBCs, PwDs, EWSs, who are lagging behind others in the field of education. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes the need to address the issues of students belonging to Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs). The students belonging to SEDGs face several challenges and difficulties in accessing quality education because of socio-cultural, economic, and historical reasons. The NEP 2020 has indicated people with the following identities as Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) and emphasized on their increased participation, particularly in higher education: (i) Gender Identity, (ii) Social Backwardness Identity, (iii) Educational and Economic Backward Identity, (iv) Minority Identity, (v) Persons with Disabilities and Benchmark Disabilities, (vi) Vulnerable and Low Socio-economic conditions, (vii) Less-developed, poor-access, and disadvantaged locations.

Keeping the objectives like: a) Improving equitable access to quality education for SEDGs through bridge courses, earn while - learn, and outreach programme; b) Extending and ensuring basic facilities and amenities to SEDGs for inclusive, healthy, safe, and secure environments on campuses; and c) Setting up SEDGs Cell for the purpose of sensitization of all stakeholders, policy implementation, monitoring, equalizing access to inclusive quality higher education, ensuring respectful dignity, promoting egalitarian and constitutional values, and grievance redressal in the HEIs in mind the Equal Opportunity Centre has been constituted with the following members as per the directives of the UGC.

1	Dr. Biman Patowary	Chairperson. SEDGs Cell
2	Dr. Ananda Das	Member (Senior Professor)
3	Dr. Nizara Hazarika, In-charge of Internal Complaint Committee	Member
4	Dr. Dipjyoti Deka, Coordinator/Director of IQAC	Member
5	Mr. Subhash Baro, SC/ST Representative	Member
6	OBC Representative	Member
7	Ms. Jurima Das	Member
8	Mr. Rishi Das	Member
9	Mr. Sanjib Pator	Member Secretary

The Committee will act according to the attached UGC guidelines and report to the Principal from time to time.

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