



ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The University Grants Commission (UGC) established the Accessibility Guidelines and Standards for Higher Education Institutions and Universities in 2022, formalizing a comprehensive framework to foster inclusive academic environments.

KEY FEATURES OF UGC ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS

Inclusive Environment: Creation of a barrier-free environment throughout the entire student lifecycle, encompassing admission processes as well as evaluation provisions such as scribes, extended time, and other applicable provisions.

Accessible Curriculum: Key focus on equitable access to the curriculum, the adoption of flexible and adaptable pedagogical approaches, and the implementation of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles to foster an inclusive and equitable classroom environment.

Accessible Library Resources: As per UGC guidelines, libraries must ensure barrier-free access for students with disabilities by providing resources in accessible formats, assistive technologies, and inclusive digital platforms. Institutions are also required to ensure physical accessibility, trained staff support, and flexible library services to promote equitable access to learning resources.

Accessibility Audit: An accessibility audit tool is under development to evaluate the effectiveness of guideline implementation by Higher Education Institutions.

Support for HEIs: The UGC provides a framework for "Enabling Units" or "Resource Centers" within universities to provide technical and emotional support to students and guidance to faculty.

Cauvery College is dedicated to maintaining a **barrier-free ecosystem** that fosters inclusion for students, staff, and visitors with diverse abilities. To ensure equitable access and independent mobility, the campus provides the following specialized facilities:"

The following facilities are provided with in the campus:

- ❖ Ramps
- ❖ Accessible Toilets
- ❖ Clear signage for directions, rooms and emergency exits
- ❖ Wheel Chair facility
- ❖ Website accessibility for all
- ❖ Extra time and Scribe facility as per the candidate requirement.




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