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Subject: Launch of "Guidelines to Provide Equitable Opportunity for the Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) in the HEIs" by UGC.

Respected Madam/Sir,

The NEP 2020 has specific provisions that are necessary to help India for addressing various challenges to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, particularly the challenges related to achieving SDG-4 (quality education), SDG-5 (gender equality), SDG-1 (no poverty), and SDG-8 (decent work and economic growth). These guidelines are meant to ensure that students belonging to Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) have a safe and secure environment and equitable access to quality education in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), as specified in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

These guidelines prove very useful and enhance SEDGs' skills and capability through bridge course, earn-while schemes, outreach programmes and further provide them good opportunities for employability and also enhance their participation in higher education Institutions through access, equity, and inclusion.

Keeping in view the significant recommendations of NEP 2020 towards accessibility, equitable, and inclusive Higher Education for SEDGs as envisaged in our Constitution, the UGC has prepared/ framed guidelines entitled "Guidelines for Equitable Opportunity to the Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) in HEIs."

Therefore, all the Universities/HEIs are requested to adopt these guidelines for the benefit of the students belonging to SEDGs and to make them responsible citizens of the Country who can contribute in the nation building.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Manish Joshi)

To

- The Vice-Chancellors of all Universities
- The Principals of all Colleges

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