



B.J.B. AUTONOMOUS COLLEGE Bhubaneswar

MINORITY CELL

Accessibility of quality education to all has been a major challenge in countries worldwide. The NEP 2020 has identified people with the following identities as minority communities.

- (i) Religious identity
- (ii) Linguistic identity

To empower the minority community, a Minority Cell has been set up in the B. J. B. Autonomous College to assist them in their curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities. It helps students from minority communities such as Christian, Muslim, Jain, Sikh, and others to achieve holistic development.

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure equal opportunities for the education of minorities
- To facilitate financial support to students from these communities from governmental agencies and other sources.
- To develop bridge courses for students belonging to linguistic minority so that they do not face difficulty in communication in classrooms and on campus.
- To make the minority students aware of the various scholarship schemes of the Central and State Governments.
- To encourage these students to enroll in courses, workshops, programs, etc. which the College offers students to equip them with the skills needed for their careers.
- To provide prompt counselling for any emotional emergencies arising on account of any event on the College campus
- To provide these students with a grievance redressal mechanism in addition to the regular redressal mechanism

FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- To collect reports and information on the Government of Odisha and UGC's orders on various aspects of education, employment of minority students
- To publicize the various Central and State Government scholarship schemes and any updates on these matters
- To coordinate with other College Cells and Committees such as the Mentoring Cell, Placement Cell, Students' Council, Sports Council, Cultural Council, etc. and ensure that students from minority communities participate in their activities

- To coordinate with Programme Coordinators, Department Heads and the Mentoring Council to identify students from these communities who need special assistance such as remedial classes and bridge courses, as well as those who are advanced learners and could be given extra attention and guidance

MINORITY CELL COMPOSITION

The Minority Cell will comprise the following members:

- Two faculty members, at least one of whom will be from a Minority community
- Principal (Ex-Officio) will be the Chairperson of the Cell

The constitution of the Minority Cell for every Academic year will be shown separately on the website

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINORITY CELL

- Ensuring an environment where students from these categories feel safe and secure.
- Making students from these communities aware of the various scholarship programmes of the Govt. of Odisha, Govt. of India, and UGC.
- Motivating and assisting students from these communities to apply for the various scholarships mentioned above
- Collecting data about students who have received scholarships
- Collection of reports and information of Govt. of Odisha, Govt. of India and UGC's orders on various aspects of education and employment of these categories of students.
- Carrying out capacity-building programmes for these students, as per the need.
- Providing a mechanism to redress the grievances of students from these communities
- Sending reports to the respective Govt. Departments/Commissions about the number of students enrolled.

MINORITY CELL (2024-25)


Chairperson: Principal (Ex-officio)


Coordinator: Prof. Rita Das (Chemistry)


Members: Dr. Atia Arzoo (EVS)

Dr. Johnnita Tirkey (Botany)


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