

FATIMA MATA NATIONAL COLLEGE

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7.1.8 Report of Equal Opportunity Cell 2018-19

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REPORT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CELL - 2018 -2019

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CELL

India is a country of diversity. It is a hub of different religions, castes and cultures. However, the Indian society is characterized by a highly entrenched system of social stratification. It is these social inequalities that created the barriers of denial of access to materials, cultural and educational resources to the disadvantaged groups of society. These disadvantaged groups are SCs, STs, women, OBC (non-creamy layer), minorities and physically challenged persons. It is clear from the demographic factors that a large section of population of our country is still disadvantaged and marginalized.

The Indian education system seems to have been oriented only to meet the requirement of one-third of the population, ignoring the interest of the rest. Indeed, historically education was confined to certain sections of the society and did exclude large sections of the population, making it highly undemocratic in matters of access. This exclusion in education created ever expanding disparities that adversely affected the disadvantaged groups of the society.

Since higher education is a tool for social and economic equality, the UGC has been addressing national concerns of access, equality, while ensuring the standard of quality and relevance of education by implementing policies of the Government of India and promoting several schemes and programmes for the disadvantaged groups that would help in eliminating social disparities.

India is potentially rich in human resources. To harvest the same and make the present education system inclusive, the degree of democratization of higher education has to be increased to a large extent. Further colleges should become more responsive to the needs and constraints of the disadvantaged social groups. Therefore, the UGC has planned to establish Equal Opportunity Centres in colleges.

Fatima Mata National College was established for the enlightenment and social uplift of backward classes. It is one of the premier higher education institutions in the state. In order to cater to the needs of socially deprived sections in the society, the college constituted Equal Opportunity Cell as per the directions of UGC in June 2016.

Activities of Equal Opportunity Cell for the year 2018 - 2019

- First executive meeting of Equal Opportunity Cell was held on 11.07.2018 to take decision regarding the inauguration of EOC of the year 2018-2019 and to take decision regarding the conduct of various activities for the year 2018-2019. Principal, Dr. Vincent B. Netto inaugurated the EOC on 1st August 2018.
- Second executive meeting of Equal Opportunity Cell was held on 06.09.2018 to take decision with regard to arranging an inspirational talk.
- Arranged an experience sharing session for PG students on 14th November 2018.



- Arranged a motivational talk by Rev. Fr. Rajesh Martin on 22nd November 2018 at the seminar hall and 57 students participated.



- Third executive meeting of Equal Opportunity Cell was held on 07.01.2019 to take decision regarding personal mentoring and the conduct motivational talk from among the beneficiaries.

- Provided personal mentoring for 5 beneficiaries.

Sl No.	Name	Class
1	Sajad S.	B.Com.
2	Ardra S.	M.A. Malayalam
3	Anju Ashok	M.A. Economics
4	NithyaS.Thomas	B.Sc. Physics
5	ArathyBiju	B.Com.

- Provided a training programme on *Time Management* by Prof. Titus T.C on 28th February 2019



- Arranged an experience sharing session for UG students on 6th March 2019.



- One of the aims of EOC 2018-2019 was to check the progression of its beneficiaries. A notable achievement was made by Shri. Devanad S. of II MA Psychology, he secured the best library user award for the year 2018-2019 and also qualified UGC - NET examination this year. Tijoy of II B.Sc. Physics participated in the Republic Day parade at New Delhi and he also secured third prize in ship building at National level.

- Conducted a motivational programme by Mr. Geo James on 13th March 2019.



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