



# HARYANA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

No.:- 12/5-2020 P-VII Adv./HSHEC kw-II

Dated:- 16/1/2025

To,

The Vice Chancellors  
State Funded and Private Universities  
in Haryana

**Subject: Establishment of Equal Opportunity and SC/ST Cells In HEIs and Submission of Data on Grievance Redressal -reg**

Respected Vice Chancellors,  
Namaste

Greetings from Haryana State Higher Education Council!

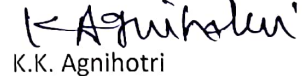
Kindly refer to UGC D.O. No. 1-2/2024 (SCT/Circular) dated 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 (**letter enclosed**) regarding the subject cited above and the content as reproduced below:-

As you are aware that India is a diverse country . Recognizing education as a critical tool for achieving social and economic equality and with a view to address unique challenges faced by the Disadvantaged groups, including Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC – non-creamy layer), Women, Minorities, and Differently Abled Persons in accessing opportunities, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has been consistently promoting initiatives to ensure equitable access to higher education for all. In compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directives in a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) regarding caste discrimination in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), UGC has been instructed to collect and submit data from all HEIs concerning the implementation of the UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012. You may also be aware that the UGC has recommended the establishment of Equal Opportunity Cells (EOCs) in all HEIs to address disparities, support marginalized communities and sensitize about their rights envisioned in the Constitution.

In this regard, all HEIs are requested to establish an Equal Opportunity Cell and SC/ST Cell to ensure the effective and transparent redressal of grievances of the disadvantaged groups. To assist this initiative, the UGC is preparing a database of important aspects, which are crucial to the protection of the rights and interests of the Disadvantaged groups and addressing their complaints and grievances. UGC has requested to submit the requisite information in the prescribed format through the Google link i.e. [Establishment of Equal Opportunity Cell](#) latest by 20.01.2025 positively."

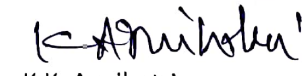
**Hence, a request to all the Universities to take necessary action accordingly.**

Regards

  
K.K. Agnihotri

Advisor, HSHEC

Dated 16/1/2025

  
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A copy for information and a request for sharing this with the colleges for necessary action is forwarded to the Director Higher Education, Haryana, Panchkula.

CC:-

1. PS/CP HSHEC for kind information of Chairperson HSHEC
2. PS/ACSHE for kind information of Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana, Higher & Technical Education Department, Chandigarh
3. Expert NEP-III, HSHEC for uploading on Council's website





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**University Grants Commission**  
(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)  
(Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

D.O.No.1-2/2024(SCT/Circular)

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With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(G. S. Chauhan)

**The Vice-Chancellors of All Universities  
The Principals of All Colleges**

