

Handbook of Services available for Students with Disabilities

St. Stephen's College is committed to providing an accessible and fair environment for students with disabilities in terms of both academics and infrastructure. We are devoted to the ideal that no student should have to compromise on the quality of their college experience. There is a Staff Advisor who guides the work and activities of the Enabling Unit. The effort to make College accessible for all is an ongoing endeavour. The following are some of our initiatives to make the College more inclusive and accessible to all our students.

Infrastructure

- Ramps or lifts which allow wheelchairs to access classrooms and corridors easily.
- Signage that includes tactile paths, signposts, display boards, etc.
- Mechanized equipment, screen-reading software, accessible college website and other assistive technological facilities.

Academic Assistance

- Audio recordings and soft copies of study materials which are compatible with screen readers as well as special softwares like JAWS.
- Scribes for University examinations, class tests and assignments.
- Volunteers for filling out forms or applications, answering queries, and offering other forms of in-person support.
- Necessary support on a one-to-one basis depending on the nature of the student's specific need.

Support and Welfare

- Therapy and counseling sessions for students.
- Discussion sessions on policy reforms to make college more accessible.
- Extracurricular events for students with disabilities.
- Workshops to inculcate sensitivity in the student body.

Drishtikon

- A state-level annual fest for students with disabilities from colleges across Delhi University and beyond.
- Lunches and high teas to facilitate interaction.
- Escorts to assist participants navigate college premises during the fest.

Other extracurricular activities

- Fresher's Party to welcome first-year students with disabilities in college.
- Audio-descriptive movie screenings and trips outside College for students with disabilities.
- Sensitization programs in collaboration with bodies like the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights.
- Sessions on sound healing therapy, emotional well-being and resilience, and walkathons, in collaboration with NGOs such as *Offbeat Support*.
- Sign Language workshop in collaboration with the National Association of the Deaf.
- Providing audio descriptions for posters and newsletters released by societies regarding events happening within College.

The Equal Opportunity Cell, Enabling Unit and Social Service League

- Student-led societies that manage the services and events mentioned above.
- Council positions by election to instill leadership, management and planning skills.
- *Pragyachakshu*: A vertical of the Social Service League committed specifically to the welfare of students with disabilities.