



SRINIVAS UNIVERSITY

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Assistive Technology Policy

“Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 states that the appropriate Government and the local authorities shall endeavor that all educational institutions funded or recognized by them provide inclusive education to the Children with disabilities and towards that end shall make building, campus and various facilities accessible.”

OBJECTIVES

Assistive Technology (AT) group at Srinivas University, aims at

- Enhancing the lives of the differently abled community and thus ensuring their participation in the society and in educational systems.
- Assisting the differently abled students in the college by helping them overcome the issues with learning, writing, reading and communicating effectively with the help of assistive technology related tools, software support and services, thereby fostering their inclusion and participation in the learning process.
- Providing appropriate training to the staffs in the college on how to support students with special needs and how to use the technology effectively with their students.

WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY IN THE COLLEGE?

- Students and Staff with Disability.
- Students who are slow learners and having issues with memorizing concepts/tasks.
- Aged people / Persons with disabilities attending the workshops/seminars/conferences etc. organized by the college.

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POLICY STATEMENTS

- Srinivas University is against all forms of discrimination, on any grounds, including disability.
- To ensure the inclusion and participation, and for enriching the educational experience of the different abled students, Srinivas University ensures equal access to all educational equipments, visual and auditory information provided as a part of the teaching learning process.
- The institute ensures that the differently abled can access/avail the Assistive Technology related support and services provided to them, any time during the college working hours.

AT RELATED FACILITIES IN THE CAMPUS

- **Conveyance Facilities**
 - Wheel chair is available for mobility purposes within the campus.
 - Elevator facility is available in important areas.
 - Ramps for accessibility in the main entrances are available.
- **Campus Facilities**
 - Institute ensures that the Classrooms, Laboratories, Library, Canteens, Restrooms, Hostel etc, are easily accessible to persons with special needs.
 - To aid students with hearing impairment, all the important announcements and notifications are displayed on the Projector / LED Display boards placed
- **Teaching – Learning Facilities**
 - Institute has adopted Cooperative learning techniques like Think- Pair-Share, Scaffolding, Adaptive learning techniques, to help students with learning disabilities and mild cognitive impairments.
 - Institute ensures the conduct of remedial classes /special classes to help students with special needs and students who are slow learners.
 - Scribe assistance or additional time is provided for writing the exams, on written request. Provision to allot separate rooms, which are easily accessible, by such students, is available.
 - An AT group has been formed in the college, which focuses on conveying the importance of technology in enhancing the lives of the differently abled community.
 - Recorded sessions of classes with captions, are made available, on request, to the students with learning disabilities.
 - Desktop systems equipped with text to speech converters, Screen magnifier software, screen readers etc. are made available on request.

ROLES - *The Assistive Technology Team*

- Controller
- Dean / Principal
- AT Group Head
- Faculty in AT group
- Technical Staff

The AT team will carry out the action plan and will ensure that equal access is provided to all and that the quality of education is improved by incorporating inclusion in educational system.

MECHANISM OF ACTION PLAN

The AT group should lay down well-defined procedures as mentioned below, that follows the indicated stages.

- Define the AT-related activities for the Academic year
- Create Implementation guidelines to make the campus more accessible

POLICY MONITORING AND REVIEW

The advisory board shall monitor and review the efficacy of the policy on annual basis.



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