Pillai University

A State Private University established by Maharashtra Act No. 45 of 2025

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CONSTITUTION OF EQUAL OPPOURTUNITY CENTRE

As per the UGC guidelines of UGC(Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2026 which is published in the official gazette of India dated 13/01/2026 an Equal Opportunity Centre for the year 2026-27 is being constituted to eradicate discrimination only on the basis of religion, race, gender, place of birth, caste, or disability, particularly against the members of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, socially and educationally backward classes, economically weaker sections, persons with disabilities, or any of them, and to promote full equity and inclusion amongst the stakeholders in higher education institutions., with the following members:

1. Dr. Priam Pillai	Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
2. Dr.Sharvari Govilkar	Professor	Member
3. Dr. Kavita Kathare	Associate Professor	Member
4. Mrs. Deepika Sharma	Professor (Nominee by GB/BOM)	Member
5. Dr. Prashant Nitnaware	Professor (SC/ST/OBC)	Coordinator

The Equal Opportunity Centre shall have the following functions:

(a) To ensure equity and equal opportunity to the community at large in the HEI and to bring social inclusion.
(b) To promote equity among the students, teaching, and non-teaching staff and, at the same time, eliminate the perception of discrimination.
(c) To create a socially congenial atmosphere for academic interaction and for the growth of healthy interpersonal relationships among students coming from various social backgrounds.
(d) To make efforts to sensitize stakeholders regarding social inclusion.
(e) To help individuals or a group of students belonging to the disadvantaged section of society.
(f) To protect an aggrieved person, who has reported any incident of discrimination, against retaliation.
(g) To disseminate the information related to schemes and programmes for the welfare of the socially disadvantaged section, as well as notifications/memoranda, office orders of the Government and the UGC, or other related agencies/organizations issued from time to time.
(h) To prepare and disseminate an illustrative list of acts that shall be construed as discrimination.
(i) To prepare inclusive procedures for the admission of students belonging to the disadvantaged groups of society.
(j) To establish coordination with the Government and other agencies/organizations to mobilize academic and financial resources to provide assistance to students belonging to disadvantaged groups.
(k) To maintain an online portal for reporting any incident of discrimination.
(l) To perform such other functions as may be deemed necessary for the promotion of equity in the HEI.

Dr. Pragnesh Shah
Registrar