

Constitution of Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDG) Cell

(As per UGC Guidelines)

1. Introduction

In accordance with the guidelines of the University Grants Commission (UGC), MNR University has established the Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDG) Cell to provide necessary support and ensure equal opportunities for students and staff from underprivileged backgrounds. The Cell aims to address the needs of individuals from marginalized communities including economically weaker sections (EWS), rural and tribal backgrounds, minorities, and other disadvantaged sections of society.

2. Objectives of the SEDG Cell

- To identify and support students belonging to socio-economically disadvantaged groups (SEDGs).
- To provide guidance and counseling on academic, financial, and career matters.
- To facilitate the implementation of government schemes and scholarships for SEDG students.
- To ensure non-discrimination and promote inclusive practices across campus.
- To organize workshops, seminars, and awareness programs for capacity building and empowerment.
- To maintain a grievance redressal mechanism for the students from these groups.

3. Composition of the SEDG Cell

Name and Designation	Position
Dr. A Siva Sankar, Controller of Examinations & Dean of Students Welfare	Chairperson
Dr P Harish Kumar, Dean of SOPR	Convener
Dr G Ravi, Associate Dean	Member
Dr Maheswaran, Humanities	Member
Mr R Seetha Ramanjaneyulu, Assistant Registrar	Member
Student Representatives (from SEDG groups) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• M Karunakar, B.Tech (Hons), CSE I Year• Mr Jai Singh Nenavath, B.Sc (Hons) RIT, I Year• Ashwini Bandamidi, BPT I Year	Member (Nominated)
Mr. Srivardhan Sandhya Biksham, Office Assistant	Supporting Staff

4. Roles and Responsibilities

- Collect data related to students from SEDGs at the time of admission and monitor their academic progress.
- Collaborate with various departments to provide remedial coaching and academic support.
- Coordinate with the Scholarship and Welfare sections for disbursement of scholarships and financial aid.
- Conduct awareness programs on social equity, government welfare schemes, and rights of marginalized groups.
- Encourage student participation in extracurricular and leadership activities.
- Ensure that no discrimination occurs on the basis of caste, creed, economic status, or social background.

5. Activities of the Cell

- Organizing orientation and sensitization programs at the beginning of each academic year.
- Hosting skill development workshops, career counseling sessions, and motivational talks.
- Coordinating with external agencies and NGOs for internships and support services.
- Observing important days related to social justice, such as Ambedkar Jayanti, Constitution Day, etc.
- Maintaining confidential records of student grievances and ensuring timely resolution.

6. Monitoring and Reporting

- The Cell shall submit an annual report to the University authorities highlighting the activities conducted, challenges faced, and recommendations for future improvements.
- Feedback from stakeholders shall be collected regularly to assess the effectiveness of the Cell.