



**स्वामी राम हिमालयन विश्वविद्यालय**  
**Swami Rama Himalayan University**

**POLICY OF ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION  
FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED STUDENTS**

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**Swami Rama Himalayan University**  
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# **Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU)**

## **Policy of Accessibility and Inclusion for Physically Challenged Students**

### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that physically challenged (differently-abled) students at SRHU have equitable access to all academic, co-curricular, and support services. This policy affirms SRHU's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and non-discrimination, and provides a framework for reasonable accommodations to enable full participation in university life.

### **2. Scope**

This policy applies to all students with physical disabilities enrolled in any constituent academic unit, school or department of SRHU. It is applicable across all levels of study- undergraduate, postgraduate, diploma, and doctoral programs.

### **3. Policy Objectives**

- To create a barrier-free, inclusive, and supportive academic environment.
- To promote equal opportunities for education and participation of students with physical disabilities.
- To ensure provision of reasonable accommodations in academics, assessment, infrastructure, and campus facilities.
- To sensitize faculty, staff, and peers to the needs of differently-abled students.

### **4. Key Provisions**

#### **a. Admission & Scholarship**

- No discrimination in admission on grounds of disability.
- Admission forms and entrance exams shall be accessible in formats (e.g., digital, large print) upon request.
- Reservation of seats as per government guidelines (e.g., Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016).
- 100% and 50% Scholarship on Tuition Fee in UG and PG programmes respectively, for Physically Challenged Students.

#### **b. Infrastructure Accessibility**

- Ramps, lifts, accessible toilets, tactile paths, and other mobility aids will be ensured in all buildings.
- Hostels will have accessible rooms for students with physical impairments.

#### **c. Academic Support**

- Provision of scribes, extra time, or assistive technology during examinations.
- Accessible digital content and classroom materials.

- Curriculum flexibility wherever needed, without compromising academic standards.

#### **d. Support Services**

- Provisions will be made for an appointment of a **Disability Support Officer** in the University as per requirements.
- Regular counseling, mentoring, and peer support programs.
- Medical assistance and physiotherapy support within SRHU's hospital, if required.

#### **e. Awareness and Training**

- Faculty and staff orientation on inclusive education.
- Disability Sensitization Workshops annually.

### **5. Grievance Redressal**

Students may report accessibility issues or discrimination to the **Director of Student Welfare**. A resolution will be sought within 15 working days. Appeals may be escalated to the University Grievance Redressal Committee.

### **6. Monitoring and Review**

The implementation of this policy will be overseen by the Equal Opportunity Cell. An annual report will be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor on accommodations provided, issues addressed, and areas of improvement.

### **7. Compliance and Legal Framework**

This policy aligns with the following national and international frameworks:

- **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**
- **University Grants Commission (UGC) Guidelines for Accessibility**
- **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**