

IP College has in recent years invested a considerable amount of financial resources in procuring modern aids and appliances that can have a direct bearing on the performance of persons with disabilities, like Personal Computers, both Laptops and Desktops, fully equipped with special Softwares, OCR Scanners, more than 70 Angel Pocket Readers, a Braille Printer and a Lex Air Camera.

Under the scheme of Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs (HEPSN) sponsored by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the College has set up the Enabling Unit to provide students with disabilities wide-ranging services in the areas of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Assistive Devices, modern Aids and Appliances, etc. A differently abled faculty is made the Coordinator to have a general supervision over the ICT services and other activities undertaken by the unit.

The Enabling Unit of the College runs a full-fledged ICT Centre equipped with the Desktop Computers with special Screen-reading and OCR Software's installed for the use of visually-challenged students and faculty. The Computers in the unit are connected to the College internet facility, thereby enabling the differently abled users to access information on the web on par with their non-disabled counterparts.

Besides the common ICT facility run by the Enabling Unit, each differently abled student is also provided with a Notebook/Laptop. The College conducts periodic workshops and training programmes on the effective use of Information and Communication Technologies for educational purposes. It always takes the first lead in making the best use of various schemes and programmes sponsored by the University of Delhi and other Government agencies for the empowerment of persons with disabilities. IP College has been the first to fully implement the Inclusive Print Project of the University of Delhi. The College facilitated the installation of Lex scanning/reading software, Hindi Optical Character Recognition (OCR Professional) and Braille Face, the NVDA (licensed version) and organised a Hands-on Workshop on the effective usage of NVDA and a day-long seminar, "Reading without Seeing".

In compliance with the National Policy on Electronics and W3C Guidelines, the College Website is made accessible to the Screen-

reader users to the extent possible. The Online-Attendance Package run for both the students and faculty of the College is not only accessible to the Screen-Reader users, but has also become an empowering tool for them as it now allows them to manage attendance and evaluation records online which is far easier than to manage the same on paper.