

Indraprastha College for Women is known for the distinct services it offers to its differently abled stakeholders: the students, the faculty and the administrative staff. Among the major services offered by the College, are the following:

1.Mobility Services:A mobility instructor is called for a tenured appointment in the beginning of academic session every year, to provide basic mobility orientation to the visually-challenged students.

2.Computer Training: The College appoints a computer instructor well-versed in Screen-reading and other special Softwares. Available from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on all working days, the computer instructor trains students in Computer basics, advanced computing skills,etc., and offers other technology consultancy services.

3.Scribe Services:The College arranges scribes for the visually-challenged students to assist them in writing and reading during the examinations. A pool of volunteers from the NSS wing of the College also extend their services to the differently abled students, and the College administration facilitates the process and encourages this volunteer work.

4.Financial Assistance: The College provides all students with disabilities full exemption from the payment of joining and semester registration fees. In addition, the College collects no fee from disabled hostel residents.

5.Hostel Accommodation:Despite limited space in, and the high demand for the hostel on the College campus, the administration has a proactive policy of accommodating maximum number of disabled students every year.

6.Library Services:The College Library has a separate unit to assist students with disabilities in accessing library resources,and it periodically arranges the reading material in such accessible formats as: Braille, DAISY and Audio. The Library now has 483 Braille books, and this number goes up as the new texts are added every year. The newly installed lift and other customization features introduced in the Library are proving to be a great help for the orthopedically-

challenged students to freely move around and make use of the library resources on par with their non-disabled counterparts.

7.Consultancy and Information Sharing Services:The Coordinator, Enabling Unit meets students with disabilities on weekly basis, wherein the latter are encouraged to freely share their grievances and other difficulties they face in the course of their studies. The Coordinator, Enabling Unit then examines all concerns on case-to-case basis and reports them to the College administration for appropriate resolution as and when required. These weekly meetings are also used to share important information related to employment opportunities, scholarship announcements, Government schemes and private initiatives towards the empowerment of the disabled.

8.Sports and Extracurricular Services:The College takes special interest in the promotion of sports and other extracurricular activities among students with disabilities. In this connection, the College annually organizes an inter-college sports meet and 'Samarthya' (an inter-college cultural fest) – both meant exclusively for students with disabilities studying in various institutions affiliated to the University of Delhi.

9.Priority:The College has directed that the administration serve persons with disability on priority basis in the Office and Accounts section of the College and has a well-organised volunteer system to assist during the process of admissions.

10. Administrative Setup: Various services outlined above are made possible by the well-structured machinery of the Enabling Unit and the Equal Opportunity Cell, planned and supported by the College Administration. A Committee consisting of members belonging to both these bodies meet on a regular basis and supervise the activities undertaken for the empowerment of persons with disabilities.