

## **Report 2013-14**

### **INITIATIVE: EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CELL AND ENABLING UNIT**

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The cell is committed to empowering people with disabilities and people coming from marginalized sections. The EOC had its Orientation on 1st August 2013 during which senior EOC members interacted with the freshers by sharing the vision, contribution, achievements and expectations of the cell. A team of core members was constituted. The following are the highlights of the initiatives undertaken during the year: Mr. Subhash Chandra Vashisht, Programme Coordinator of SVAYAM-National Centre for Inclusive Environment was invited with his team to conduct a workshop for sensitizing our students towards the problems faced by the disabled. Two units of 'Angel' (Fully Talking Digital Pocket Daisy Player cum e-book Reader cum MP3 Player cum Radio cum voice Recorder) were purchased and issued to Shreya, a visually impaired student of B.A.(Prog.) II year and to faculty member Md. Israil. Five notebooks of Lenovo have been provided to the college by the university EOC cell under Vice Chancellor initiative to empower Persons with Disabilities, and have been distributed to students. The EOC student team is helping these girls to become computer savvy. They are also assisting them in coping up with other subjects. Fee exemption for Persons with Disabilities has already been implemented by the college.

EOC students and faculty team helped Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust in the sale of tickets for the Diwali Mela organized by them for their school children on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013. The KNC library has accommodated the FYUP foundation course reading materials in braille print and in audio CD for visually impaired students and for other students provided by the DU Library system. A certificate course on 'Positive Inclusion' was conducted by the Cell between August 2013 and October 2013 (without any charges). The course focused on improving communication skills, basic writing skills, enhancing self-confidence, controlling fear and worries, time management, interviewing skills and various other aspects. The course received very enthusiastic response as sixty students of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester enrolled themselves and 50 percent were from reserved category and two were Persons with Disabilities. The certificates were given by Dr Minoti Chatterjee to 41 successful students in the concluding ceremony of the Cell on 25th October 2013.

