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**UNIVERSITY OF KERALA**

**(Abstract)**

Setting up of Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) Cell in the University- Sanctioned  
- Orders issued

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*Read:-1) UGC Guidelines to provide Equitable Opportunity for the Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) in the HEIs, Published in January 2024*

**ORDER**

The University Grants Commission, vide paper read above, has issued guidelines to Provide Equitable Opportunity for the Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). These guidelines are meant to ensure that students belonging to Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) have a safe and secure environment and equitable access to quality education in the HEIs, as specified in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

As per the UGC Guidelines, all HEIs has to set up SEDGs Cell to ensure opportunities for inclusive, equal and quality higher education to the SEDGs students. The SEDGs Cell shall function as an independent body, without any hindrance or interference to the functioning and mandated activities of other Cells in the University. The SEDGs Cell shall ensure the protection of the constitutionally guaranteed rights, dignity, safety, and security of all individuals belonging to the SEDGs and also ensure them equalizing access and opportunities to pursue higher education with the help of the existing statutory bodies such as SC/ST Cell, Equal Opportunity Cell, etc.

Sanction has, therefore, been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to set up Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) Cell in the University with the members as follows, in accordance with the UGC Guidelines, Section 3.3.

**Chairperson, SEDGs Cell - Dr. T S Swapna, Professor, Department of Botany**

**Members**

1. Dr. Manju S Nair, Professor, Department of Economics & Coordinator, Equal Opportunity Cell.
2. Dr.S.R Jayasree, Professor, Department of Hindi & In-charge of Internal Complaint Committee
3. Dr.E.Shaji, Professor, Department of Geology & Director, IQAC
4. Dr. Pramod Kiran R.B, Assistant Professor, Department of Aquatic Biology & Fisheries
5. Dr.T.K Santhoshkumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Malayalam
6. Ajinth Ajay, Ph.D Scholar, Department of Sociology
7. Amar Nath, Ph.D Scholar, Department of Sociology
8. Smt.Kamala Katholi, Deputy Registrar (P&D) - **Member Secretary**



Orders are issued accordingly.

KAMALA KATHOLI

Deputy Registrar(P&D)  
For REGISTRAR

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- 1) The members concerned
- 2) PS to VC
- 3) PA to Registrar/FO/DPD/CE
- 4) Campus Director, Kariavattom
- 5) Head of All Departments in the University
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