**Equal Opportunity Cell**

Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC) has been established in **Maharshi Karve stree Shikshan Samsthas Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women**, to aid and advise the students belonging to marginalized sections including the Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Communities (OBCs), minority communities, etc. pursuing various programs of studies at undergraduate, postgraduate, PhD or other levels.

**Objectives-**

1. To oversee/monitor various welfare schemes/ programmes sponsored by the Government of India/State Government, UGC or any agency/ organization as well as those devised by the college/affiliating university for the disadvantaged groups for their effective implementation
2. To effectively function SC/ST Cell and other such Cells/Centres dealing with the problems of different socially disadvantaged groups.
3. To provide information and act as a counseling-cum-guidance centre for students belonging to the marginalized sections, especially with regard to academic, financial and other matters.
4. To help create a socially conducive atmosphere for the growth of healthy inter-personal relations among students from marginalized sections and from various social backgrounds.
5. To help develop cordial inter-personal relationships between teachers and the students from marginalized sections for academic interaction and extra-curricular activities.
6. To extend help/ support to the students from marginalized sections to overcome problems and barriers emanating from discrimination at any level within its mandate.
7. To organize or conduct seminars/ symposia/ workshops/ conferences/ exhibitions, etc. from time-to-time on issues of contemporary significance for empowering, educationally and culturally, students belonging to the marginalized sections.

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UGC Regulation on Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions – [click here](UGCRegulationonPromotionofEquitinHigherEducationalInstitutions.pdf)

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