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Subject: Final Reminder regarding submission of Information on Equal Opportunity Centre and SC/ST Cell

आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

Based on the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the UGC vide letter of even number dated 10.01.2025 (available on the UGC website), all universities are required to establish an Equal Opportunity Centre (EOC) and an SC/ST Cell. These initiatives aim to ensure equitable access to higher education for socio-economically disadvantaged groups, including SC, ST, OBC (non-creamy layer), Women, Minorities, and Differently Abled Persons.

Despite multiple advisories, reminders, and virtual meetings conducted by the UGC, it has been observed that your institution has not yet submitted the requisite information regarding the establishment and functioning of these cells. This non-compliance is a matter of serious concern, as these centres play an important role in addressing grievances and supporting socioeconomically disadvantaged groups in their academic pursuits.

The delay in submitting this information hampers the effective implementation of essential welfare measures and obstructs the UGC's commitment to fostering social equity in higher education.

You are again requested to establish EOC, if not already established and submit the required details immediately through the prescribed Google Form, accessible at the following link:

 $\frac{https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfaU4y0yC5nFGu6DTAePa0NFK3xfXY5VnJh4J1gIi3c8Tz6w/viewform$

Please ensure that the requisite information is to be submitted by 10th March 2025, and failure to comply by this deadline, the UGC to take strict action against your institution under the provisions of the UGC Act.

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