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Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) Cell

The **Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) Cell** at AIGS is a dedicated body established in accordance with the January 2024 University Grants Commission (UGC) Guidelines. The Cell ensures equitable access to higher education and creates robust opportunities for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Its primary purpose is to dismantle systemic barriers, champion inclusive participation, and deliver comprehensive support systems so that no talent is left behind due to socio-economic constraints or differing abilities.

Key Objectives

The SEDGs Cell actively drives institutional equity through the following mandated objectives:

- **Safeguard constitutional rights,** individual dignity, safety, and security for all members of the SEDG community.
- **Cultivate an inclusive campus** that guarantees a safe, secure, and welcoming environment for SEDG students.
- **Deliver holistic support** by providing targeted academic mentoring, socio-emotional counseling, and structured monitoring systems.
- **Enforce policy compliance** by effectively executing government reservations, financial schemes, specialized facilities, and regulatory guidelines.
- **Expand educational access** through strategic community outreach initiatives that connect potential SEDG applicants to higher education.
- **Uphold anti-discrimination laws** by rigorously executing preventive measures and strict legal protections against atrocities.
- **Publicize regulatory mandates** by circulating and monitoring all official UGC and government directives concerning SEDGs.
- **Guarantee rapid dispute resolution** by redressing formal SEDG student grievances within a strict 15-day window through the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC).

Core Functions

The Cell executes its mission across five key operational pillars:

1. Inter-Agency Coordination & Financial Aid

- **Collaborates with existing internal bodies** (such as the SC/ST Cell and Equal Opportunity Cell).

- **Streamlines access** to government-backed scholarships, stipends, and research fellowships.

2. Academic Support & Bridging Programs
- **Implements intensive orientation** sessions and academic transition strategies.
- **Orchestrates foundational bridge courses** and remedial coaching to eliminate academic gaps.

3. Professional Skills & Student Welfare
- **Facilitates institutional "Earn-while-Learn" schemes** to lessen financial burdens.
- **Hosts dedicated workshops** for soft skills, professional development, and employability enhancement.
- **Operates as a centralized "Single Window" center** to manage all student needs, basic amenities, and general welfare measures.

4. Institutional Sensitization
- **Conducts mandatory training** for faculty, administrators, counselors, and peers on SEDG-specific challenges.
- **Drives attitudinal and cultural shifts** across the campus community to foster genuine inclusivity.

5. Enforcement of Zero-Tolerance Policies
- **Communicates the institution's strict zero-tolerance policy** against discrimination during all student inductions and counseling sessions.

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SEDGs CELL GOVERNANCE ROSTER

SN	Statutory Designation (UGC Framework Reference)	Name of the Nominated Member
1	**Chairperson, SEDGs Cell**	Dr. Sopan Eknath Kangane
2	**Senior Professor Member**	Dr. Shirish More
3	**In-charge of Internal Complaint Committee Member**	Prof. Ujwala Raje
4	**Coordinator/Director of IQAC Member**	Prof. Sharad Aher
5	**SC/ST Representative Member**	Prof. Balaji Pote
6	**OBC Representative Member**	Prof. Yogesh Bodke
7	**Student Representative (Male) – SEDG**	Mr. Suraj Bastia
8	**Student Representative (Female) – SEDG**	Mrs. Nitu Sen
9	**Administrative Officer Member Secretary**	Mr. Madhav Mutalik