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**Subject: Establishment of Equal Opportunity and SC/ST Cells in HEIs and Submission of Data on Grievance Redressal -reg.**

Respected Madam/Sir,

As you are aware that India is a diverse country. Recognizing education as a critical tool for achieving social and economic equality and with a view to address unique challenges faced by the Disadvantaged groups, including Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC – non-creamy layer), Women, Minorities, and Differently Abled Persons in accessing opportunities, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has been consistently promoting initiatives to ensure equitable access to higher education for all.

In compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directives in a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) regarding caste discrimination in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), UGC has been instructed to collect and submit data from all HEIs concerning the implementation of the UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012. You may also be aware that the UGC has recommended the establishment of Equal Opportunity Cells (EOCs) in all HEIs to address disparities, support marginalized communities and sensitize about their rights envisioned in the Constitution.

In this regard all HEIs are requested to establish an Equal Opportunity Cell and SC/ST Cell to ensure the effective and transparent redressal of grievances of the disadvantaged groups. To assist this initiative, the UGC is preparing a database of important aspects, which are crucial to the protection of the rights and interests of the Disadvantaged groups and addressing their complaints and grievances. You, are therefore, requested to submit the requisite information in the prescribed format through the Google link i.e. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfaU4y0yC5nFGu6DTAePa0NFK3xfXY5VnJh4J1glii3c8Tz6w/viewform> latest by 20.01.2025 positively.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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