



INSTITUTION DISTINCTIVENESS

*Enhancing the Learning Opportunities in Higher Education.
for Specially-abled people*

Recognizing its privileged position as a premier institute of higher learning, college makes consistent efforts to make Higher Education accessible and affordable for girls with specially-abled .

Girls with specially-abled remain more marginalized and face discrimination in education, and employment because of their gender. Universities, colleges and functionaries of higher education are also not fully aware of the special needs, extra inputs and necessary guidance. The mission of the college is exemplified by the tagline **"Striving for Eminence"** in the IQAC vision statement.

CONTEXT

Despite policies and legal instruments in favour of specially-abled persons, they are being deprived of education and meaningful employment. The need is to have models of higher education which translate the policies into reality. In this context, the Enabling Unit has been set up in the college in the year 2004-05 under HEPSN Scheme of the UGC in the tenth plan. The institution strives to create an inclusive environment for such students to participate, learn and grow. Despite the fact that the HEPSN Scheme of the UGC is no longer practiced, the college is still continuing to make higher education accessible to the differently challenged students.

OBJECTIVES

College strives to fully embrace all students, faculty, and staff who are differently abled. College aims to create an inclusive environment for specially-abled students to participate, learn, grow and achieve their goals. To accomplish the above goal, the Enabling Unit aims :

- To create barrier-free environment in college to ensure accessibility.
- To bring specially-abled persons into the fold of higher education;

- To provide guidance and counseling to disabled persons and to assist them to gain meaningful employment;
- To make instructional material available in audio, Braille and other alternative formats for the blind and other print disabled students.
- To create awareness about the special needs of differently abled persons; and to foster positive attitude amongst different stakeholders.

STRUCTURE

The Unit is looked after by Dr. *Indira Javed* and Dr. *Rohit Trivedi* both Professors of English. They are assisted by volunteers, both teachers and students. College has constituted a core committee under the leadership of the Principal comprising professor- in-charge of various committees of the college, students and parents, representatives from the Department of Social Justice and PWD, Govt. of M.P. and experts for guidance from time to time.

FACILITIES

- A room of 475 sqft equipped with basic aids, appliances and assistive devices to facilitate the learning of students and teachers with specially-abled .
- The state of art recording studio to record books and study material in DAISY audio and other accessible formats for the visually impaired students.
- Collection of over 600 accessible e-texts and audio books.
- Blind students are enrolled with online libraries *Sugamya Pustakalaya* and Book Share, dedicated libraries for downloading of over 600000 books in accessible formats audio/e-text
- Barrier free access to classrooms, library, office, toilets canteen and other important parts of the building.
- Availability of wheel chairs and assistive devices for disabled students and employees.
- Computers, with text to speech screen reading software, multifunction printer and scanners for reading, preparing books in accessible e-text large print, and audio recording
- Daisy audio players, Braille writing devices, Taylor's frame for erythematic algebra and Geometry kit

ACTIVITIES

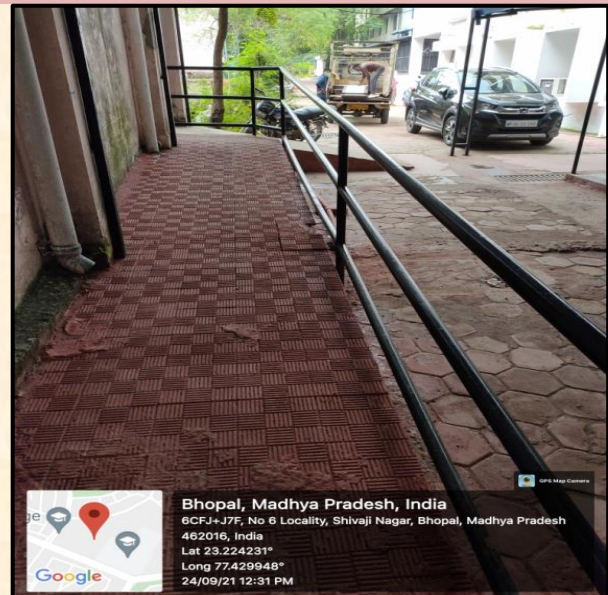
- Dissemination of programs, entitlements and schemes of the state and central government like scholarships, reader's allowance, assistive devices etc. and linking students with them, processing their application for availing these facilities and circulation of decisions of Government of India, Govt. of M.P. and the UGC for dissemination and implementation.
- Sensitization awareness and capacity building programs for students and teachers at regular intervals to create awareness on disability issues.

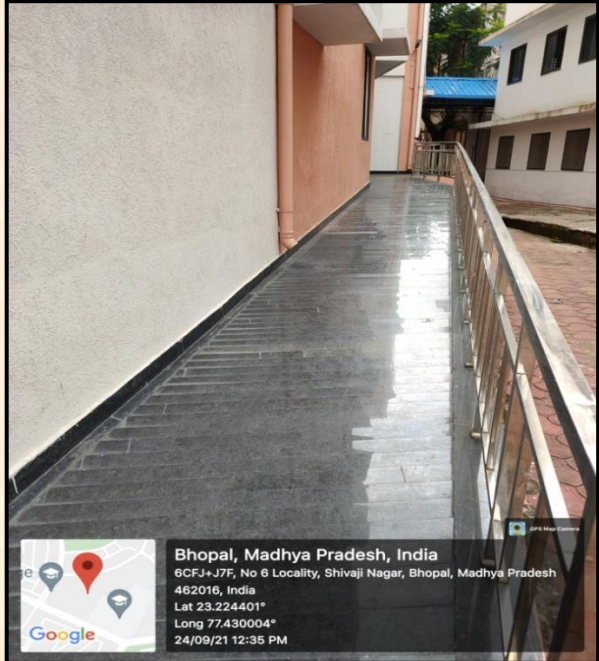
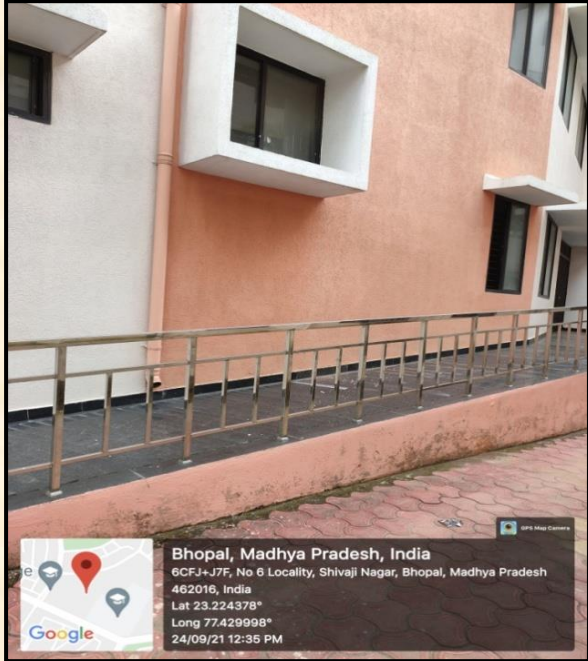
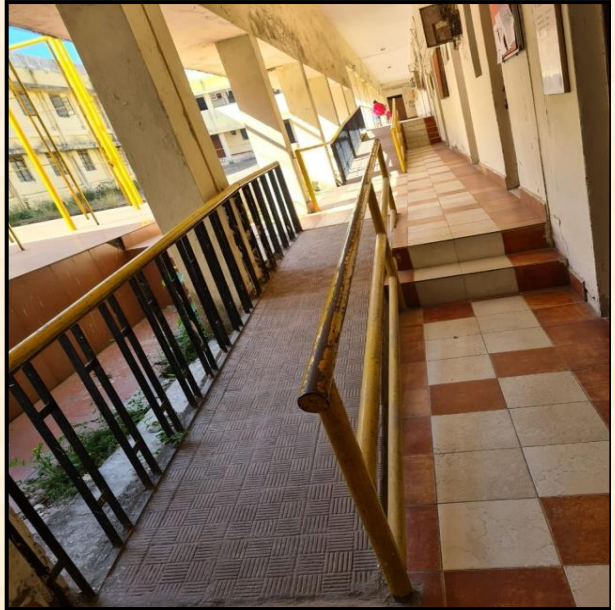
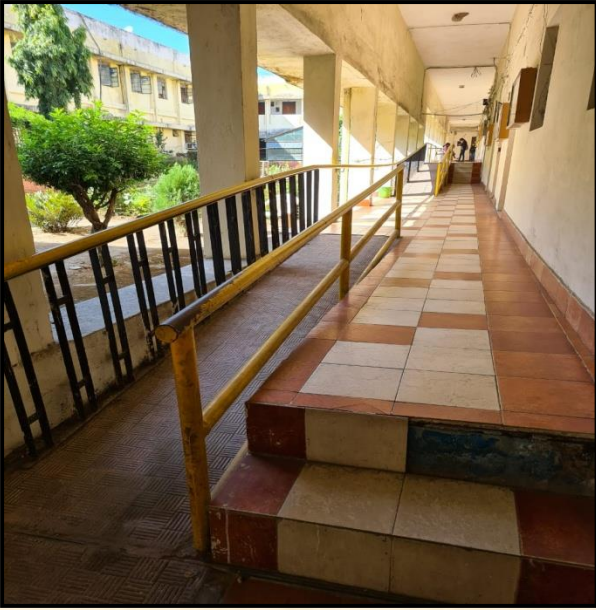
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The college has MOU with Arushi, a voluntary organization to make instructional material available in accessible alternative formats for the Print impaired students
- Students of Enabling Unit presented a group song and group dance in the Annual function of the college
- Ms Laxmi Goswami was linked up to Arushi in order to receive regular training in the field of computer
- The students of the Unit participated in a Legal Aid Camp organized by District Legal Society at Arushi August

The Unit has been successful in generating awareness of the special needs of these students since not only the peers but the teachers' pedagogy has also become more accommodating over the time. In the coming times, the Unit shall persevere to expose the functionaries of higher education towards the special needs of these students, and help them to pursue their dreams.

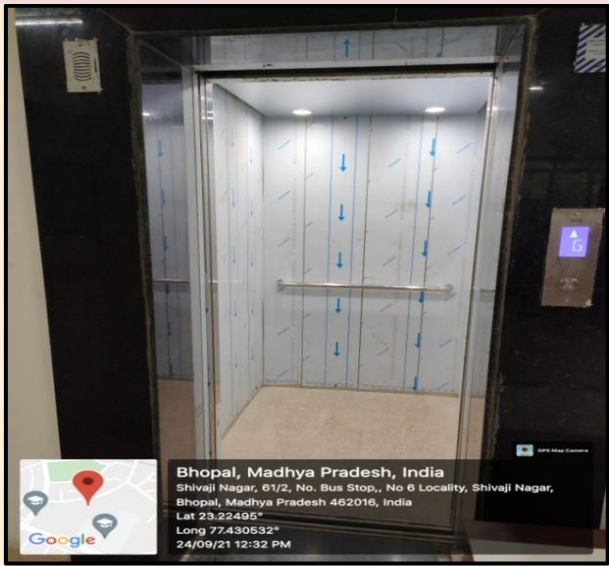
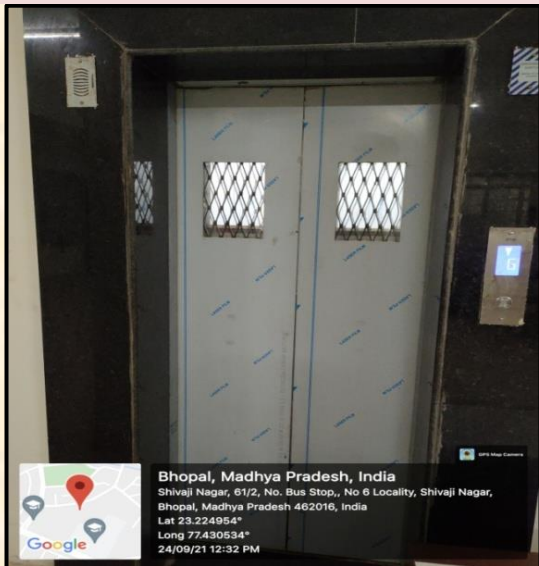
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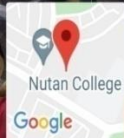


LIFT IN LIBRARY FOR SPECIALLY ABLED STUDENTS

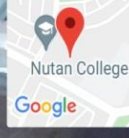




STAFF CLUB DONATED A WHEEL CHAIR TO HEPSN UNIT



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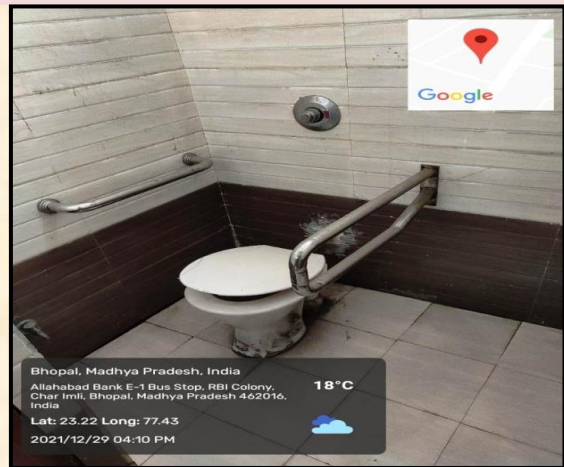


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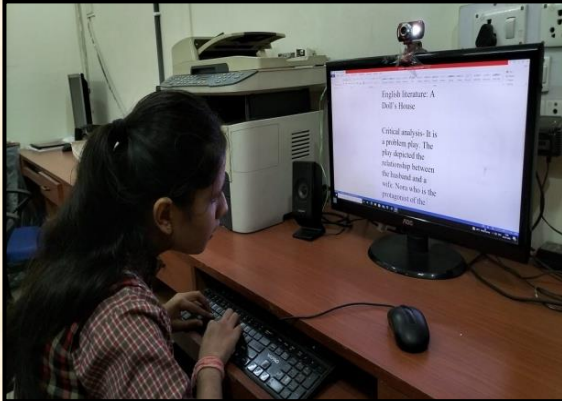
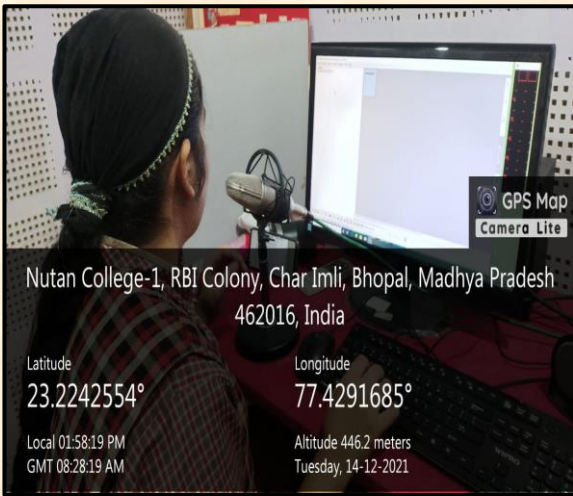
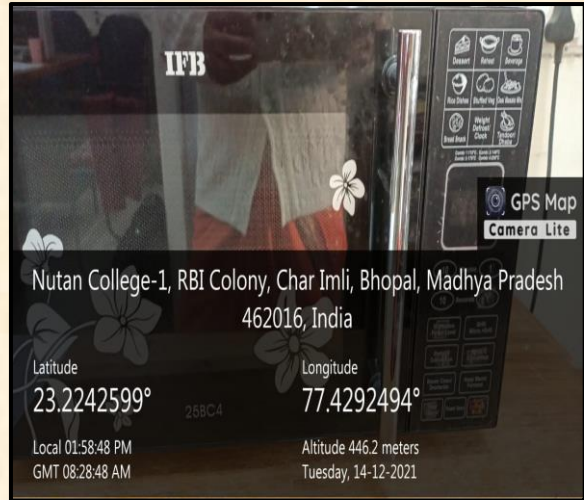


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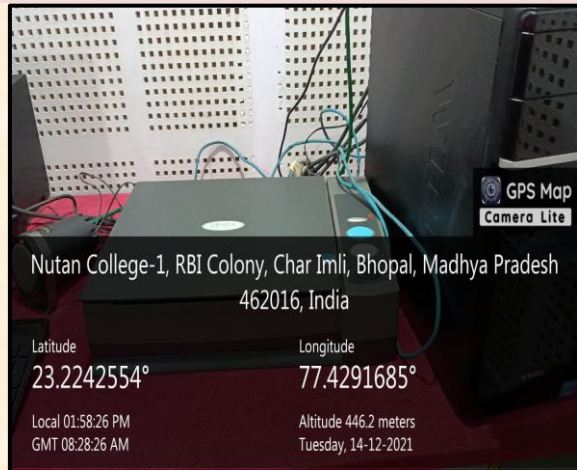


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ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITIES FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIALLY-ABLED :



RECORDING ROOM



THE CONVENER OF HEP SN UNIT GUIDING THE STUDENTS



TRAINING OF FLAMELESS COOKING



HIGHER EDUCATION MINISTER FACILITATE HEPSN PASSED OUT STUDENTS AND WELL PLACED



STALL SETUP BY HEPSN STUDENT IN EARN WHILE YOUR LEARN SCHEME



VISIT TO AARUSHI NGO



OTHER ACTIVITIES THROUGH ENABLING UNIT