

DU/RO/Notification/2026/004

Dt. 17.01.2026

Read : 1. University Grants Commission (Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2026
2. Approval of Provost dated 16.01.2026

Subject : Establish an Equal Opportunity Centre and Constitution of Equity Committee and Equity Squads

Notification

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that, in pursuance of *University Grants Commission (Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2026* and with the objective of promoting equity, inclusion, and non-discrimination among all stakeholders, the University has established an Equal Opportunity Centre and constituted the Equity Committee and Equity Squads, as under:

[A] Equity Committee

The composition of the Equity Committee shall be as follows:

Sr.	Constituency	Member	Designation
1.	Head of Institute	Prof. Manish V Sanghani <i>Provost, Darshan University</i>	Chairperson
2.	Three Professors/Senior Faculty Members	Prof. Mansukh D Barasara <i>Civil Engineering Department, DIET</i>	Member
3.		Prof. Nishant J Khiraiya <i>Humanities and Science, DIET</i>	Member
4.		Dr. Dipak K Jivani <i>Civil Engineering Department, DIET</i>	Member
5.	One Staff Member, other than a teacher	Dr. Alka V Gohel <i>Librarian, DU</i>	Member
6.	Two representatives from civil society having relevant experience	Mr. Jaydeep M Pandya <i>Press Reporter, Phulchhab Newspaper, Rajkot</i>	Member
7.		Mr. Vinay Jasani <i>Shrimad Rajchandra Foundation, Rajkot</i>	Member
8.	Two student representatives, to be nominated based on academic merit/excellence in sports/performance in co-curricular activities	Bhoomi Tulsyani (23010101275) <i>B.Tech. CSE – DIET</i>	Special Invitees
9.		Solanki Mayur Hasmukhbhai (25041801040) <i>MBA – DIM</i>	Special Invitees
10.	The Coordinator of the Equal Opportunity Centre	Prof. Stavan J Pandya <i>Civil Engineering Department, DIET</i>	Member Secretary

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- The term of the nominated members shall be **two years**, and that of the special invitees shall be **one year**, from the date of publication of this notification or until further notification, whichever is earlier.
- The meetings shall be convened by the chairperson and shall be conducted in accordance with UGC regulations.
- The Committee shall meet at least **twice in a year**. The quorum for a meeting shall be four members, including the Chairperson but excluding the special invitees.
- The Equity Committee shall review actions taken on matters received during the preceding six months, including matters referred to other statutory committees, as applicable.
- The **functions** of the Equity Committee shall be as prescribed under the relevant provisions of the UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2026.

[B] Equity Squads

- The following faculty/staff members have been nominated by the Provost for the Equity Squads:
 1. **Mr. Darshan J Sheth**, Section Officer – Co-Coordinator
 2. **Prof. Jinesh G Tank**, Mechanical Engineering Department, DIETDS
 3. **Prof. Hardik Lakhani**, Administrative Officer, DU
 4. **Prof. Kinjal R Thaker**, Management & Commerce Department, DIM
- The **functions** of Equity Squads shall be as under:
 - i. To remain vigilant and prevent any form of discrimination on the campus through regular monitoring and visits to vulnerable locations.
 - ii. To function as a mobile unit for early identification of inequity-related issues and provide immediate reporting of such instances.
 - iii. To submit observations and reports to the Coordinator of the Equal Opportunity Centre for necessary action.

[C] Equity Helpline

- The University has established an "**Equity Helpline**", which shall function **round the clock** for receiving information or complaints relating to discrimination or violation of equity on the campus.
- The Equity Helpline Number is: **97277 47310**.
- The Equity Helpline shall be accessible to all stakeholders of the University. The identity of the informant shall be kept strictly confidential.


Registrar
 Darshan University



To,

1. All above member / coordinators
2. All Head of Institutes
3. All Head of Departments
4. Administrative Officer
5. Admission Officer
6. Hostel Warden

Copy to,

1. PA to Provost
2. Website and ERP Coordinator

c.f.w.c. to: President, Provost