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(Disabled-friendly and barrier-free environment)





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#### DISABLED-FRIENDLY, BARRIER FREE ENVIRONMENT

Creating a disabled-friendly and barrier-free environment in a college, by ensuring accessibility to students with disabilities and it promotes inclusivity and equal opportunities for all. It allows them to fully participate in educational activities, access facilities, and engage in social interactions on an equal footing with their peers. Disabled-friendly environment also enhances the academic success of students by enabling them to attend classes, access libraries, laboratories, and other educational resources without facing unnecessary obstacles.

Gems Arts and Science College has a significant number of students with diverse abilities, and the college administration places great emphasis on ensuring their well-being. To establish a truly inclusive environment, the administration has implemented a range of programs and techniques that prioritize the needs of these students. Notable measures undertaken by the college include: ramps, Divyangjan library, electric vehicle accessibility, dedicated care takers, scribe assistance for exams, classrooms in ground floors and hand rails.





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#### RAMPS

Differently-abled individuals, referred to as Divyangjan, experience unrestricted movement and the enjoyment of amenities within the constructed surroundings at GEMS College, thanks to the establishment of an inclusive environment. These individuals can actively engage in their daily activities on campus independently, owing to the assistance provided for their autonomous functioning. The college has incorporated barrier-free construction, design, and operational practices to ensure an environment that eliminates obstacles and facilitates seamless participation for everyone.









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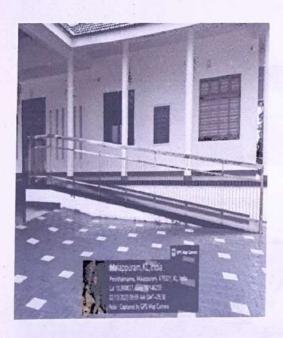
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#### HAND RAILS

Differently-abled individuals, referred to as Divyangjan, enjoy unhindered movement and access to amenities within GEMS College's constructed environment. Thanks to an inclusive approach, handrails have been strategically placed to aid their autonomous functioning, ensuring unrestricted engagement in daily activities. Barrier-free design and operational practices foster a seamless and inclusive environment for all.









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# DIVYANGJAN LIBRARY INAUGURATION PROGRAM AND NVDA SOFTWARE LAUNCHING

The college celebrated a momentous occasion with the inauguration of the Divyangjan Library, dedicated to promoting accessibility and inclusivity. The event also marked the launch of Non Visual Desktop Access (NVDA) software, a significant step towards enhancing the digital accessibility experience for differently-abled individuals.













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#### SCRIBE ASSISTANCE FOR EXAM

GEMS College extends invaluable scribe assistance for exam support, offering significant benefits to students with disabilities facing challenges in writing during exams. This thoughtful provision ensures equal opportunities for success by alleviating the hindrance of writing difficulties. The scribe support enables students to express their knowledge without the burden of physical constraints, promoting a fair and inclusive examination environment. GEMS College's commitment to inclusivity enhances the academic journey, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to showcase their abilities on an equal footing.







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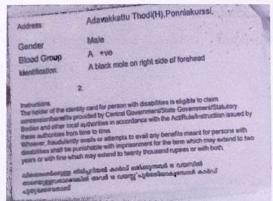
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#### CLASS ROOM IN GROUND FLOOR

Recognizing the importance of accessibility, GEMS College allocates classrooms for Divyagyan students on the ground floor. This strategic decision ensures convenience and inclusivity, allowing students with diverse needs to navigate their educational journey seamlessly. By situating these classrooms on the ground level, the college promotes a welcoming environment that eliminates physical barriers, fostering equal participation and enriching the overall educational experience for all students, regardless of their abilities or mobility requirements.

#### DEDICATED CARE TAKERS

MALAPPURAM DT

A dedicated caretaker for differently-abled students at GEMSCollege offers crucial support and assistance. Their focused attention ensures personalized care, aiding students in overcoming challenges and maximizing their academic potential. This approach fosters inclusivity and promotes a conducive learning environment. The caretaker's commitment enhances the overall educational experience for differently-abled students, fostering independence and success within the GEMSCollege community.

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# PROVISION FOR ENQUIRY AND SCRIBE DETAILES FOR THE UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION.

GEMS Arts and Science College acknowledges the unique needs of Divyagyan students by establishing a dedicated provision for inquiry and scribe details for university examinations. This initiative aims to streamline the process, offering crucial support to differently-abled students. By facilitating easy access to information and scribe assistance details, the college enhances the examination experience for Divyagyan students, ensuring they have the necessary resources to excel in their academic pursuits, fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment.







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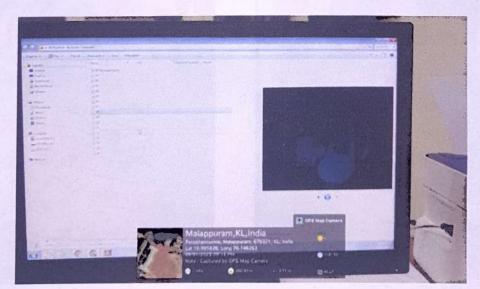
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#### LIBRARY AUDIO BOOK FACILITY

GEMS Arts and Science College is dedicated to fostering inclusivity with its innovative initiative: Audio Book Facility. Committed to creating a disabled-friendly, barrier-free environment, the college provides audio books, ensuring equal access to educational resources for students with visual or print disabilities. This initiative aligns with the principles of accessibility, promoting a diverse and inclusive academic atmosphere. By offering alternative learning resources, GEMS Arts and Science College demonstrates its commitment to breaking down barriers and creating an educational landscape where every student, regardless of ability, can thrive. This endeavor reflects the college's dedication to providing an enriching and supportive learning environment for all.







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#### PROVIDING WHEELCHAIR FACILITIES ACROSS THE CAMPUS

The College prioritizes inclusivity with its disabled-friendly, barrier-free environment. The institution ensures accessibility by providing wheelchair facilities across the campus. This initiative underscores the college's commitment to creating an inclusive learning environment where individuals with mobility challenges can navigate freely. The availability of wheelchairs not only facilitates seamless mobility for students and staff with disabilities but also promotes a culture of equality. College strives to remove physical barriers, fostering an environment where everyone can fully engage in academic and extracurricular activities.









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#### DISABLED-FRIENDLY, BARRIER FREE WASHROOMS

GEMS Arts and Science College has taken a commendable initiative to enhance accessibility with the introduction of disabled-friendly barrier-free washroom facilities. This initiative underscores the institution's commitment to inclusivity, ensuring that all students, irrespective of physical abilities, have equal access to essential amenities. The newly implemented facilities feature thoughtful design elements, such as wider doorways and appropriate fixtures, fostering a more inclusive environment. This endeavor not only supports the dignity and independence of differently-abled individuals but also sets a positive example for educational institutions in promoting universal accessibility.





