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## Criterion VII

# Institutional Values and Best Practices

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### Report on Disabled-friendly, Barrier-free Environment

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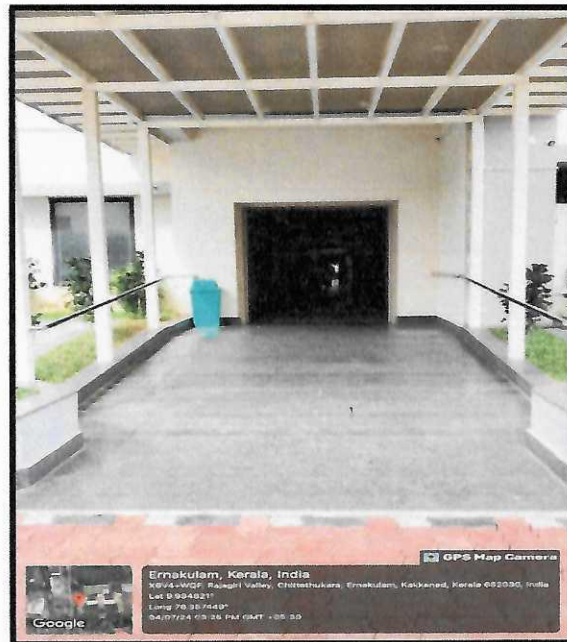


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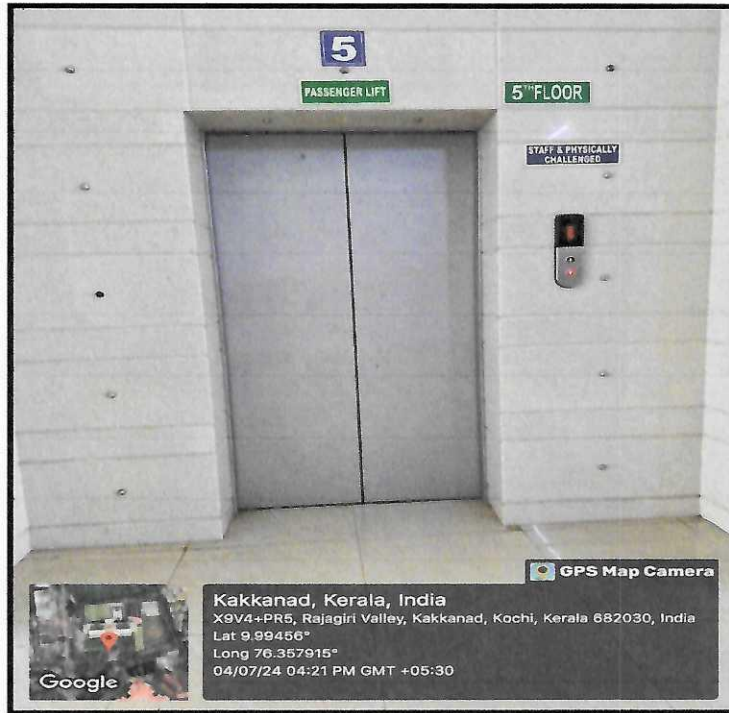
Rajagiri College believes that education knows no barriers, and every individual, regardless of ability, deserves an equal opportunity to thrive. The institution's commitment to inclusivity is not a mere statement but a living, breathing reality manifested through a plethora of thoughtful facilities and initiatives.

### 1.Ramps and Lifts

The architecture of Rajagiri College is composed with inclusivity in mind. Ramps gracefully wind their way through the campus, providing a seamless pathway for those with mobility challenges. Lifts at three different locations of the building ensure that every floor is within reach, breaking down the physical barriers that might hinder free movement. The college effectively transforms the notion of space into a canvas where everyone, regardless of physical ability, can navigate freely.



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## 2. Mobility Assistance

Wheelchairs provide essential mobility and assistance to individuals who are unable to walk or have difficulty walking. A stock of well-maintained wheelchairs is readily available for those who require them. The enquiry desk or designated staff members can be contacted to arrange for wheelchair access upon arrival or at any point throughout the day.



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### 3.Reserved seats in the library and laboratories

Reserved areas in libraries and labs signify a quality of the HEI that no student shall feel marginalized due to physical constraints. In these spaces of intellectual exploration, every student is afforded an equitable chance to immerse themselves in the wealth of knowledge. The thoughtful provision is far more than seating arrangements; it is a gesture that recognizes and respects the diversity of the student body.



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#### 4. Adequate Signage for Divyangjan

Clear signage is vital for ensuring an inclusive and accessible environment for people with disabilities. It empowers them to navigate spaces independently, with a sense of autonomy. Signage with high-contrast text and clear symbols provides crucial information for those with visual impairments, while proper placement aids those with mobility limitations. Effective signage promotes safety, independence and equal access for everyone. Accessibility symbols; like the wheelchair and lift symbols and Directional and Information Signage provide clear and concise messages for the disabled.



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## 5. Divyangjan-friendly Restrooms

The restrooms, specially designed to cater to the unique needs of individuals with disabilities, is a demonstration to the college's holistic approach to inclusivity. These spaces are crafted not merely as functional necessities but as embodiments of dignity, acknowledging that every student, irrespective of physical ability, deserves to experience their college journey with comfort and respect.



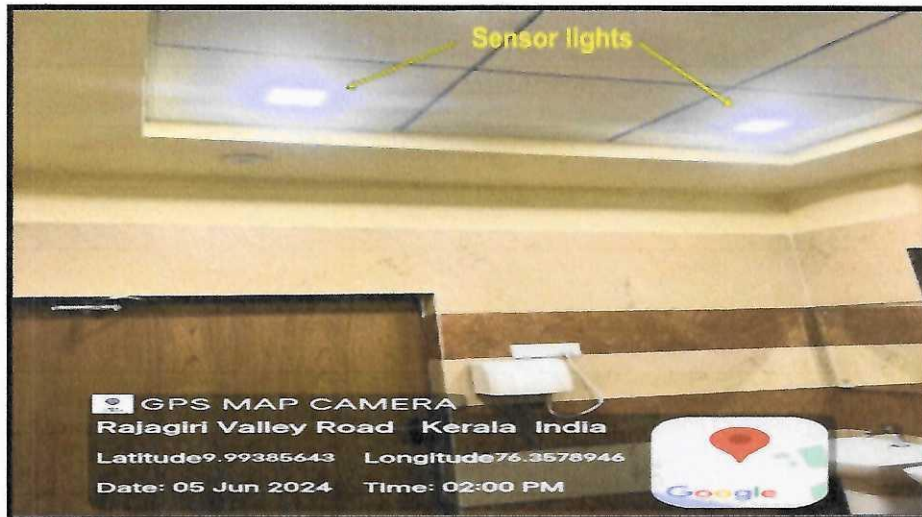
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## 6. Smart Devices for Divyangjan Accessibility

Assistive technology advancements are revolutionizing how people with disabilities interact with their environments. Motion-activated lighting, for instance, empowers individuals with mobility limitations or visual impairments by eliminating the need to physically locate and operate a light switch. This seemingly simple adaptation gives increased autonomy and promotes safe navigation.

### Sensor Lights in Restroom



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## 7.Scribe Facility

For students who require assistance in their academic pursuits, the College goes a step further. The provision of scribe facilities ensures that those who may face challenges in writing have the support they need during examinations. This empathetic understanding removes yet another obstacle on the path to academic success.



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## 8. Enquiry and Human Assistance

Rajagiri College recognizes the importance of inclusivity and ensures the Divyangjan community feels welcome and supported. To bridge any access gaps, the college provides a well-structured enquiry and human assistance system specifically designed to cater to their needs. A designated help desk is likely situated at the reception and office prioritizes divyangjan enquiries, ensuring they receive prompt attention. The assistance offered include helping with filling out forms or interpreting sign language. The college also has a team of well-trained and empathetic staff members dedicated to assisting Divyangjan students and visitors. These staff members are familiar with various disabilities and understand how to provide appropriate support.



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## 9. Assistive Technology

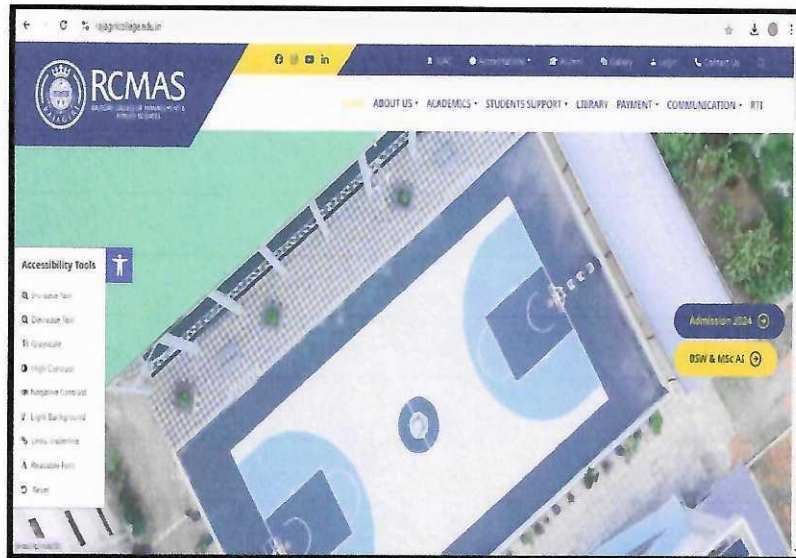
The integration of **assistive software EPUB** reflects the dedication to leveraging technology for inclusivity that opens up a world of learning for individuals with diverse learning needs. The text to speech functionality allows the EPUB software to read the text aloud, which is essential for users who are blind or visually impaired. The screen reader compatibility is very helpful for blind users to convert text on screen into speech or braille. Readers can also adjust the contrast between text and background for better visibility. The **College website is divyangjan-accessible**. Through these innovations, the institution transforms digital landscapes into spaces where every student can engage with academic content on their terms and pace. The library boasts a rich collection of books, journals and reference materials for in-depth exploration. They also provide access to a wealth of electronic resources through databases like **N-List** (for research papers) with a collection of 1,38,521 E-books and 6,328 E-journals, **DELNET** (for Indian e-resources) with about 1613 E-books and 11,24,250 E-journals and **EBSCO** (for scholarly journals) claiming Business source Elite- 1055 full text journals and 1055 Humanities full text journals.

### Divyangjan-Accessible Website



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The College ensures an inclusive and supportive environment for all students, including those with disabilities by providing various facilities and accommodations to empower Divyangjan students, to make sure they have equal opportunities to develop academically and socially. With accessible infrastructure, tailored learning resources, and dedicated support services, the HEI has been successful in creating an inclusive community where every student can achieve their full potential.



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