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## Social inclusion policy for Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University

Social inclusion refers to the process of ensuring that all individuals and groups feel valued, respected, and supported, regardless of their background, identity, or social status. In educational institutions, social inclusion involves creating a learning environment that is accessible, inclusive, and supportive of all students, irrespective of their race, ethnicity, gender, language, sexuality, ability, or socio-economic status. Ensuring social inclusion in educational institutions is essential for promoting equity, diversity, and social justice and is crucial for nurturing the academic, personal, and social development of all students.

With this end in view, the University believes in providing the following provisions for an inclusive environment.

1. Accessible education: To provide education that is accessible to students who are traditionally underrepresented, such as those with disabilities or who live in rural areas.

2. Flexible learning options: To offer flexible learning options that meet the needs of non-traditional students, including working adults, parents, and caregivers.

3. **Financial support:** To provide financial support to students who need it, such as scholarships, grants, or tuition waivers.

4. **Diversity and inclusion training**: To provide facilities for staff to receive training in diversity and inclusion to create an environment that is welcoming and inclusive for all students.

5. **Support services**: To provide support services to students who need them, such as tutoring, counseling, or career services.

6. **Technology access:** To ensure that students have access to the technology they need to complete their coursework, such as computers, internet access, and software.

7. Language support: To provide language support to students who are studying in a language that is not their first language, including translation services and language courses.

By implementing these strategies, the university intends to create an environment that is more welcoming and inclusive for all students, regardless of their background or circumstances.

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