

JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (Deemed to be University)
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Policy on antidiscrimination in the workplace

1. Preamble

JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, believes in equality in workplace. Hence, the HEI has made this policy to prevent any discrimination and ensure equality.

2. Definition:

Discrimination in workplace can be in different forms; there might be a single reason or a combination of multiple grounds of discrimination. Discrimination in a workplace may constitute in form of:

- 1. Age
- 2. Sex
- 3. Qualification
- 4. Disability
- 5. Pregnancy
- 6. National origin
- 7. Race/ Colour
- 8. Religion
- 9. Sexual harassment
- 10. Equal pay or compensation
- 11. Region/Place of origin
- 12. Caste and
- 13. Ethnicity.

3. Procedures:

3.1 Disability

Disability discrimination occurs when an employer or an entity treats a qualified individual with disability who is an applicant or employee unfavourably due to that person being disabled. This unfavourable behaviour can be experienced during recruiting, pay, promotion, etc.

JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research has made a commitment for promoting, protecting and ensuring the rights recognised by government of India's act -The rights of Persons with disabilities Act, 2016 for safeguarding and protecting the disabled in India.

This Act under Sec. 3 mentions that 'No person with disability shall be discriminated on the grounds of disability and ensures that the person with disability enjoys the right to equality, life with dignity and respect for his/her integrity equally with others.

Under Sec. 19 and 20 there shall be non-discrimination in employment.

Under Sec. 32 of the same Act provides for reservation in higher educational institutions.

Under the Act, Sec. 34 the following categories of benchmark 'disabilities' are protected – (a) Blindness and Low vision; (b) Deaf and hard of Hearing impairment; (c) Loco motor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy; (c) Autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and (d) Mental illness Multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses a to d

JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research abides by this ACT

3.2 Remuneration

Discrimination may also exist in the payment of compensation to the employee which includes salary and other benefits. JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research shall not show any such discrimination.

3.3 Principle of Equal pay for Equal work

JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research shall pay equal remuneration to men and women workers for same work or work of a similar nature as per the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976. Section 5 of the Act and shall prohibit formulating a recruiting process putting women on disadvantage on account of their gender which is in reference to the work that is same or similar to that which is offered to men and even in respects of transfers and promotions.

3.4 Discrimination based on sex

Discrimination based on sex can happen when an employee or a probable candidate is discriminated on the grounds of a person belonging to a particular sex. Discrimination based on sex might be seen in the areas of recruiting, conditions of employment, promotion, benefits, dividing work tasks based on whether staffs are male or female.

Any such discrimination shall be prohibited at JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research.

Discrimination on this ground is **prohibited** by **Article 15** of the Constitution which says no citizen shall on the grounds of sex, caste, place of birth be ineligible for, or discriminated against in respect of, any employment or office.

3.5 Discrimination on the grounds of pregnancy

Discrimination can be refusal of grant of job to a women who is pregnant or dismissal of the women from the organisation subject to her disclosure of the fact of pregnancy.

Such a discrimination shall be prohibited at JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research.

3.6 Discrimination based on caste

Under the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the protection of civil rights rules 1977 if a person molests, injures, annoys, boycott, obstructs, or insults or attempt to do such act toward a person of Scheduled Caste, that person may be punished with imprisonment of term not less than one month and may extend upto six months and with fine not less than one hundred rupees and not more than five hundred rupees. If a person of Scheduled Caste faces boycott in form of not allowing that person to work or do business with other person or receive from him the services he renders, or any other things which are commonly done in ordinary course of a business is a punishable offence and he may file a FIR in the local police station.

Such a discrimination shall be prohibited at JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research.

3.7 Prevention of sexual harassment of women:

JSS AHER strictly prevents, prohibits and redresses sexual harassment of women as per Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. As per this Act under Sec.4 an internal compliance committee shall be constituted for the purpose.

4. Authority

The Vice-Chancellor, Registrar & Director (Academics), HRD Section of JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research and Principals of the constituent colleges and Heads of the departments holds delegated authority and is responsible for all aspects of this policy.

5. Date of implementation:

This policy will come into immediate effect from 01.01.2022

6. Date of revision:

01.01.2024

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