



HIGHER EDUCATION FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

(HEPSN)

**Sree Kerala Varma College,
Thrissur**

Annual Report, 2018-2019

3rd December is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This year's theme is: Removing barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society for all. Equity of access to higher education calls for efforts to provide opportunities for person with various types of disabilities for inclusion in university system. India has majority youth population suffering from single or multiple disabilities for whom pursuing education is a major challenge. Education for disabled in India is lacking due to many reasons. As per Census 2011, in India, out of the 121 Cr population, about 2.68 Cr persons are 'disabled' which is 2.21% of the total population. According to MHRD Annual Report (2018), there are 74,317 PWD students enrolled in higher education. Out of which 42,630 are male and 31,687 are female students. The National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP, 2017) – Study found that, out of 3% seats allotted only about 0.1% of the students were enrolled in higher education.

Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur

Founded in 1947 by His Highness Sree Kerala Varma, and governed at present by the Cochin Devaswom Board Sree Kerala Varma College (affiliated to the University of Calicut) is one of the most well known academic institutions in Kerala. Located in a vast lush green campus, only 3 kms away from the heart of Thrissur, the cultural capital of Kerala, Sree Kerala Varma College is the biggest arts and science college under the University of Calicut.

Table 1
Profile of the College

Year of Establishment	1947
Management	Cochin Devaswam Board
University Affiliation	Calicut University
U.G. Programme	17
P.G. Programme	8
Ph.D Programme	3
Teachers	86 (Permanent) +35 (Guest)
Students	2700
Staffs	65

Photograph 1 & 2
Sree Kerla Varma College, Thrissur





Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs Unit, SKVC

Sree Kerala Varma College is the first educational institution in Kerala to open an HEPSN (Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs) Enabling Unit which actively caters to the needs of differently abled students. Sree Kerala Varma welcomes every year the largest number of students with special needs for higher education in Kerala. The Vision of HEPSN is Inclusive institution, accessible infrastructure and equity in higher education for persons' with disabilities. The new building of HEPSN was inaugurated on 2014. The unit also observes important days like White cane Day, Human Rights Day, International Day of Disabled persons and also offers various motivational and Skill development programmes.

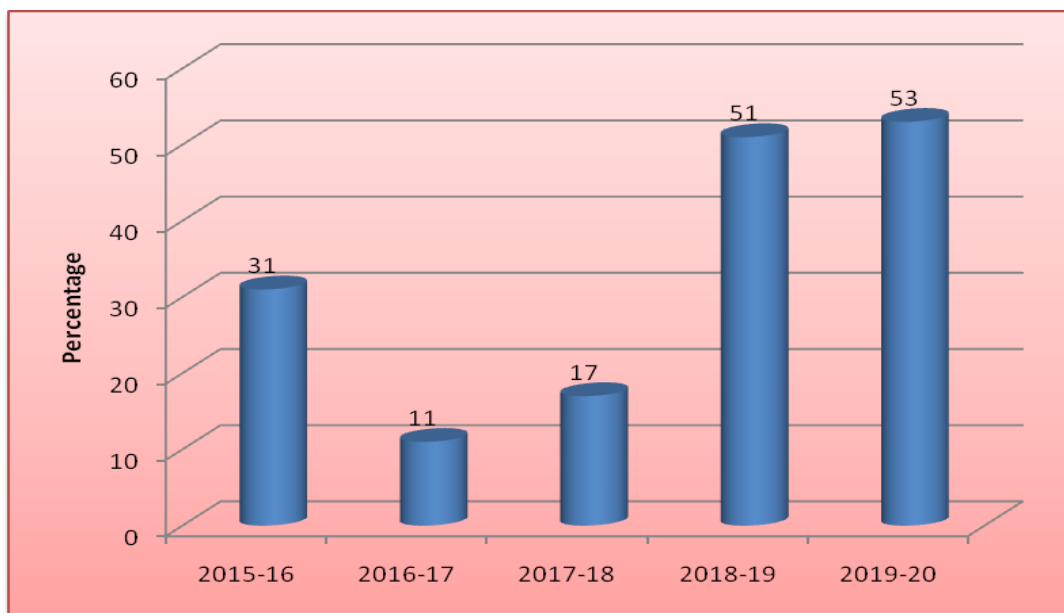
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Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs Unit, SKVC



Figure 1

Intake of Differently Abled Students, SKVC, (2015-2019)



Source: **Intake Register**, SKVC, Various Years

Table 2

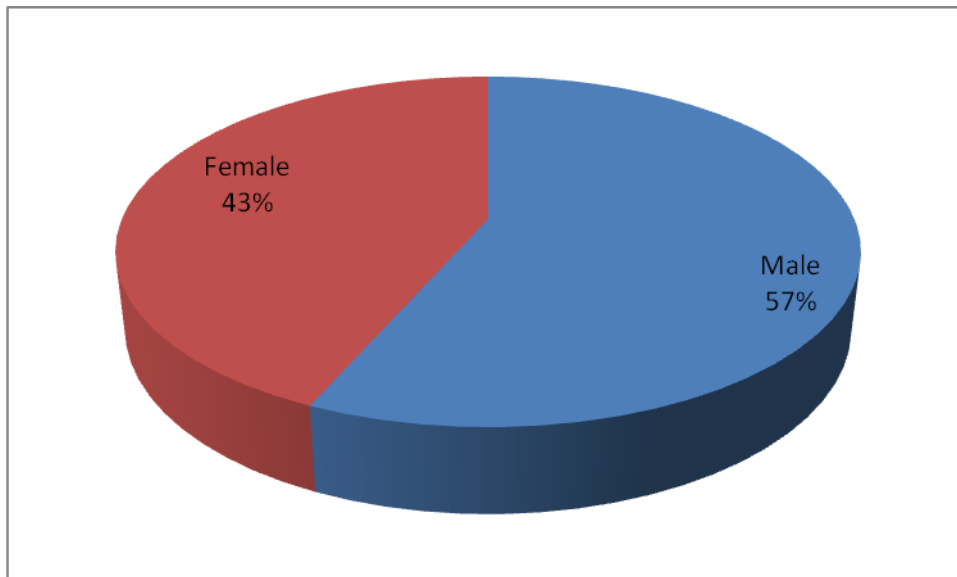
Intake with Type of Disability - 2019-20

Type of Disability	Numbers
BLINDS	25
PH	21
MR	07
TOTAL	53

Source: **Intake Register, SKVC**

Figure 2

**Gender Wise Profile of Differently Abled Students
(in Percentage)**



Source: **Intake Register, SKVC**

Table 3
Department Wise list of Students (2019-2020)

Sl. No.	Department	Number of Students
1	Malayalam	11
2	Economics	06
3	Philosophy	05
4	History	05
5	Commerce	08
6	Political Science	11
7	English	2
8	Botany	1
9	Sanskrit	2
10	Zoology	1
11	Statistics	1
	Total	53

Source: **Intake Register, SKVC**

Photograph 4 & 5

**Higher Education for Person with Special Needs (HEPSN) Student
Members**





Report: 2018- 2019 Academic Year

Assistance Received during 2018-2019

- Received Rs. 13290/- from NSS unit of SKVC as 'Snehardram Project' in connection with NSS day.
- Recipient of 'Education and Skill Development' award of Rs. 50000/- for developing digital voice library for the blind students organized and awarded by 'Mazhakootam and MITHR foundation' among colleges in Kerala. The cell purchased one laptop and three Voice recorders.



Award Winning Photo



Received Award Laptop from the Sponsoring Agency



Distribution of Voice Recorder

- Received 'One Voice Recorder' as contribution from Dr. Radhika K.S., Assistant Professor of English, Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur.

Programmes Organised by HEPSN Cell

- Daily news paper readings (Mathrubhumi News paper) – (Morning 9 am to 9.25 am).
- PSC Coaching classes, once in a week (Tuesday).
- Spoken English Class, once in a week (Wednesday).
- Regular meeting with HEPSN Students.
- Arrangement of Scribes for University and Internal Examinations.
- NSS and College Union also arranged prolific programmes and assistance for HEPSN students.

- One day Awareness Programme (28th of January, 2018)



Motivational Class by Fr. Solomon, Drisya Foundation and Mr. Binu, HSA

Christmas Message and celebration, 2018



Farewell function to Principal Dr.Krishna Kumari K.



**Farewell Memento handed over to Principal
Farewell function to Senior Students of HEPSN**



- NSS unit has been voluntarily entrusted with the task of recording voice materials to HEPSN students and they completed the first stage of transferring study materials to Second Semester HEPSN students.
- The students of HEPSN cell actively participated in the programme organised by NSS and other NGOs.

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