



# TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY

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## Minority Cell

The main aim of the Minority Cell is to empower the Minority Communities in TNOU and assist and support them in their curricular and co-curricular activities, and personal adjustment. The Minority Cell has been set up to help and support minority learners from the Christian, Muslim, Jain and other minority and linguistic communities.

### Objectives

The following are the objectives of the Minority Cell:

- To ensure equal opportunities and experiences among persons with minority communities studying in the University on par with privileged group;
- To facilitate any financial support to students of these communities from the governmental agencies, non-governmental organisations and other sources;
- To make the minority students aware of the various scholarships schemes of the Central and State Governments;
- To encourage these students to enroll for courses, workshops, programmes etc., offered by TNOU in order to equip them with the skills needed for their career development;
- To provide prompt counseling for any emotional emergencies arising on account of any event in TNOU; and
- To provide these students with a grievance redressal mechanism in addition to the regular redressal mechanism.

### Functions and Activities

- To collect and disseminate the reports and information of Tamil Nadu State Government and University Grants Commission(UGC)-Distance Education Bureau(DEB), New Delhi on various aspects of education, training, research and employment to minority students.
- To publicize the various Central and State Government Scholarship and fellowship schemes and any updates in these matters.
- To coordinate with other TNOU Cells and Committees such as the Students Welfare and Placement Cell, Alumni Cell, Centre for Cultural affairs etc., and ensure that learners from minority communities participate in various activities.
- To coordinate with Programme Coordinators and Departments to identify students from these communities who need special assistance such as remedial classes and bridge courses, as well as those who are advanced learners and could be given extra attention and guidance.
- To collect the issues of the learners and redress.

## Members of Minority Cell

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As per Tamil Nadu State Government and University Grants Commission (UGC)-Distance Education Bureau(DEB), New Delhi guidelines, TNOU constitutes the committee. The Minority Cell gives various information to the Minority learners and staff of TNOU. The Meetings are arranged by the Minority Cell in TNOU from time to time.