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Report-PWD Support Cell

The PWD support cell at RIDGCC was established in 2019. The cell aims to create awareness around disability among various stakeholders- teachers, students, and parents, and to provide holistic support to students with disabilities enrolled in our institution. The cell has organized a sensitization program on **'Disability and its Challenges: Supporting Students with Disabilities in Higher Education'** for teaching and non-teaching staff on March 3rd, 2020. The program highlighted the various aspects of disability and how to cater to the needs of differently-abled students in and beyond classrooms. The main focus was sensitizing teachers and non-teaching staff about inclusive education and building empathy through disability awareness. The cell organized a seminar **'My Own Voice- Breaking Barriers: Embracing Disability'** on February 16th, 2024. The resource Person Tapan Mahata, guest faculty to the history department, Sadhu Ram Chand Murmu University, Jhargram, shared his experiences living with visual impairments in an ableist society and the socio-cultural barriers faced by persons with disabilities. The seminar helped disseminate information about various scholarships and employment opportunities, and opened the floor for teachers and students to take part in the dialogue around disability. The cell actively involves in day-to-day counselling in and beyond classroom for the students with disabilities and aims to organize many workshops and seminars in the future to generate awareness on disability, creating a barrier-free environment for students and with diverse needs.

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