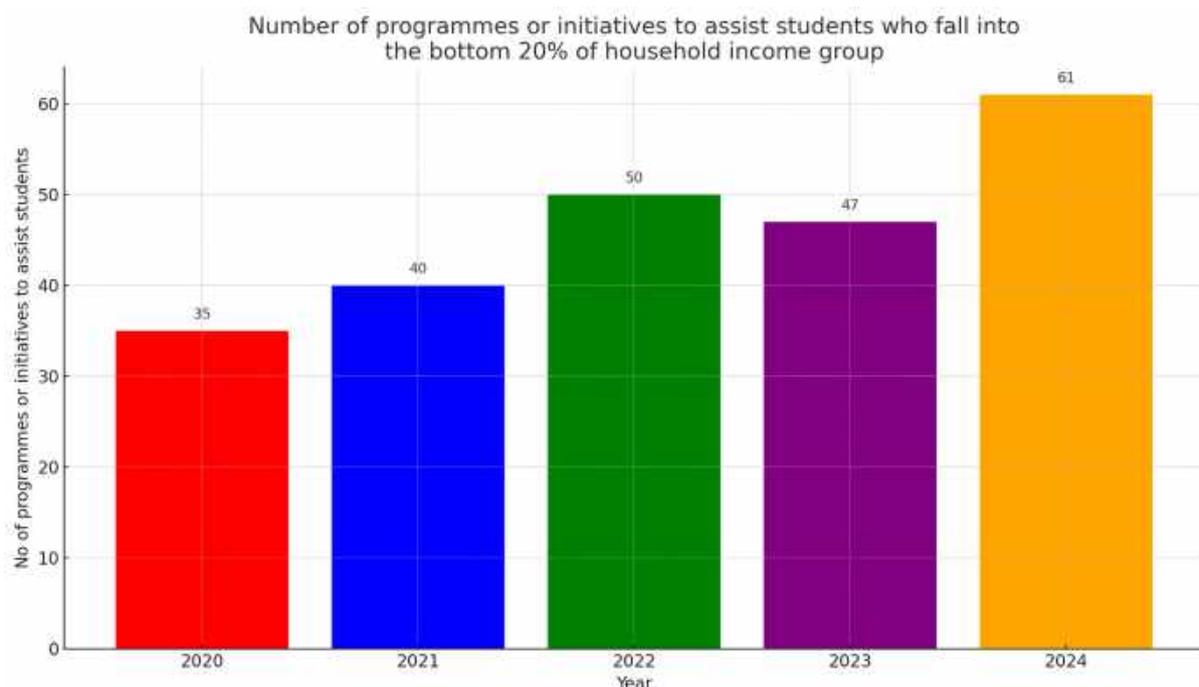




1.3.4 Does your university as a body have programmes or initiatives to assist students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income group (or a more tightly defined target) in the country to successfully complete their studies?

SPIHER Institute is committed to supporting students from the bottom financial quintile by providing comprehensive assistance that enables them to pursue and complete their higher education without financial burden. The institution offers targeted scholarships, tuition fee waivers, and need-based grants to ensure that financial challenges do not become a barrier to academic success. In addition, SPIHER facilitates subsidized hostel facilities, reduced transportation costs, and access to affordable learning resources to further ease the economic pressure faced by students. These initiatives aim to create an inclusive environment where students from low-income households can learn with dignity and focus on their academic goals.

Beyond financial aid, SPIHER Institute provides a **strong support ecosystem** designed to **help students** thrive **personally and academically**. Dedicated mentorship programmes connect students with faculty advisors who offer guidance on academic planning, skill development, and career pathways. **The institution also conducts remedial coaching, soft-skills training, and counselling services to ensure holistic growth**. By offering tailored support and constantly evaluating student needs, SPIHER empowers financially disadvantaged learners to build confidence, perform effectively, and successfully complete their degree programmes.





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POLICY ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC CATEGORIZATION OF STUDENTS FOR ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Policy Created on:	22/10/2021	Approved by:
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SDGs directly Supported:

- **SDG 1 – No Poverty**
- **SDG 4 – Quality Education**
- **SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities**

SDGs indirectly Supported:

- **SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being**
- **SDG 5 – Gender Equality**
- **SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth**
- **SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities**
- **SDG 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**



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Policy on Socio-Economic Categorization of Students for Academic and Financial Support

Introduction

A significant segment of the population in our country fall within the lower-income category. It may be observed that the almost 20% of Indian households typically have an annual income below ₹3,00,000, which is recognized as the basic exemption limit under prevailing income tax regimes due to which many within this demographic are exempt from paying income tax and are categorized broadly as belonging to the lower middle class or economically weaker section. The Institute aims to ensure equitable access to higher education by identifying, supporting and uplifting students from low-income households, considering the socio-economic diversity among students.

Objectives of the Policy

- To establish a framework for identifying students from the bottom socio-economic segment.
- To provide guidance for extending financial, academic, and social support to ensure inclusive education.
- To enable transparent classification and documentation of beneficiary students based on national income standards.

Basis for Categorization

According to current national parameters:

- Indian households earning below ₹3 lakh per annum fall under the first tax slab, for which the income tax rate is 0%.

- Such families are exempt from income tax under both the old and new regimes due to the basic exemption limit.

Students from these families may be classified as belonging to:

- Economically Weaker Section (EWS)
- Lower Socio-Economic Group
- Lower Middle Class (as per state/central guidelines)

SPIHER recognizes this threshold to identify deserving students eligible for targeted benefits.

Eligibility Criteria

Students may be considered under this policy if the annual household income is ₹3,00,000 or below and the household does not fall under taxable income groups as per current national guidelines.

Valid income documents are submitted, such as:

- Income Certificate issued by competent authority
- EWS Certificate
- Non-Taxpayer Declaration
- Ration card (where applicable)

Documentation & Verification

Applicants must submit documentary proof of household income. Verification shall be conducted by the Institution's Admissions Office and Finance Section. Decisions are subject to periodic review.

Implementation of the Policy

The Institute may extend benefits to eligible students in areas such as Fee Concession / Scholarship Assistance through partial or full tuition fee waiver or a financial aid through institutional or external schemes. **Academic Support may also be provided through Mentoring, Remedial coaching and Skill development training. The students will also have access to counselling and career guidance.** Priority consideration may also given

to deserving students through campus welfare schemes. Subsidized hostel facilities and access to learning materials at reduced/no cost may also be provided.

The Institute is committed to fostering an inclusive educational environment where economic limitations do not hinder academic aspirations. By acknowledging that the bottom 20% of Indian households earn less than ₹3 lakh annually and face financial constraints, the institution aims to extend equitable academic and financial opportunities to ensure holistic student success.



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Programmes or initiatives to assist students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income group in the Year 2024

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 LIST OF EVENTS CONDUCTED AT SPIHER TO EMPOWER THE EWS STUDENTS TO COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES**

S.No	Date	Program	Event / Title	Organizing Depart	Resource Person
1	23.01.2024	Exposure visit	Exposure visit to pre-incubation unit.	CSE, ECE & IT	
2	16.02.2024	Workshop	" Molecular Phylogeny of Cynobacteria "	Bio Tech	Prof. N. Thajuddi
3	19.01.2024	Workshop	Watwinal Starup Day	Mathematics	Sadagopan Raju
4	10.02.2024	Workshop	Workshop on PCR and its application	Bio Tech	Dr.c.Navvi (Ph.D)
5	12.02.2024	Guest Lecture	"Recent Trends in Biotechnology"	Bio Tech	Mrs. Christina Augustin, PGT Biology & Chemistry
6	13.03.2024	Darwing Comptiti	Sketch you thoghts	Civil	
7	12.04.2024	IIC	Intellectual Property Right & Ip management for Start Up	Civil & IIC	Dr.Rajeshkumar
8	15.03.2024	IIC	Global consumer right event		Prof.c.Dhandapani(PhD)
9	15.04.2024	IIC	Yuki Innovation Challenge-2024	Spiher	
10	10.07.2024	Drive to Thrive	Empower student Success	Mechanical Engin	Mr.Sathish kumar
11	05.07.2024	Seminar	An Empowering Session on Mindfulness	IT & Commerce	Dr.S.Smillee Bose
12	10.07.2024	Workshop	Artificial Intelligence and Internet of things(IoT)	IT & Commerce	Dr.S.Tamilarasi
13	22.07.2024	Workshop	Full Stack Development using python Framework DJANGO	Computer Science	Mr.J.Saravana kumar
14	22.07.2024	Seminar	SUSTAINABILITY 4.0 AND ITS APPLICATIONS IN PHARMACEUTICAL	Chemistry	
15	23.07.2024	Conduction	Essentials & Scops of a technology Tranfer		Mrs.Vanishree Sadasivam
16	24.07.2024	NSS unit of Spiher	Awaeness on Blood Cancer & Blood Stem Cell Transplantation	NSS unit of Spiher	Mrs.Ashitha Steffi.J
17	24.07.2024	Guest Lecture	Introduction to Biomechanics	Biomedical Engin	Dr.D.Chandramohan
18	25.07.2024	Seminar	PI-Approximation Day	Mathematics	Mr.S.Vengateswaran
19	25.07.2024		Exploring Cutting EDGE Techonologies for Acadmic Projects	Meachanical Engineering	
20	30.08.2024	National Day	Small Industry day	MBA	
21	6to10-08-2024	A Technical Discove	Industry outlook series 1:Trends,Insights and Opportunities	Mechanical Engin	Mr.S.kiran kumar,Mr.Abe buker



22	19.07.2024	Seminar	Artificial Intelligence in Chemistry - The Future of Scientific Discovery	Chemistry	Mr.T.A Benjamin
23	22.07.2024	Seminar	sustainable 4.0 and its applications in pharmaceutical Industry	Chemistry	Mr.Sanjay Kumar
24	06.08.2024	Guest Lecture	AI for Scientific Discovery in Physics	Physics	Dr.rR.Surekaha
25	14.08.2024	Online Session	Angel investment/ VC Funding Opportunity for Early Stage Entrepreneurs	Civil Engineering I	Dr.Manisha Raj, Prof, Symbiosis International (Deemed) University
26	20.08.2024	Entrepreneurs Day	Innovation and Startup plan in life Sciences Ecosystem	Microbiology	Dr. Lavakumaran vuppalapatti
27	23.08.2024	Special Lecture	Spectroscopic Techniques -Innovation and applications	Chemistry	Dr.M.Vemkatraman
28	28.08.2024	Innovation and Entrepreneurship	Exploring Entrepreneurial Motivated Approach in Chemistry	Chemistry with IIC	Dr. Sayeeda Sultana
29	29.08.2024	Guest Lecture	Topic- Evolution of Start- up from Conceptualization to commercialization		Mr. M. Sriraaman
30	29.08.2024	Seminar	Personality Development, Emotional Intelligence and Menstrual Hygiene	Women Empowerment	Speaker- V.K. Krishnaveni
31	29.08.2024	Start-up Competition	Intra Institutional Start-Up Competition & Reward Start-ups	Biotechnology & IIC	Chief Guest - Dr.M. Krishnaraj
32	30.08.2024	Seminar	National Small Industry Day	Management Studies	Mr. B. Srinivasan Kavin Teja
33	30.08.2024	Seminar	Humanoid Hub 2024-25 (Biomedical Engineering Club) - Healthcare Insights of India and Advancements in Medical Devices	Biomedical Engineering	Mr. Praveen Kumar
34	31.08.2024	FDP	Introduction to Universal Human Values	Chemistry with IIC	Dr.S. Umarani
35	02.09.2024	Seminar	Natural Disasters- Rebuilding and Recovery	Chemistry & Civil	Speaker- Mr. C. Sakthivel & Mr. R. Rajeshwaran



36	02.09.2024	IIC Program	Session on Incubation- Opportunities for Student and Faculty Members - Early Stage Entrepreneurs	Mathematics	Mr. R. Arun Kumar
37	04.09.2024	Nasha Mukta Bharat	Serenity Sessions: Exploring Yoga and Meditation	NSS unit of SPIHER	Mr. L. Saravanan
38	20-08-2024 to	National Level Contest	Registration - SPIHER Ideathon - 2024		
39	06.09.2024	Seminar	Empowering the Next Generation	IQAC with Women	Ms. Mahalakshmi Saravanan
40	06.09.2024	National Day	Teacher's Day Celebration	IQAC with Chemistry	Ms. Mahalakshmi Saravanan
41	09.09.2024	Hackathon	SPIHER Hackathon		
42	09.09.2024	Engineers Day	Innovation and Design Thinking	ECE, SPIHER In association	MD, MAPE IT Solutions Pvt
43	10.09.2024	engineering day	IPR and Technology Transfer	ECE	naging Director,MAPE
44	11.09.2024	International Workshop	Exploring an Array of Bio- Careers with Lab Demonstration on Gene Miming	Biotechnology	Dr. Prem Kumar Albert
45	18.09.2024	Awareness program	Rally for Public Awareness on "Carbon Footprint Mitigation"	Mechanical Engineering	Dr. N. Rajeswari, Professor & Head
46	19.09.2024	Seminar	Role of Hydrogen in Sustainable Transportation	EEE	Dr. AK Sahu
47	20.09.2024	Special Lecture	Artificial Intelligence in Chemistry & Spectroscopy	Chemistry	Mr.A.Jayarajen drapandian
48	21.09.2024	Workshop	Mind Mapping Techniques for Teaching and Learning	IQAC	Dr.N.Kanagath ara /Dr.N.Ranjani
49	24.09.2024	Sow the Seed of Service	The Ripple Effect:Inspiring Change Through Service	NSS	Dr.S.Udhayakumar
50	25.09.2024	International Day	International Day of Peace	Mathematics	Kyoshi,Dr.B.N.Suresh Kumar
51	27.09.2024	Cyber Tech Culb	Office Bearees Investiture Ceremony	Computer Applications	Dr.M.Venkatraman(Advisor)
52	27.09.2024	Seminar	Industry Readiness and Entrepreneurial Journey	Business Administration	Dr.Mahesh Pavan Sathavalli
53	27.09.2024	Special Lecture	Hadoop Framework and Related Tools	CSE & IT	Dr.S.Ancy



54	30.09.2024	Workshop	Design Thinking Workshop-AI Session	Samsung and Tim	Dr.S.Selvan (Advisor)
55	30.09.2024	Guest Lecture	AI Innovation Ideas for EV Automation	Electrical and Elec	Dr.Arunkumar Jayakumar
56	30.09.2024	Awareness Rally	Enhancing Environmental Awareness on Impact of Plastic Pollution	Microbiology/NSS	Maj.Dr.M.Venk atramanan
57	17/18-10-202	Workshop	Python and R Programming in Business Analysis	Business Administ	Dr.Vignesh Raja
58	23.10.2024	Workshop	Game Technology and visual Effect	Viscom	P.Gowthaman
59	25.10.2024	Project	Fied Research On Rural Livelihood	Computer science	Dr.S.Selvan (Advisor)
60	05.12.2024	Seminar	GST Annual Returns - GSTR 9 & 9C		
61	12.05.2024	Awareness Progra	Awareness Campaign for Elinminating Gender Based Violence	Chemistry & Nss	Ms.C. Kokila, Sub Inspector of Police, Avadi, Chennai

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Industry Institution Collaboration Cell
Organizes
Interaction Session on
Engineers, Ready for Take off
4th October 2024 | 10.30 am
Mechanical Block Seminar Hall
With Experts
Captain Shrikanth, Aviation Trainer & Mentor
Mr. Prashanth, MH Cockpit Aviation, Chennai
Convenor
Dr. N. Rajeswari
i/o D - Department of Mechanical Engineering.
Coordinator
Dr. S. Dinesh Kumar
Asso. Prof
Department of Mechanical Engineering
A Colloquium for all Engineering students



An interactive session titled “Engineers, Ready for Take Off” was held on 4th October 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at the Mechanical Block Seminar Hall, SPIHER. The event was organized by the Industry Institution Collaboration Cell to foster insights into the aviation industry and its opportunities for engineers. Captain Shrikanth, from MH Cockpit Aviation, Chennai, engaged the audience with a detailed discussion on career prospects in aviation for engineers. They shared insights into the technical challenges faced in the aviation sector and how engineers can play a pivotal role in driving innovation. The session also covered key skills engineers must develop to succeed in this field.

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SPIHER HACKATHON 2024

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Last date for idea submission
 6th September 2024

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SPIHER organized HACKATHON on 9th September 2024, participants are challenged to develop cutting-edge solutions to real-world problems using new or existing technologies, such as AI, block chain, IoT, or sustainable energy. Hackathons emphasize the importance of upskilling, allowing participants to learn new tools, programming languages, and development methodologies through hands-on experience

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Center of Excellence for
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12th March 2024 | 9.30 am | Main Block Seminar Hall

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Mr. V. Poorna Prakash
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The Certificate Course on Data Analytics was designed to provide participants with foundational knowledge and practical skills in the field of data analytics. The course spanned over a period of 140 hours and was conducted by SPIHER from 22/02/2024 to 22/03/2024. It aimed to equip participants with essential tools and techniques to analyze data effectively and derive meaningful insights. **CSR financial support is provided to low-income group of students to pursue and complete the course**