



BUILT ENVIRONMENT FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PEOPLE AT RAMAIAH COLLEGE OF LAW

DEDICATED RESEARCH CENTRE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

APD–RCL CENTRE FOR DISABILITY LAW AND POLICY

Ramaiah College of Law further strengthens its commitment to accessibility and inclusion through a dedicated research and engagement platform focusing on the rights of persons with disabilities. In 2023, the institution established the APD–RCL Centre for Disability Law and Policy (CDLP) to advance scholarship, advocacy, and institutional engagement in the field of disability rights.

Inspired by the University Grants Commission’s Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs (HEPSN) initiative, the Centre works toward promoting an inclusive academic ecosystem that recognizes and addresses the diverse needs of persons with disabilities. Guided by the principles embodied in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, the Centre aims to remove barriers to equal opportunity and foster a supportive environment that upholds dignity, autonomy, and meaningful participation for all individuals.

The Centre has been established in collaboration with the Association of People with Disability (APD), Bengaluru, a pioneering organization advocating for disability rights and inclusion since 1959. The APD–RCL Centre for Disability Law and Policy was formally inaugurated on 29 July 2023 by A. S. Bopanna, Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

Through legal education, research, policy dialogue, and community outreach, the Centre seeks to empower persons with disabilities, promote awareness of disability rights, and build institutional capacity to address accessibility challenges. By engaging students, academics, legal practitioners, and civil society organizations, the Centre contributes to building a more inclusive society where individuals with disabilities can participate fully and thrive with dignity and respect.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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Dedicated Club operating under APD-RCL CDLP

Rotaract Club of Ramaiah College of Law

Further strengthening student engagement with disability inclusion and social service, the Centre facilitated the establishment of the Rotaract Club of Ramaiah College of Law in 2025. The Club operates under the guidance of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy and is chartered by Rotary Bangalore Abilities, functioning within Rotaract District 3191 and recognized by Rotary International.

The Rotaract Club of Ramaiah College of Law is an institution-based, student-led organization dedicated to service, leadership, and community development. Guided by Rotary’s motto “Service Above Self,” the Club aims to cultivate socially responsible leaders who are committed to creating meaningful and sustainable social change.

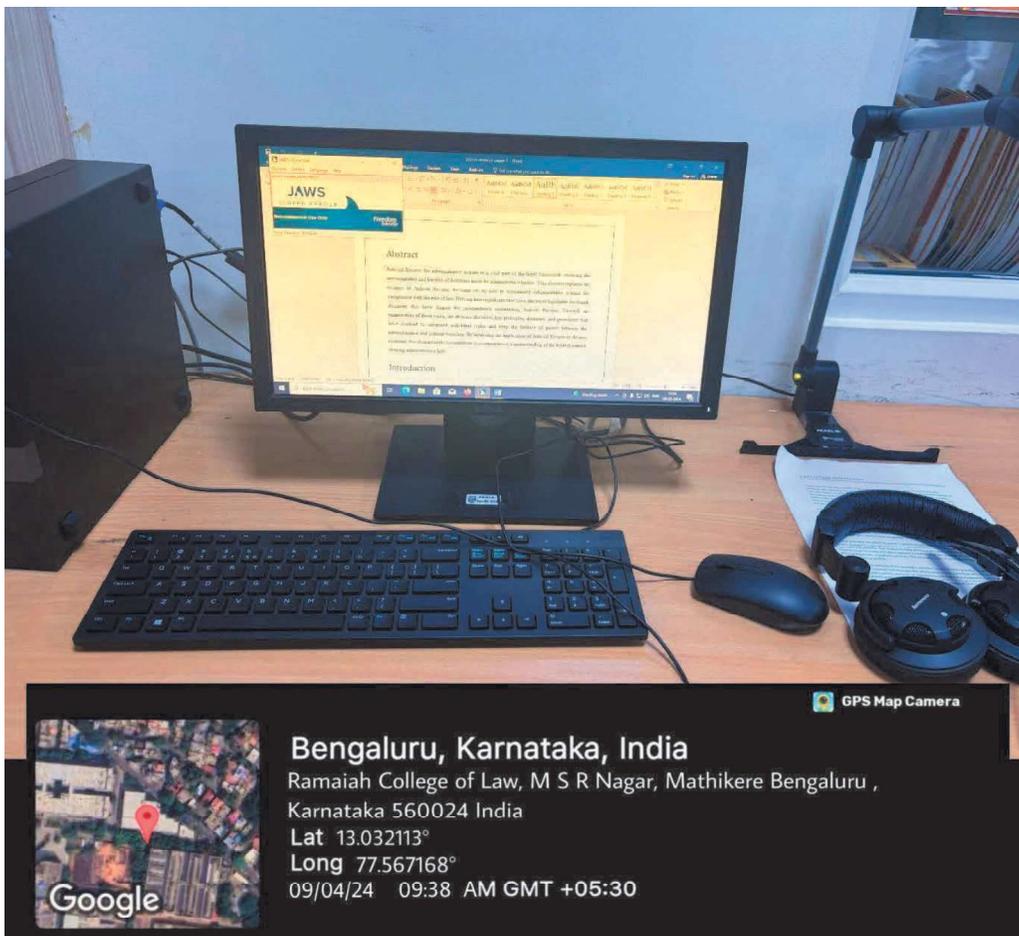
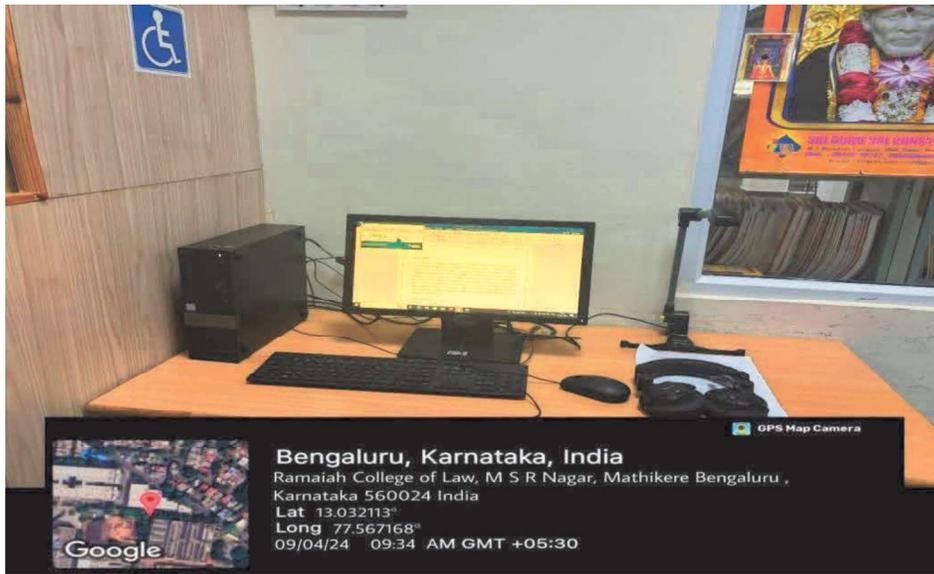
With a distinctive focus on disability law, accessibility, advocacy, and inclusivity, the Club undertakes initiatives that promote awareness of disability rights, empower marginalized communities, and encourage equal opportunities. The platform provides students with opportunities to develop leadership, organisational, and professional skills while actively contributing to initiatives that foster a more inclusive and empathetic society.



JAWS Software for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) at RCL Library

JAWS is a reading software that can read text off a screen or any surface placed before it. The software has been purchased and incorporated into a system at the RCL library. Soft copies are automatically read off-screen, and hard copies are placed under the scanner and the software extrapolates the text and synthesises sound based on it.

JAWS Software for Divyangjan at RCL Library



Wheelchair for People with Disabilities at RCL Library



Wheelchairs are provided by RCL to students with disabilities. Furthermore, designated spaces are made available to them in public spaces such as libraries and canteens so that they may use the facilities without disturbance.

Accessibility Facilities at the Ramaiah College of Law Auditorium

The Auditorium at Ramaiah College of Law has been designed to ensure accessibility and inclusive participation for persons with disabilities. To facilitate stage access for wheelchair users and persons with locomotor disabilities, the auditorium is equipped with a state-of-the-art hydraulic lift, enabling seamless and dignified movement from the floor level to the stage. This feature ensures that students, speakers, and guests with disabilities can fully participate in academic, cultural, and institutional events conducted in the auditorium.

In addition to the hydraulic lift, the auditorium complex is supported by accessible washroom facilities. The building is also connected through lift access, allowing individuals with mobility impairments to easily reach the auditorium from other parts of the campus.





The facility at RCL Computer Lab



There is a designated system for students with disabilities to use at their leisure, without interruption and worry for rush. This is besides the JAWS-enabled system in the library.

Ramp at Students Lounge

The student lounge is equipped with a ramp to allow students with locomotor disabilities to access it, so that they may spend their time brainstorming, leisure, or discussing in the lounge. This forms part of RCL's efforts to mainstream students with disabilities and fight exclusionary attitudes.

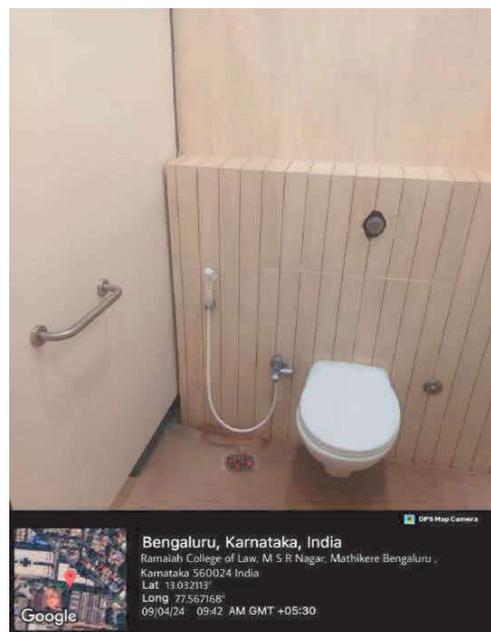


Lift facilities at RCL for Divyangjan

The lift allows the students to roll into accessible designed lobbies and classrooms at ease. It also opens up to the parking so that students may readily access their vehicles. The lift is equipped with rails to hold and steady oneself and is connected to the inverter, thereby functioning at all times. The lift also employs a person with a disability, thereby championing the cause of inclusion and access



Washroom facility for Divyangjan-Friendly people



The washroom is equipped with grab rails to help students transfer to the commode. This enables ease of access.