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Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Policy

Introduction

Maintaining the momentum of quality consciousness is crucial in Universities. Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), is a mechanism to build and ensure a quality culture at the institutional level. With appropriate structure and processes, and with enough flexibility to meet the diverse needs of the stakeholders, the IQAC is meant for planning, guiding and monitoring Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Enhancement (QE) activities of the University. Since quality enhancement is a continuous process, IQAC will work towards realization of the goals of quality enhancement, quality sustenance and academic excellence.

Objective

The prime task of the IQAC is to develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic improvement in the overall performance of institution. For this, there is a need to channelize all the efforts and measures towards promoting the holistic academic excellence. The overall aim is to establish internalization of quality culture and institutional best practices.

Composition:

The IQAC of the University has been formed under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor of the University and as per the recommendations given by National Assessment Accreditation Committee. He is assisted by a Director who is senior faculty member.

Policies and Strategies:

IQAC shall evolve mechanisms and procedures for:

- Ensuring timely, efficient and progressive performance of academic, administrative and financial tasks

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- The relevance and quality of academic and research programmes
- Equitable access to and affordability of academic programmes for various sections of society
- Optimization and integration of modern methods of teaching and learning
- The credibility of evaluation procedures
- Ensuring the adequacy, maintenance and functioning of the support structure and services
- Research sharing and networking with other institutions in India and abroad.

Functions:

Some of the functions expected of the IQAC are:

- Development and application of quality benchmarks/parameters for various academic and administrative activities of the institution
- Facilitating the creation of a learner-centric environment conducive to quality education and faculty maturation to adopt the required knowledge and technology for participatory teaching and learning process
- Arrangement for feedback response from students, parents and other stakeholders on quality-related institutional processes
- Dissemination of information on various quality parameters of higher education
- Organization of inter and intra institutional workshops, seminars on quality related themes and promotion of quality circles
- Documentation of the various programmes/activities leading to quality improvement.
- Acting as a nodal agency of the Institution for coordinating quality-related activities, including adoption and dissemination of best practices.
- Development and maintenance of institutional database through MIS for the purpose of maintaining /enhancing the institutional quality.
- Development of Quality Culture in the institution.
- Preparation of the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) as per guidelines and parameters of NAAC, to be submitted to NAAC.



Benefits:

IQAC will facilitate / contribute to:

- Ensure heightened level of clarity and focus in institutional functioning towards quality enhancement
 - Ensure internalization of the quality culture.
 - Ensure enhancement and coordination among various activities of the institution and institutionalize all good practices.
 - Provide a sound basis for decision-making to improve institutional functioning.
 - Act as a dynamic system for quality changes in the University.
 - Build an organised methodology of documentation and internal communication.
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