

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
University of Delhi
MINUTES

A Meeting was held on 21th July, 2022 at 3.00 p.m. in the Council Room, Old Vice-Regal Lodge, University of Delhi.

The following members and special invitees were present:

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| 1. | Prof. Yogesh Singh, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor | Chairperson |
| 2. | Dr. Vikas Gupta, Registrar | |
| 3. | Prof. Shyama Rath | Co-ordinator |
| 4. | Prof. K. Ratnabali, Dean (Academic & Activities) | |
| 5. | Sh. Girish Ranjan, Finance Officer | |
| 6. | Prof. Sanjeev Singh, Joint Director (D.U.C.C.) | |
| 7. | Prof. Ashutosh Bhardwaj, O.S.D. (I.O.E.) | |
| 8. | Prof. Maharaj K. Pandit, C.E.O. (I.O.E.) | |
| 9. | Prof. Rajeev Gupta (STFGR) | |
| 10. | Prof. Shailendra Goel | Co-Coordinator |
| 11. | Prof. Hancet Gandhi, Dean (Admission) | |
| 12. | Prof. Pankaj Arora, D.S.W. | |
| 13. | Prof. Mukesh Kumar Mehlawat, Joint Dean (Research) | |
| 14. | Sh. Sunil Kumar, Dy. Registrar (IQAC & Planning) | |

A Meeting was held on 21.07.2022 to review the University Rankings under NIRF and QS World Rankings which were announced recently. University of Delhi has been ranked 13 in Universities rankings by NIRF and is in the 521-530 bracket in the QS World rankings. Coordinator, IQAC presented a detailed analysis of the university's performance on the various parameters of both the rankings.

1. On the matter of Students' Scholarships, it was recognized that the University of Delhi celebrates diversity and is deeply committed to holistic and inclusive education. In order to extend the benefits of equity, access and quality with excellence, to the financially weaker students, it was recommended to initiate a financial support scheme for such students through a fee waiver to include all components of fees paid by students except examination fee & hostel fee. The detailed eligibility guidelines would be formulated.

2. On the matter of students progression, the Central Placement Cell may take measures to enhance placement opportunities by reaching out to more employers.

3. The Alumni Office may create a greater engagement with alumni and strengthen the Delhi University Alumni Association.

4. On the matter of teacher: student ratio, the increasing number of students and the low faculty strength due to various reasons was discussed. It was noted that the university was committed to faculty recruitment and both recruitment and promotions were being conducted regularly, the details of which are available on the university website.

5. The Financial Resource and Utilisation parameters for NIRF and the university's expenditure on each component therein was presented. Measures to enhance the Annual Capital Expenditure on Academic Activities and Resources, Library New Equipment for Laboratories Engineering Workshops were deliberated.

6. On the matter of internationalization, to promote the involvement of distinguished academicians and experts from foreign institutions, it was noted that the university had started the process of second round of appointment of International Adjunct Faculty, whose provisions were under Ordinance XII-A to XII-C of the Ordinances of the University. Research publications that meet global standards enhance the academic reputation of a university as well as its ranking.

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7. Recommendations for enhancing the research output: Promoting research requires two pronged strategy i.e. developing research ecosystem and encouraging the faculty and students to increase good quality research publications.

(a) Enhancing the ranking of the University depends on several factors, one of which is increasing the publication of research article in good quality journals. Research publications that meet global standards enhance the academic reputation of a university as well as its ranking. While it was noted that the h-index was one of the highest in the country, the scope for improvement was emphasized. IQAC would frame guidelines to this effect. IQAC would also sensitize the academic departments regarding the list of SCOPUS-indexed publications in each discipline to increase both the number and quality.

(b) To promote and strengthen research culture in the University, re-employment opportunities to research-oriented academicians with a proven track record of quality research and publications in various disciplines, namely Science & Technology, Humanities & Social Sciences, and other disciplines was deliberated. The Research Council would formulate guidelines for the same.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

Shyama Rathi

Co-ordinator

Chair

Chairperson

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