

Minutes

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

University of Delhi

The first meeting of the newly constituted IQAC was held on Friday, the 04th December, 2020 at 04.00 P.M. in the Vice-Chancellor's Committee Room, Vice-Regal Lodge, University of Delhi.

Following members were present during the meeting:

1. Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
2. Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Dean (Colleges)
4. Director, South Delhi Campus
5. Prof. M.K. Pandit, Chairperson Research Council
6. Registrar
7. Prof. Shyama Rath, Department of Physics & Astrophysics - Coordinator
8. Prof. Shailendra Goel, Department of Botany - Co-Coordinator
9. Prof. Sanjeev HM, Department of Political Science
10. Dr. Mukesh Kumar Mehlawat, Dy. Dean, Research
11. Dr. P. Koteswara Rao, Department of Electronic Science
12. Dr. C.M. Negi, Department of Finance & Business Economics
13. Dr. Subhas Kumar, Department of Physics, ANDC College
14. Dr. Sanjeev Singh, Jt. Director, DUCC
15. Prof. Partha Pratim Chakravarty, Department of Geology
16. Prof. H.P. Singh, Dean (IR)
17. Prof. Kirti Ranjan, Department of Physics & Astrophysics
18. Shri. Pradeep Kumar, Joint Registrar, IQAC

Following two members expressed their inability to attend the meeting.

1. Prof. Ujjwal Singh, Dean Research, Social Sciences and Humanities
2. Dr. Bharti Gupta Ramola

In his opening remarks, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor underscored the significance of the IQAC in the University and emphasized its pivotal role in taking the University forward to greater heights of excellence. Among the various tasks with which the IQAC is engaged presently, he directed the IQAC to take the 'Mission 500', the resolve to place DU among the top 500 in the universities' global ranking in the next cycle of global ranking as a priority. To accomplish this mission, he advised the IQAC to take bold and out of box measures. He expressed confidence that this mission can be achieved as DU has been among the top 500 institutions globally, not too distant past. He also brought to attention some of the areas where the University needs to improve or scale-up, which impediments are achieving an excellent global ranking. He advised the IQAC to garner the support and service of the illustrious alumni of the University in this endeavor. He assured the committee that the University administration would provide all necessary support to the IQAC in terms of workforce and physical space, etc.; thus, IQAC may function effectively. He suggested the IQAC make subcommittees for the various task it has on hand so that focussed attention may be given to each objective of the IQAC. Among the various suggestions that the Hon'ble VC gave in his opening remarks, he encouraged the university departments to undertake their comprehensive academic audit as this can bring to the fore their strengths and weaknesses.

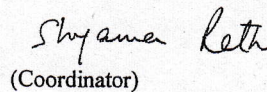
After the opening remarks of the Hon'ble VC, the coordinator, Professor Shyama Rath, took up the listed agenda of the meeting.

1. Firstly, all the members, including the special invitees, introduced themselves.
2. The status of preparation and submission of monthly reports as well as the AQARs was presented. Prof. Kirti Ranjan, the outgoing coordinator of IQAC - a special invitee, briefed the house about the various data collection stages and compilation of these reports. It was resolved to complete all pending reports as a priority, including pending monthly reports and AQAR.
3. A threadbare discussion on Quality monitoring of academic activities in the university was taken up. Herein the issue of measures to avoid plagiarism in all kinds of educational activities was discussed. It was underscored that the university takes the issue of plagiarism of all kinds very seriously and shall provide the necessary wherewithal support to all its stakeholders to avoid plagiarism in all its academic activities and research. Dr. Sanjeev Singh (Joint Director, DUCC) informed the house that the web-based anti-plagiarism software URKUND is being provided to all students and faculty. The DUCC is doing the registration for the same. The Ministry of Education, GoI has adopted this software as an authorized anti-plagiarism tool. It was resolved that awareness of this software's use should be increased in the university's research and teaching-learning activities. Dr. Sanjeev Singh also informed the committee that the university is in the process of implementing ' Samarth- the ERP tool in its departments in a phase-wise manner. This will be an integrated system involving academic and administrative activities and can become a repository of all kinds of information. This will make data collection seamless and avoid a multiplicity of efforts in collecting various types of information.
4. The house also suggested highlighting individuals and departments' achievements through various forums, including the university's website. It was felt that this could encourage the faculty and students to excel further.
5. While discussing measures to enhance quality monitoring of academic activities, it was suggested that a mechanism to seek structured feedback from students must be implemented after due deliberations among all stakeholders about its modus operandi. It was felt that operationalizing a feedback mechanism besides aiding quality enhancement in teaching-learning is also essential for all kinds of accreditations and global ranking systems. For this purpose, an appropriate feedback form needs to be approved by the competent authority.
6. With a view to understanding student progression, having a larger engagement with the alumni was highlighted. It was proposed that every department/centre/college be advised to form an Alumni Cell.
7. It was resolved that IQAC shall take up applying to the DST in the GATI (Gender Advancement for Transformation of Institutions) scheme. This scheme recognizes gender sensitivity in science technology institutions and seeks to orient their policies and practices keeping gender sensitivity as its guiding principle.

The meeting ended with athanks to the Chair.



(Chairman)



(Coordinator)