

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
University of Delhi
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A meeting of the IQAC held on 09th December 2021 at 02:30 PM in the Research Committee Room, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Shyama Rath, Department of Physics (Co-ordinator)
2. Prof. Shailendra Goel, Department of Botany (Co-Coordinator)
3. Prof. Ujjwal Singh, Department of Political Science (Dean, Research)
4. Prof. Sanjeev HM, Department of Political Science
6. Dr. Mukesh Kumar Mehlawat, Department of Operation Research (Dy. Dean Research)
7. Dr. P Koteswara Rao, Department of Electronic Science
8. Dr. C M Negi, Department of Finance & Business Economics
9. Dr. Subhas Kumar, Department of Physics, ANDC College
10. Sh. Sunil Kumar, Dy. Registrar, IQAC

A meeting of the IQAC held on 18th January 2022 at 02:30 PM in the Research Committee Room, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Shyama Rath, Department of Physics (Co-ordinator)
2. Prof. Shailendra Goel, Department of Botany (Co-Coordinator)
3. Prof. Ujjwal Singh, Department of Political Science (Dean, Research)
4. Prof. Sanjeev HM, Department of Political Science
6. Dr. Mukesh Kumar Mehlawat, Department of Operation Research (Dy. Dean Research)
7. Dr. P Koteswara Rao, Department of Electronic Science
8. Dr. C M Negi, Department of Finance & Business Economics
9. Dr. Subhas Kumar, Department of Physics, ANDC College
10. Sh. Sunil Kumar, Dy. Registrar, IQAC

A meeting of the IQAC held on 14th February, 2022 at 02:30 PM in the Research Committee Room, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Shyama Rath, Department of Physics (Co-ordinator)
2. Prof. Shailendra Goel, Department of Botany (Co-Coordinator)
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8. Dr. C M Negi, Department of Finance & Business Economics
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10. Sh. Sunil Kumar, Dy. Registrar, IQAC

A meeting of the IQAC held on 11th July 2022 at 02:30 PM in the Research Committee Room, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Shyama Rath, Department of Physics (Co-ordinator)
2. Prof. Shailendra Goel, Department of Botany (Co-Coordinator)
3. Dr. P Koteswara Rao, Department of Electronic Science
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1. Recommendation of Journals for UGC-CARE list: The IQAC of the university has the responsibility of recommending journals from various departments, centres, and colleges for inclusion in the UGC-Care list of journals. The IQAC recognizes the importance of this task and has held a series of meetings to establish guidelines for enhancing the quality of recommended journals and to avoid suggesting low-quality publications. The IQAC unanimously agrees that only high-standard journals with the potential for indexing in renowned databases, such as Scopus and Web of Science, should be recommended, as national and international accreditations prioritize indexed publications only.

The agreed attributes of a good journal are as follows:

1. Peer Review Process: The journal should undergo a rigorous peer review process involving experts in the field, who assess the research's quality, validity, and originality.
2. Editorial Board: A strong journal has a respected editorial board comprising experts who guide the review process and make editorial decisions.
3. High Standards of Quality: The journal upholds high standards by publishing ground breaking and well-executed studies that contribute significantly to the field.
4. Scope and Relevance: The journal focuses on a specific field or discipline and publishes research articles that are relevant, significant, and aligned with its defined scope.
5. Indexing and Impact Factor: Being indexed in prominent databases and having a respectable impact factor indicate the journal's reputation and influence.
6. Open Access Options: Offering free access to articles promotes wider dissemination of knowledge and increases the impact of published research.
7. Ethical Standards: The journal adheres to ethical guidelines, addressing issues like plagiarism, authorship criteria, conflicts of interest, and research ethics involving humans or animals.
8. Clear Publication Policies: Well-defined policies cover aspects such as author guidelines, copyright, licensing, and permissions, ensuring a fair publishing process.
9. Timely Publication: The journal strives to publish articles in a timely manner, minimizing unnecessary delays.
10. Online Presence and Accessibility: The journal maintains a user-friendly online presence, with an easy-to-navigate website, online submission system, and availability of articles in various electronic formats.

Recognizing that different disciplines may have unique requirements, the IQAC acknowledges that the features of a good journal may vary. To streamline the recommendation process, the IQAC has prepared an Excel checklist encompassing all the above attributes, which must accompany journal applications for inclusion in the UGC-Care list. The IQAC in its various meetings diligently follows these policies and practices when recommending journals for inclusion.

2. Benchmarking as Assessment Criteria of quality initiatives by each Department for enhancing quality:

The objective of the IQAC of the University of Delhi is to sustain and enhance quality in teaching, learning, research and outreach with the overarching goal to achieve international distinction and standards in these areas. Towards the fulfilment of these objectives, the IQAC has devised some Quality Benchmarks as Assessment Criteria of quality initiatives by each Department for enhancing quality. The aim of the benchmarking exercise is to identify the gaps between the current parameters of the departments vis-à-vis 'best' performers to be compared against. This would help to identify standards and performances and provide a road map for continuous quality improvement. This would thus provide support and direction to the departments as well as the University for future planning and formulation of quality strategies. The benchmarking exercise is expected to improve processes that are critical to growth of the University. It will help establish goals and identify additional avenues for improvement. The exercise will also create a better understanding of global practices. It is expected to promote quantum leaps in performance and foster excellence, breakthrough thinking and innovation. It will also help identify more effective ways of improving performance. It was suggested that, to measure the 'best' performers, each department can use its own standardization criteria such as the QS ranking or any other discipline related ranking.

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