

# दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय

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### Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) University of Delhi MINUTES

A meeting of the IQAC held on April 8, 2021 at 3:00 p.m in the Council Room, Vice Regal Lodge, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007.

The following members were present:

1. Vice-Chancellor- *Chairperson*
2. Director, South Delhi Campus
3. Registrar
4. Prof. M.K.Pandit, Chairperson Research Council
5. Prof. Shyama Rath, IQAC Coordinator
6. Ms. Bharati Gupta Ramola, Member
7. Prof. Sanjeev HM, Member
8. Dr. Mukesh Kumar Mehlawat, Member
9. Dr. P. Koteswara Rao, Member
10. Dr. C.M. Negi, Member
11. Dr. Subhash Kumar, Member
12. Prof. PamiDua Department of Economics (Special Invitee)
13. Prof Ashutosh Bhardwaj, OSD, Institute of Eminence
14. Prof. Sanjay Sehgal, Chairperson

The following members had expressed their inability to attend

1. Prof Shailendra Goel
2. Prof Ujjwal Singh

The meeting began with the opening remarks by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.C. Joshi as the Chair.


1. The house was briefed on the submission of data to various ranking agencies: NIRF, THE (Times Higher Education Survey) and QS World and Regional Rankings 2022. The ranking of the various academic departments of University of Delhi in the recently released QS World and Regional Ranking 2021 was reported. Around 20 academic departments of the University of Delhi found a place within the top 500. Out of these, 4 departments ranked in 101-150, 4 departments ranked in 151-200, and 3 in 201-250.
2. The University's ranking in the annual QS global rankings was discussed in detail. The Hon'ble VC emphasized that the University fraternity should endeavour to leapfrog the University rankings. The impediments to ranking were elaborated, the major factors being the students: teacher ratio and the internationalization. It was noted with concern that the number of teachers remained far below the sanctioned positions while the university has been witnessing a steady increase in the student strength. The student: teacher ratio was around 1:28-30. The urgent need to fill up the 800 plus vacant sanctioned positions to improve this was highlighted. The poor faculty strength was also severely impacting both the quantity and quality of research, which is the other metric for rankings.

3. Towards internationalisation, the recent initiative of the administration for engaging international adjunct faculties in the university departments from top institutions of the world was appreciated. It was suggested that the global ranking of the Parent University or department, whichever is higher, may be a consideration while processing the applications may be considered for this purpose.
4. On the issue of increasing the numbers of foreign students, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor informed the House on the university's initiative of setting up a branch of ICCR office on campus for facilitating the admission of foreign students with ICCR scholarships.
5. Other suggestions included steps for increasing research output and quantum of research per citation, initiating programmes for incentivising quality publications Prof. Pami Dua, former Coordinator IQAC, and ex-Chairperson, Research Council an invited member to the meeting, elaborated some of the steps already undertaken by the university which included compilation of a list of quality journals for each department. This list has been submitted to the UGC.
6. It was noted that IQAC had convened a series of meetings with the Special Task Force for Global Rankings and Department Heads and College Principals for deliberations on and a Special Invitee suggested that entire exercise for collecting and compiling the university's data for submission to global and national ranking agencies should be 'a work in progress' throughout the year. For this, he suggested that an integrated database management system may be made operational to avoid duplicity of efforts and efficient collection of data.
7. The integration of Faculty MIS- "*Samarth-eGov Suite*" for data collection from academic departments was in place. It was suggested that all branches of the university should be encouraged to utilise the Samarth portal of Ministry of Education for facilitating data collection.
8. The house was informed that submission of the monthly IQAC report is up to date and the compilation of the AQAR (Annual Quality Assurance Report) of the University for submission to NAAC was progressing so as to submit the reports in a timely manner.
9. On the issue of benchmarking, the Registrar informed the house that the University has already achieved the ISO Certification for its administrative wing way back in 2001. Prof. Pami Dua, ex-Coordinator, IQAC and a Special Invitee, also informed the house about the exercise of benchmarking of each department undertaken by the University. This involved benchmarking of each department against the best in the world. This exercise also involved sharing with the respective departments the various Quality improvement initiatives. Some of these initiatives include enhancing the number of scholarships, organisation of workshops, and internships.
10. On the issue of alumni engagement, many members of the house expressed the importance of an active engagement with the alumni of the University and colleges. The Hon'ble VC emphasised the realization among the University fraternity for acknowledging our illustrious alumni and gainfully associating them for the benefit of all stakeholders. The house was unanimous in recognising the alumni of the university as one of the pillars which can support the onward journey of the university towards excellence be a partner in advancing the goals of university in its pursuit of excellence.. The house suggested the formation of a core Alumni Committee comprising of members from various departments and colleges of the university which would be tasked with engaging both with the university administration and alumni.
11. It was noted that IQAC has undertaken the task of submission of the University's Expression for Interest to the DST (Department of Science & Technology, GoI) for the GATI (Gender Advancement for Transformation of Institutions) scheme. This scheme recognizes the gender sensitivity in science & technology institutions and seeks to orient their policies and practices keeping gender sensitivity and gender equity as its guiding principle.

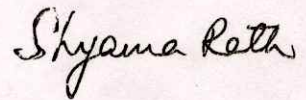
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12. Co-ordinator, IQAC also enumerated the various steps undertaken by the IQAC for Quality Monitoring of academic activities viz., organisation of anti-plagiarism workshop by DUCC, communication of student feedback Google form for ease of data compilation and Student Satisfaction Survey (SSS) form (as on NAAC portal) to all departments. A meeting with Scopus executive was also conducted to discuss the listing of publications arising from the university in its database.
13. The house noted that the increasing student strength also called for an urgent requirement of expansion of infrastructure facilities including classrooms and laboratories.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Chairman)



(Coordinator)