

Minutes of the IQAC Meeting on June 19, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Principal's Office

Attendance:

Dr. Chinkhanlun Guite (Bursar)

Dr. Aditya Pratap Deo (IQAC Coordinator)

Dr. Ashutosh Dayal Mathur

Dr. Pankaj Mishra

Dr. Annu Malhotra

Dr. Geetanjali Sethi

Dr. N P Ashley

Dr. Akshay Rana

Mr. Pankaj (Student Representative)

1. Welcome to attendees and regrets for absence:

The IQAC Coordinator extended a warm welcome to all attendees and conveyed the regrets of Prof. John Varghese (Principal), Ms. Poonam Kalra, Mr. Sunil Issar, Brigadier Rajiv William and Dr. Abhinav Gupta for not being able to attend the meeting. The student representative, Mr. Pankaj, was welcomed and recognized for his participation.

2. Confirmation of Minutes:

The IQAC Coordinator shared the minutes of the previous IQAC meeting held on May 24, 2023, and sought confirmation. Dr. Pankaj Mishra proposed the confirmation of the minutes, which was seconded by Dr. Geetanjali Sethi.

3. College Ranking in NIRF Survey:

The Committee discussed the college's ranking in the NIRF survey. Dr. Annu Malhotra and Dr. Akshay Rana, the nodal officer to the NIRF ranking survey and Assistant Faculty Coordinator to IQAC respectively, presented a detailed overview of the issues affecting the ranking. Dr. Malhotra highlighted concerns related to student strength and low input in PG courses, while Dr. Sethi raised issues regarding PG admissions.

4. Faculty Metrics:

Dr. Sethi emphasized the need to track the overall teaching experience of faculty members, including their time in other institutions. Dr. A. D. Mathur suggested encouraging young faculty members to pursue Ph.D. degrees.

5. Workshops and Conferences:

Dr. A. D. Mathur expressed concerns about the College's expenditure on international/national workshops and seminars. He suggested that all departments should be encouraged in organizing such activities and apply for financial support from different agencies. Dr. Aditya Pratap Deo informed the Committee that the IQAC was already working on this and the Dean academic's office had been identified as the nodal point for this. Dr. Sethi, the Convener of Criterion 3, provided further insights into her initiatives in this regard.

6. Financial Support for Faculty:

The IQAC Coordinator proposed that the College should fully or partially support faculty members attending conferences and workshops. Dr. Guite, the Bursar, expressed his office's willingness to provide financial support if possible and recommended that the Research Committee develop a policy on this matter.

7. Research and Publications:

Dr. Mishra expressed concerns about the College's performance in research and publications, emphasizing the importance of publishing research in appropriate forums and journals. Dr. Guite suggested that IQAC and the Dean of Academics request faculty members to publish at least one research paper annually to maintain academic excellence.

8. Student Progression and Alumni Engagement:

Members discussed the need for departments to reach out to alumni individually and establish long-term relationships. Dr. Sethi emphasized the inclusion of alumni-related activities at the departmental level and suggested organizing regular alumni meets. Dr. Deo noted these suggestions and assured that IQAC would work on outreach and feedback campaigns with alumni through the Alumni Office.

9. Bursaries and Scholarships:

The Committee discussed bursaries and scholarships for reserved category students. Dr. Geetanjali suggested tracking information about students falling under the reserved category, with the Bursar confirming efforts to extend bursaries to deserving candidates. Dr. Deo wondered if it might be possible to waive the tuition fees of students from very poor backgrounds.

10. Infrastructure for Physically Challenged Students:

Dr. Akshay Rana highlighted the limited number of washrooms for physically challenged students and called for the construction of more accessible washrooms in each block being. The Bursar informed the Committee of the ongoing infrastructure plans to address this issue.

11. Vote of Thanks:

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Dr. Malhotra and Dr. Rana for their presentations and a commitment to monitor future progress in all the above-mentioned matters.

Dr. Aditya Pratap Deo
Coordinator, IQAC (2022-23)