

## **Profile of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**

### **About IQAC**

In pursuance of its Action Plan for performance evaluation, assessment and accreditation and quality up-gradation of institutions of higher education, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore proposes that every institution should establish an Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) as a quality sustenance measure. Since quality enhancement is a continuous process, the IQAC will become a part of the institution's system and work towards the realization of the goals of quality enhancement and sustenance. The prime task of the IQAC is to develop a system for conscious, consistent, and catalytic improvement in the overall performance of institutions. Therefore, it will channelize all efforts and measures of the institution towards promoting its holistic academic excellence.

### **Objective**

The primary aim of IQAC is:

- To develop a system for conscious, consistent, and catalytic action to improve the academic and administrative performance of the institution.
- To promote measures for institutional functioning towards quality enhancement through internalization of quality culture and institutionalization of best practices.

### **Strategies**

IQAC shall evolve mechanisms and procedures for:

- ❖ Ensuring timely, efficient, and progressive performance of academic, administrative and financial tasks.
- ❖ The relevance and quality of academic and research programmes.
- ❖ Equitable access to and affordability of academic programmes for various sections of society.
- ❖ Optimization and integration of modern methods of teaching and learning.
- ❖ The credibility of evaluation procedures.
- ❖ Ensuring the adequacy, maintenance and functioning of the support structure and services.
- ❖ Coordinating the activities of various clubs and societies.
- ❖ Research sharing and networking with other institutions.
- ❖ Promoting industry-academia linkages by facilitating the signing of MOUs.
- ❖ Facilitating the implementation of NEP 2020.
- ❖ Making efforts to work in line with SDGs.

## **Functions**

Some of the functions expected of the IQAC are:

- ❖ Development and application of quality benchmarks/parameters for various academic and administrative activities of the institution.
- ❖ Facilitating the creation of a learner-centric environment conducive to quality education and faculty maturation to adopt the required knowledge and technology for participatory teaching and learning process.
- ❖ Arrangement for feedback response from students, parents, and other stakeholders on quality-related institutional processes.
- ❖ Dissemination of information on various quality parameters of higher education.
- ❖ Organization of inter and intra institutional workshops, seminars on quality related themes and promotion of quality circles.
- ❖ Documentation of the various programs/activities leading to quality improvement.
- ❖ Acting as a nodal agency of the Institution for coordinating quality-related activities, including adoption and dissemination of best practices.
- ❖ Development and maintenance of institutional database for the purpose of maintaining /enhancing the institutional quality.
- ❖ Development of Quality Culture in the institution.

## **Benefits**

IQAC will facilitate/contribute:

- ❖ Ensure heightened level of clarity and focus in institutional functioning towards quality enhancement.
- ❖ Ensure internalization of the quality culture
- ❖ Ensure enhancement and coordination among various activities of the institution and institutionalize all good practices.
- ❖ Provide a sound basis for decision-making to improve institutional functioning.
- ❖ Act as a dynamic system for quality changes in HEIs.
- ❖ Build an organised methodology of documentation and internal communication.