



हैदराबाद विश्वविद्यालय
UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD

Minutes of the meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Committee held at 11:30 a.m. on October 16, 2020, in the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Hall, Administration Building on the University of Hyderabad Campus.

Members Present:

1.	Prof. Appa Rao Podile	:	Vice-Chancellor & Chairman
2.	Prof. Arun Agarwal	:	Pro-Vice-Chancellor-I
3.	Prof. B. Raja Shekhar	:	Pro-Vice-Chancellor-II
4.	Prof. Harish Padh	:	External Member, Former Vice-Chancellor, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat - #
5.	Prof. P.J. Narayanan	:	External Member, Director, International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H), Gachibowli, Hyderabad - #
6.	Dr. M.S. Shyamasundar	:	External Member, Advisor, NAAC, Bengaluru - #
7.	Dr. Shailja Singh	:	External Member, Special Centre for Molecular Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi - #
8.	Prof. Ashok Chatterjee	:	Member, School of Physics - #
9.	Prof. Vinod Pavarala	:	Member, Department of Communication, Sarojini Naidu School of Arts and Communication - #
10.	Prof. C. Raghavendra Rao	:	Member, School of Computer and Information Sciences - #
11.	Prof. K. Chinnaya Suri	:	Member, Department of Political Science, School of Social Sciences - #
12.	Prof. Vasanthi Srinivasan	:	Member, Department of Political Science, School of Social Sciences - #

13.	Prof. Amba P. Kulkarni	:	Member, Department of Sanskrit Studies, School of Humanities
14.	Prof. Pramod K. Nayar	:	Member, Department of English, School of Humanities - #
15.	Prof. Krishnaveni Mishra	:	Member, Department of Biochemistry, School of Life Sciences - #
16.	Dr. N. Varatha Rajan	:	Ex-Officio Member, Librarian, IGML
17.	Shri P. Thukaram	:	Nodal Officer & Deputy Registrar
18.	Prof. S. Raja Sethu Durai	:	Associate Director, IQAC - #
19.	Prof. Vijaya Bhaskar Marisetty	:	Associate Director, IQAC
20.	Prof. S. Srinath	:	Director & Member Secretary, IQAC

#: 'Hash' mark indicates the members who attended the meeting through virtual mode.

Prof. C. Siva Ram Murthy, IIT Madras, Chennai, and Shri Devesh Nigam, Controller of Examination, could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments.

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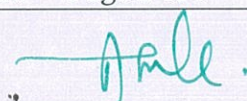
Opening remarks and welcoming of new members by the Chairman & Vice-Chancellor

At the outset, the Chairman extended a warm welcome to all the members of the newly reconstituted IQAC for attending the meeting. The Chairman placed a special thanks to the External Members who joined the meeting in virtual mode.

The Chairman also thanked the members of the preceding IQAC Committee and acknowledged their services.

The Chairman briefed the Committee on how the University is utilizing the Graded Autonomy status and making efforts towards growing on its own. Also, he mentioned that the University marks its distinction as the smallest (total number of students enrolled) and youngest (number of years from its establishment) institution to be awarded the Institute of Eminence (IoE) status. The chairman attributed the collective contribution from all the stakeholders for the University's achievements so far and placed his faith in its prospects.





The Chairman apprised the committee that, recently, Prof. Surajit Dhara, faculty in the School of Physics, has been selected for the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (SSB) Prize for Science and Technology 2020. The Royal Society of Chemistry admitted Prof. Venugopal Rao Soma, of the Advanced Centre of Research in High Energy Materials (ACRHEM) and Prof. D.B. Ramachary, of the School of Chemistry as its Fellows.

The Chairman also spoke on the University's academic quality, quantitative measures, redesigning, and scope to improve them in addressing the issues, filling the gaps, and continuing the good things to become the best institution.

Dr. Shailja Singh congratulated the Vice-Chancellor and the University of Hyderabad on the award of Institute of Eminence (IoE) status and the University's performance in the recent rankings announced at the National and International level.

Dr. Shyamasundar complimented the University for doing well in all the rankings indices and wished the University to reach the top ranking at the national and international levels by giving healthy competition. Dr. Shyamasundar invited the University to participate and share the best practices followed by the University of Hyderabad in the "best practices webinar series" organized by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), which would be helpful to various others educational institution.

Prof. Harish Padh thanked the Vice-Chancellor and desired to know more about the Outcome-based Education (OBE) curriculum that is being implemented in the University from the next academic year. In response, Prof. B. Raja Shekhar gave a brief description about the OBE framework and highlighted the process followed by the University.

Prof. P.J. Narayanan thanked the Vice-Chancellor and mentioned he has a native connection with the University of Hyderabad.

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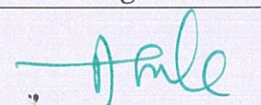
To confirm the minutes of the IQAC Committee meeting held on November 07, 2019

The Committee resolved to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the IQAC Committee held on November 07, 2019.

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Report on the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor

The Committee approved the report on the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor on the items.



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Activities initiated and implemented by the IQAC

Prof. Srinath, Director, IQAC, presented to the Committee various initiatives of the IQAC in enhancing the quality of teaching, research, and governance in the University. He highlighted that most departments had completed the initiative of conducting a department-wise Academic Audit, and the remaining are in the process of completing it soon.

He informed the committee that a workshop has been conducted for the faculty members on the Outcome-based Education (OBE) curriculum, and informed that the curriculum has been developed for most courses and will be ready for implementation soon.

The Committee noted the activities initiated and implemented by the IQAC.

The following deliberations were made by the Committee:

- The University figures in the top rankings and maintained its high rankings for the past eight years. Apart from the University level ranking, there is a need to project the rankings of the individual Schools / Departments / Centres by specialized ranking agencies.
- The Committee suggested categorizing the national and international funding of projects to the departments in the Academic Audit reports.
- The Committee also felt that IQAC should play a role in facilitating the difficulties faced by the faculty members and students in the online digital teaching and learning.
- To sensitize research ethics and culture among the stakeholders, IQAC will plan workshops and training on Plagiarism. In this regard, the University is partnering with Clarivate Analytics to help in furthering research and innovation.
- The Committee appreciated the top rank secured by the University in Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievement (ARIIA) 2020.
- Under the UGC-PARAMASH Scheme the Dr. B.R.Ambedkar University, Srikakulam has already in the process of completing the submission for accreditation, and another institution Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajamahendravarm has initiated the process. The IQAC is following and guiding other three institutions to initiate the process as early as possible, which was delayed by the current pandemic situation.
- Prof. Vinod Paravala appraised the Committee on the initiatives of the Alumni Association, and also brief on the Alumni Lecture series.
- Dr. Shyamasundar gave valuable suggestions on the steps and process to be followed during the Cycle-4 NAAC Re-accreditation, which is due on February 2021

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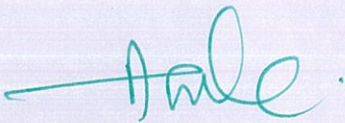
Prof. Pramod K. Nayar, Director, IoE, briefed the Committee on the IoE project and the measures to improve and consolidate quality teaching, outreach, and research. He gave a summary of the schemes to be introduced under the IoE's funding opportunities.

The committee appreciated the measures and initiatives of the IoE project.

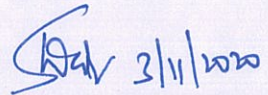
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The committee noted the future plans of IQAC and wished all success for their successful implementation: (i) preparing a "Best Practices in Research and Publications" for all stakeholders of the University; (ii) recommend more Journals for the UGC-CARE List based on inputs from various Departments/Schools; (iii) modify and expand the Screening Committee evaluation system; (iv) work towards implementing a Research Ethics course as mandated by the UGC.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. B. Raja Shekhar, Pro-Vice Chancellor II.



(Appa Rao Podile)
Chairman & Vice-Chancellor



(S. Srinath)
Director & Member Secretary

