DE PAUL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (DiST)

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Executive Meeting

Date: 03rd October 2024 Time: 2.30PM

Venue: DiST, Board Room

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introduction of All the Members.
- Presentation of Previous Meeting Report and Action Taken Report.
- IQAC coordinator presentation
- Quality enhancement - open discussion
- Relevance of giving addon courses, programs seminars, fest and outreach programs
- International collaborations with institutions – SDSN (sustainable development social network.
- Problems of a self-financing institution
- Pass percentage & handling slackers
- New courses – B.Sc. Psychology & B.Sc. Hotel Management and Culinary Arts
- Installation of New Generator

Detailed Report

- Meeting started by reading report of previous meeting & Principal approved the same

- Principal welcomed the gathering and new vice principal Rev Fr. Joseph Thadathil VC to the meeting.

- The IQAC meeting at DiST focused on reviewing achievements, discussing quality enhancement, and addressing development challenges. Major accomplishments included AQAR 2022-23 approval, ISO recertification, and increased enrollment of 522 students for 2024-25. Key discussions revolved around improving institutional visibility, addressing pass percentage challenges, fostering research culture, and exploring innovative pedagogical approaches like flipped classrooms. Strategies for streamlining data management, enhancing admissions, and aligning with industrial expectations were also explored. Action plans were proposed, including targeted marketing, remedial classes, and workshops to promote research. The meeting concluded with a resolution to implement solutions and ensure continuous quality improvement.

- Quality enhancement in a college setting is a broad yet critical topic, and discussions around it often focus on improving academic, administrative, and extracurricular aspects. Here are some strategies that may have been discussed, the team suggested encouraging research by helping faculty and students with projects, providing funding, and rewarding publications. Regular feedback from students, parents, and staff will be collected and acted upon quickly. To support students, the college plans to organize workshops, internships, and certification programs to build job-related skills. A mentorship program will connect students with teachers or industry professionals for career advice and personal growth. These steps aim to make the college a better place for learning and development. NAAC coordinator

- Add-on courses, seminars, fests, and outreach programs are essential for holistic student development. They enhance employability, expand knowledge, foster creativity, and build leadership skills. These activities also encourage social responsibility and provide real-world experience, ensuring students are well-prepared for professional success and active community engagement. The principal informed that these activities are conducted regularly in the college, and the management will ensure that they are met in each academic year.

- International collaborations with institutions like SDSN provide global knowledge exchange, enhance research opportunities, foster networking, and elevate the college's reputation in sustainable development.

- The discussion focused on the challenges faced by self-financing institutions, including financial sustainability, resource constraints, student's migration to foreign countries, and balancing quality education with cost-effectiveness.

- The discussion addressed improving pass percentages and strategies for handling slackers, focusing on personalized support, remedial classes, and motivating students to enhance academic performance.

- The Principal, Rev. Dr. Johny Chacko Mangalath VC, has officially informed that the university has granted approval for the new courses proposed by our institution. The confirmation was received in July 2024, marking a milestone in our efforts to expand academic offerings. Detailed information about the courses, including eligibility criteria, curriculum structure, and enrollment procedures, will be shared shortly. This achievement underscores the institution's dedication to academic innovation and catering to the evolving needs of students.

- The college has procured a new **Kirloskar Generator (62.5 kW)** to enhance the institution's infrastructure and ensure uninterrupted power supply. The generator was successfully installed on **13th March 2024**. This addition reflects the management's commitment to providing a reliable and efficient learning environment for students and faculty. The new generator will support the smooth functioning of academic and administrative activities, further strengthening the institution's operational capabilities.

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IQAC Secretary	IQAC Coordinator	Chairperson