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Response:

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

In pursuance of the National Action Plan of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore, for performance evaluation, assessment and accreditation and quality up-gradation of institutions of higher education, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) has been established in the College at the instance of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) as a post-accreditation quality sustenance measure.

The prime task of the IQAC is to develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic improvement in overall performance of the Institutions. The IQAC will make a significant and meaningful contribution in the post-accreditation phase of the Institution. During the post-accreditation period, the IQAC will channelize all efforts and measures of the Institution towards promoting its academic excellence.

The objectives of the IQAC are:

- To ensure continuous improvement in the entire operations of the Institution.
- To ensure stakeholders connected with Education, namely parents, teachers, staff, employers, funding agencies, society in general, of its own quality and probity.
- To develop a quality system for conscious, consistent and programmed action to improve the academic and administrative performance of the institution.
- To promote measures for driving institutional functioning towards quality enhancement and institutionalization of best practices.

Benefits

IQAC will facilitate / contribute:

- To ensure a heightened level of clarity and focus in institutional functioning towards quality enhancement and internalization of the quality culture NAAC for Quality and Excellence in Higher Education.
- To promote measures for the functioning of the Institution towards quality enhancement through initialization of quality culture and Institutionalization of best practices.
- To provide a sound basis for decision making to improve Institutional functioning.
- To act as a dynamic system for quality changes in the Institution.
- To build a better internal communication.

Functions

- Development and application of quality benchmarks/ parameters for the various academic and administrative activities of the Institution.
- Arrangement for feedback responses from students, parents and other stakeholders on quality related processes of the institution.
- Dissemination of information on the various quality parameters of higher education.
- Documentation of the various programs/activities leading to quality improvement.
- Organization of workshops, seminars on quality related themes and promotion of quality circles.
- Preparation of the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) to be submitted to NAAC based on the quality parameters.

Strategies of IQAC

1. Ensuring timely, efficient and progressive performance of academic, administrative and financial tasks.
2. The relevance and quality of academic and research programmes.
3. Equitable access to and affordability of academic programmes for various sections of society.
4. Optimization and integration of modern methods of teaching and learning.
5. The credibility of evaluation procedures.
6. Ensuring the adequacy, maintenance and functioning of the support structure and services.
7. Research sharing and networking with other institutions in India and abroad.

IQAC has contributed significantly for institutionalizing the quality assurance strategies and processes, the following two practices are the results of IQAC initiatives

1. Study Hours

Audisankara College of Engineering and Technology (ASCET) has started conducting study hours by which the students can improve their academics. Individual attention is paid to the students to clarify their doubts in difficult subjects. More emphasis is given to solve the numerical problems and experts are invited for further acquisition of knowledge.

2. Collaborative Learning

The institution implements the process of collaborative learning to impart quality technical education to the students. It involves groups of students working together to solve a problem, completes a task, or creates a product. It is based on the idea that learning is a natural and social act in which the participants talk among themselves.