



## St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous)

Affiliated to Bengaluru City University

Accredited with A++ Grade by NAAC in 4<sup>th</sup> Cycle (CGPA of 3.57/4)

College with Potential for Excellence (CPE)

Ranked 93<sup>rd</sup> in NIRF 2022 by the Ministry of Education, Government of India

#163, Brigade Road, Bengaluru - 560025, Karnataka, India

### **AQAR: 2021-2022**

### **6.5 Internal Quality Assurance System**

## Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

The prime task of the IQAC is to develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic improvement in the performance of the institution. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) has a significant and meaningful contribution in the post-accreditation phase of the Institution. During the post-accreditation period, the IQAC has been channelizing and processing all the efforts and activities of the institution towards excellence in every field.

### Initiatives taken by IQAC

Blue Chip 2021-22



## IQAC



#### Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) ensures that all the academic activities conducted on campus adhere to the established policies of the institution and all the other agencies and academic bodies under the state and central bodies. The Cell also offers support to all the departments in the college in academic matters — specifically with regard to meeting the expected level of excellence. It functions with a view to raise the benchmarks in the educational practices of the institution by applying numerous time-tested pedagogical approaches that offer ample scope to the instructors and learners to go beyond classroom learning and conventional learning practices. The Cell also plays a central role in introducing initiatives that cater to the holistic development of the student community, focusing primarily on quality enhancement in teaching, learning, evaluation, research, extension and consultancy activities.

#### Autonomy Status Extension

This academic year SJCC applied for the extension of its autonomous status. The A++ grade with a CGPA of 3.57 was awarded to the institution in the fourth cycle of NAAC accreditation makes it eligible for applying for the extension of autonomy up to ten years without conducting the onsite visit. Therefore, SJCC's autonomous status was extended for a period of ten years till the academic year 2031-2032.

#### Participation in Rankings

SJCC successfully completed the AQAR submission procedure by 24th February 2022. The college submitted details of academic activities conducted during this academic year to several top-notch college ranking frameworks i.e., ARIIA, NIRF — set up by the Ministry of Education, India, and submitted the report to AISHE portal on 18th February 2022. Also, the institution submitted the data for the surveys conducted by India Today and The Week Hansa.

#### Feedback

IQAC, through a structured feedback mechanism, annually collects the feedback from various stakeholders of the institution — teachers, students, employers, alumni and parents. Feedback from the aforementioned stakeholders and the subsequent actions taken play a significant role in improving the quality of the practices followed in the institution, and are instrumental in developing the plan of action for the upcoming academic year. The Cell submitted a detailed report to the Principal's Office after analyzing the feedback.

The Parent Teacher meeting for the first year B. Com and BBA students was held on campus on 26th February, 2022. Also, the class mentors organized virtual meetings with parents/guardians who could not attend the Parent Teacher Meeting in person.

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**Open House 2021-22**

The Open House is a forum which is conducted by the IQAC at the end of every Academic year to collect feedback from the students. Student representatives from all classes and associations of the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes attended the 2021-2022 Open House. It was conducted on 9th May 2022 in three batches at 10 am and 11:30 am for the first and second batch students. The Open House for the members of the Women's Forum was held on 10th May at 11 am. Around 180 students attended the Open House. The Open House discussions were conducted on the basis of the parameters mentioned below:

- Curriculum development of the college
- Teaching and learning methods, specifically tools, syllabus completion and course structure
- Learning and evaluation process
- Infrastructural facilities, such as WIFI connection, ICT tools used in classrooms, cafeteria, computer labs, and washrooms
- Feedback on co curricular and extracurricular activities
- Placement facilities

**PARAMARSH**

Paramarsh is the UGC scheme for mentoring NAAC Accreditation aspirant institutions to promote quality assurance in Higher Education. SICC was identified as a mentor institution under this scheme and the college had adopted 6 mentee institutions under the PARAMARSH scheme. This academic year, faculty members and students from St. Joseph's College, Hassan (mentee institution) visited SICC campus from 7th to 14th September 2021 to understand the student support practices and extension activities. Faculty members from Loyola College, Manvi, (mentee institution) stayed at SICC for a period of two weeks from 23rd August to 4th of September 2021 to learn the complete process of NAAC, the best practices and research activities of the institution. The extension approved for the scheme under



PARAMARSH ended on 30th September, 2021. The college successfully completed the requirements of the scheme and assisted the six mentee institutions in implementing several best practices.

**International Virtual Conference on 'Enhancing Teaching Competencies through Professional Ethics'**

IQAC of SICC organized a 2 Day International Virtual Conference on 'Enhancing Teaching Competencies through Professional Ethics' (ETCP 2021) on 7th and 8th October, 2021. The conference was a maiden academic interface, collaboratively organized by the institution and Gloethics.net Foundation, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, after signing a Cooperation Agreement this year. Gloethics.net is an international organization committed to furthering its vision of ethics in higher education and provides a unique platform for knowledge sharing.

Dr. Charles Lasrado SJ, Principal, welcomed the participants. Rev. Dr. Jose Nandhikara, National Director, Gloethics.net India spoke about the necessity of making learning accessible, besides touching upon the four pillars of learning. Prof. Goh Kim Chuan, former faculty member at the University of Science, Penang Malaysia, University of Brunei and National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, was the Keynote Speaker. He reflected on the assessment levels of knowledge application and the need for HEIs to inculcate practices of knowledge dissemination blended with ethical values. Dr. Ignace Haaz, Programme Executive Online Ethics Library, Publication Manager, Gloethics.net Geneva, Switzerland introduced the unique resources available at Gloethics and acquainted the audience on how the resources could be accessed to optimize their efficacies as teachers and knowledge facilitators.

The first speaker for the second day Dr. Joye James SJ, Secretary, Jesuit Higher Education, South Asia emphasized on the need for the teachers to prioritize the emotional well-being of the students. Dr. John Methuselal, faculty member at the Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajahmundry, AP focused on the role of the educators in propagating ethical code in the society, and critically examined the violation of ethics in the academic world. Ms. Christine Housel, in-charge, Donor Relations and Strategic Partnership, Gloethics.net, Geneva, Switzerland accentuated the need for a holistic approach to ethics, especially within the context of higher education.

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**Faculty Development Programmes**

a. With a view to encourage research interest among the faculty members, IQAC and Innovation & Incubation Centre of SICC in collaboration with the Centre for Intellectual Property Rights & Advocacy (CIPRA), National Law School of India organized a National Level Workshop on 'Intellectual Property Rights for Commerce and Management Institutions' in July 2022.

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**Other Initiatives:**

- The IQAC organized 'Basic Life Support' a Health Awareness Programme (CPR Demonstration) on 29th March, 2022. The Resource Persons were Dr. V.K. Srinivas, Chief Cardiologist, Mallya Hospital Bangalore and Dr. Kiran Kumar, Critical Care Intensive Care Physician and AHA Trainer, Mallya Hospital. The session included- simulation via video and practices with mannequins.
- A Financial Literacy Programme 'Savings, Investing, and the Possibility of Using Funds from Diverse Sources' was conducted in Kannada for the support staff of the institution on April 5th, 2022. The Resource persons were Mr. Ashoka (Assistant Professor), and Dr. Hanumanthraya, (Assistant Professor), from SICC.
- IQAC completed the selection of members to SQAC from the first-year classes across programmes in September 2021. Also, conducted a webinar on 'Leadership' for SQAC members.



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The faculty members of the Department of English meet periodically for a special series titled "Questions that Matter". It is an invitation to deliberate and a chance to either seek answers or learn to ask the same questions differently. Members take turns and call for an engagement in questions that matter to them. This helps broaden the readings and interests of the faculty members as they actively participate in the process. Some of the sessions that the Department has witnessed were under the broad headings of "Richard Dawkins", "All About Love", "David Harvey"

### Train the Trainer Programmes

The Department of Commerce organised four Train-the-trainer programmes in this academic year:

- A workshop on 'Finance and Accounts for Business Process' was organized from 28th September to 30th September, 2021. Three faculty members participated in it. The workshop was organized in collaboration with TCS.
- A workshop on Supply Chain was organized from 5th to 8th October, 2021 and one faculty member participated in it. The workshop was organized in collaboration with TCS.
- A workshop on 'Financial Reporting' was conducted by Mr. Venkat Raayi Reddy on 10th July, 2021. The workshop was organized in collaboration with ISDC.
- A workshop on 'Financial Management' was conducted by Mr. Venkat Raayi Reddy on 19th July, 2021. The workshop was organized in collaboration with ISDC.



