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IQAC NEWS LETTER 2024-2025

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The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) plays a vital role in maintaining high standards across all the academic activities on campus. IQAC sets benchmarks in the field of higher education, by applying numerous time-tested pedagogical approaches which transcend traditional classroom lectures. Also, the cell supports the holistic development of its student community. The IQAC at SJCC primarily focuses on enhancing the quality of teaching, learning, evaluation, research, extension, and consultancy opportunities.

QUALITY INITIATIVES OF THE IQAC

• Expansion and Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) Taskforce

The IQAC team has expanded to twenty members in accordance with the NAAC AQAR criteria. This structure has been established to streamline the coordination and dispersal of information for the preparation of the AQAR and other rankings.

• Preparation for Awards of the Institution

In preparation for awards, the Institution's IQAC submitted applications to the Xavier Board for the 'Best College' and 'Best Extension and Outreach Activities' categories on September 15, 2023. The application for the "Best Institutional Social Responsibility" category was submitted to the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) on September 12, 2023.

• Rankings of the Institution

IQAC facilitated the collection and submission of data for the annual rankings under The India Today Ranking, The Week Ranking, and the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). Additionally, the IQAC successfully submitted the institution's data for the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA), an initiative by the central government.

• The SQAC Initiatives

The Student Quality Assurance Cell (SQAC) was introduced at the Parent-Teacher Association meeting held on September 16, 2023. Three hundred parents of first-year students attended the meeting. The feedback collected from the parents will be compiled and used to determine the next course of action.

• Students Progression Report

Every year, the IQAC records data on students' progression to higher education and the placement of outgoing students. This year, student progression information will be collected through the ERP, and the ERP schema has been validated.

• Transparency Initiatives

The IQAC provides necessary data to UTSAH (Undertaking Transformative Strategies and Actions in Higher Education), an initiative launched by the UGC to enhance the transparency of educational practices for various stakeholders.

New Initiatives 2023-24

THE ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUDIT (AAA):

The Academic & Administrative Audit (AAA) Committee was established in the 2023-24 academic year. The primary goal of the academic audit is to encourage programs, departments and the institution to assess their quality processes and standards based on predetermined benchmarks. It aims to identify activities necessary for producing, assuring and regularly improving the quality of the entire system, including curricular and co-curricular programs, activities, infrastructure, and support services.

The AAA is a peer review process that involves a self-study and a site visit by peers from both inside and outside the institution. Initiatives taken by the AAA so far include the creation of a template for a self-study report, which records essential information on course completion and provides input on syllabus alterations, as well as a template for auditing academic and administrative committees.

LEARNING TUESDAYS - BUILDING TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS:

To promote continual growth as educators, the "Learning Tuesdays - Building Teacher Effectiveness" initiative was introduced. These sessions aim to enrich teaching methodologies by exploring personal experiences in teaching, learning, and evaluation. The initiative focuses on fostering professional growth through dialogue and shared experiences.

WELFARE OFFICERS:

During the academic year 2023-24, our institution made notable advancements in student welfare by introducing two key roles: Welfare Officer (Boys) and Welfare Officer (Girls). These officers became empathetic pillars, providing a supportive environment. As part of this initiative, we hosted an event, "Social Media: Etiquette and Legal Implications," which engaged students from all classes.

Activities of IQAC

GUEST LECTURE ON LEADERSHIP AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS:

A lecture on Leadership and Employability Skills was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous). The talk took place on September 7, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 112, the conference room on the ground floor of SJCC. Ms. Navyashree A, Assistant Manager of Audit at Grant Thornton, led the session.

Attended by 36 students, the talk began with an introduction to leadership, covering the definition and essential qualities of a leader. An overview of competencies such as emotional intelligence, coaching, and problem-solving was provided. Differences between managers and leaders were outlined and the session delved into various leadership styles, including autocratic, democratic, and laissez-faire.

The session focused on employability and the skills necessary for top-level success. Topics included communication skills, teamwork, self-management and the importance of self-learning using examples. The discussion also covered problem-solving skills, technology, planning, organizing, initiative and enterprise skills. The class concluded with a Q&A session.



ONE DAY WORKSHOP : AWARENESS ON NAAC ACCREDITATION AND ACADEMIC GOALS

A workshop on NAAC preparation and academic pursuits was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell for Loyola Institution, Bannerghatta, on October 25, 2023. The workshop featured a series of esteemed speakers addressing various topics. There were 24 participants in attendance.

The session began with Dr. Himachalpathy's talk on Outcome-Based Education (OBE), including its practices and implementation. From 10:15 to 11:00 am, Dr. D. Raja Jebasingh presented on NPTEL/MOOCs courses and certificate programs. Following this, Ms. Natya Bopanna provided an overview of the planning and focus of various association activities. Prof. Muktha then conducted a session on SWOC analysis, highlighting how one could understand institutions in a systematic manner.

Dr. Sridhar LS and Dr. A.M. Sheela discussed NAAC/IQAC documentation, evidence collection, and manual preparation. The workshop concluded with a library visit led by Dr. Lakshmi pathi. The day ended with a tea discussion where participants met with the Principal.



GUEST LECTURE ON TECHNOLOGY AROUND US:-

The IQAC conducted a guest lecture on the topic "Technology Around Us" on February 19, 2024. The lecture was delivered by Mr. Paul Abraham, Business Architect, Tools and Innovation at Hewlett Packard Enterprise.

He explained that humans' passion to create items for their own survival led to innovation. Mr. Abraham provided fascinating insights and illustrated the evolution of technology with real-life examples, such as Amazon grocery stores utilizing real-time traceability. He delved into advanced concepts like recommendation engines, generative AI, immersive internet, blockchain, and assortment stocking.

Mr. Abraham discussed how these technological advancements have transformed education systems, influenced employment selections, and expanded career options. He emphasized the importance of staying updated with technological advancements to better equip ourselves for everyday life and the corporate world in these ever-changing times. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, where students shared their unique experiences and perspectives on the major debates surrounding technology's impact on everyday life.



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Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Presents

"TECHNOLOGY AROUND US"

Resource Person:



Mr. Paul Abraham

Business Architect, Tools & Innovation-
Hewlett Packard Enterprise



Date:

19-02-2024



Venue:

Conference Room No.112



Time:

10:00am-12:00pm

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