



INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

IQAC stands for Internal Quality Assurance Cell. It is a structure that helps educational institutions improve their work processes and achieve learning outcomes. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) proposed the concept of IQAC to help higher educational institutions (HEIs) improve the quality of education. The IQAC is meant for planning, guiding, and monitoring Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Enhancement (QE) activities of the colleges. The IQAC has the following goals & objectives to shoulder the responsibilities of the college:

- Propagate the data on various quality criteria of the field of higher education
- Optimize and integrate modern methods of teaching and learning
- Ensure the credibility and integrity of the evaluation process.
- Insure the adequacy, maintenance and proper allocation of support structure and services
- Collaboration and expansion of the research works done by the faculty

We know it well that the IQAC is a significant cell of the institution's system and works towards the realization of the goals of sustenance and quality enhancement.

We all know that the National Assessment and Accreditation Council aka NAAC was founded with the aim of education quality enhancement. Among the various approaches followed by the council, the formation of the internal Quality Assurance Cell or IQAC




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has gained vital importance. With the high-quality sustenance measure, IQAC plays a significant role in higher education institutes. Let us find out what is IQAC and why it has gained ultimate significance in the NAAC accreditation process.

❖ **What is the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)?**

Internal Quality Assurance Cell or IQAC was established to assist educational institutes to improve their work strategies and reach out to desired learning outcomes and objectives, IQAC always initiates, plans, and supervises the several quality culture activities that are necessary to increase the quality of the education delivered in the institutes. This formation develops a system for consistent, conscious actions so that institutes can improve their academic and administrative performance. The cell acts as a participative and facilitative unit that works combined with faculty members to come up with the best strategies.

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❖ **What is the role of the IQAC Coordinator?**

IQAC coordinator may be a senior or competent person with respect to experience and exposure to quality aspects. It is a full-time responsibility to implement the visions of IQAC for the better evolvement of the institutes in the area of quality.

So, here are the pre-defined roles of IQAC Coordinator:

- Enable and support quality-related activities in the institute.
- Ensure that the decisions of the IQAC committee have been well-executed.




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- Help and organize the documentation of different programs for quality enhancement perspective.
- Ensure distributions of data on different quality aspects.

❖ **What are the functions of IQAC?**

IQAC was established to build and ensure a quality culture at the institutional level. Along with this, IQAC is bound to perform several functions necessary for the growth of the institution.

Here are the top functions of IQAC

- IQAC is responsible for developing and implementing quality benchmarks for various academic and non-academic activities in the institute.
- It helps in establishing a learner-centric environment to deliver quality education.
- IQAC acts as a nodal agency of the institute to address quality-related activities.
- IQAC promotes the organization of quality-themed workshops and seminars.
- Functions of IQAC include ensuring enhancement and coordination among various activities of the institute.
- Internal Quality Assurance Cell is responsible for quality culture in the institute.
- It also prepares the Annual Quality Assurance Report according to standards and parameters set by the NAAC.
- IQAC arranges necessary arrangements for feedback response from the stakeholders- students, and parents related to the quality related institutional processes.

❖ **What are the benefits of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell?**

NAAC accreditation process reserves a special significance for IQAC thanks to its benefits. Here are some of them:




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- With IQAC, Higher Education Institutes can improve their functioning and can make better decisions with a great level of transparency and assessment.
- IQAC enhances the clarity in the processes and implements some better practices and enables the stakeholders to rethink and gives scope for the improvement.
- Internal Quality Assurance Cell brings all departments together by eradicating the communication gap with constant assessment and feedback from the stakeholders.
- It also offers project-based and service-based learning to students so that they are aware of the practical situations.
- With a 'think locally act globally' mindset, IQAC offers a global platform to the students where they can showcase their skills and talents.

Smt. C. R. Gardi Arts College, Munpur has realized the importance of NAAC and IQAC in the overall teaching, learning and administrative processes. So, to facilitate to the various stakeholders, we have established the IQAC on 19/11/2006 when we went for the NAAC accreditation for the first time in 2007-08.

This helped and made it easy for the college to consolidate, process, and secure data in accurate and predefined formats of the NAAC and resulted into securing better grade. Also, continuous evaluations are a part of the IQAC process. So it is also made easy with curriculum designing and exam management modules.

❖ **Establishment of IQAC in the College**

The statutory body of Shri M. G. S. Kelvani Mandal, Munpur; under the chairmanship of Shri Dr. Hirenkumar Prabodhkant Pandya, is very happy to pass the resolution of the re-establishment of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) to monitor, to sustain and to maintain the momentum of quality consciousness in Smt. C. R. Gardi Arts College, Munpur. The Cell is established according to the guideline of the




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UGC, New Delhi and is conceived as a mechanism to build and ensure a quality culture at the institutional level.

The IQAC will hereafter act as a nodal agency of the college for coordinating quality-related activities and the interaction with the UGC and other statutory bodies of higher education. Prof. Dr. Prakashkumar V. Vekaria will coordinate the activities of the Cell. The nomination is approved by the committee in consultation with the Principal of the college.

The members of the body promote effective and innovative teaching-learning practices, analyses and enhance student performance and several other ways to foster the process defined by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

❖ **The composition of the IQAC is as shown below:**

- A) The Chairperson - Principal Dr. M. K. Mehta
- B) The Coordinator - Prof. Dr. Prakashkumar V. Vekaria
- C) Two external experts are – Shri Narendra Joshi and Shri Harish Joshi
- D) Members-
 1. Prof. Dr. Mehejbeen A Saiyed
 2. Prof. Dr. Sushila S. Vyas
 3. Prof. Dr. Harshada J. Shah
 4. Prof. Dr. Navinchandra N. Patel
 5. Prof. Dr. Rajendra R. Bambhaniya
 6. Shri Bhanubhai D. Patel- Senior Clerk
- E) Alumni members:
 - (i) Shri Shailendra P Puwar (An entrepreneur)
 - (ii) Shri Vasant J Machhi (A teacher)

President

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