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6.5.3. INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE INITIATIVES

**EVENTS ORGANIZED BY IQAC
2017-2018**

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IQAC 2017-18

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of our college has been playing an active role since its inception to ensure that the College forges new paths of excellence. The IQAC offers constructive suggestions and lays down quality benchmarks for the effective functioning of the various units of the College. The following are some of the activities conducted by the IQAC during the academic year 2017-18.

Feedback on Admission procedures

As has been the practice in the past, this year also the IQAC collected feedback from the parents during the admission to the UG courses, regarding the effectiveness of the Public Relations Team, the performance of the non-teaching staff manning the registration desk and the overall admission process at the College. The whole process received good appreciation and the parents rated highly the efforts of the PR team and the diligence and hard work of the non-teaching staff. A few suggestions were given by the parents to improve the admission process.

Orientation Programme

The IQAC, in collaboration with the Department of Mathematics, organized the Orientation programme in June. The students received thorough initiation to college life and its plethora of opportunities from the various erudite speakers. Feedback regarding the Orientation Programme and also about the speakers were collected from the students and analyzed by the IQAC.

Academic Audit July 20th 2017

An Academic Audit was conducted by the IQAC to enable the various departments to review and fine-tune their syllabus to keep on par with the changing global educational scenario.

The Chairpersons and Subject Experts commended the existing curriculum and gave valuable suggestions to help the departments reach greater heights of excellence.

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Health Cards

The IQAC issued Health Cards to the non-teaching staff and the first-year students and a medical checkup was done by the College Doctor.

Concept level testing – Entry Level

From 7.08.2017 to 16.08.2017 the IQAC also conducted an online test for the first year UG students from both the Aided and the Self-supporting streams to assess their General knowledge, aptitude and conceptual knowledge in their respective subjects. The marks were consolidated Department wise.

AQAR

The IQAC collected and consolidated details of all the Academic and Extension activities of all the departments in the college and submitted the Annual Quality Assurance Report to NAAC.

One Day Guest Lecture for Outgoing Students

A guest lecture was organized for the final year students on the topic “Globalization: How to Adapt and Succeed in a Highly competitive and Interdependent Global Economy”. Mr RajgopalSashti, Advisor, Fellowships and Sponsored Programs, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, made a presentation on Fulbright and other externally funded fellowships and scholarships to study and travel in theU.S.

Go Green Campaign

The IQAC, in association with the Enviro Club of Ethiraj College, organized a one day workshop as part of the 70th year celebrations of our college for I year students on the topic **Youth for Environment** on 7th February 2018. Mr T.N. Sridharan, Director-Greenrich Grow India Pvt. Ltd., Mr S. Indrakumar, Senator, Exnora International and President of Home Exnora and Mr C. Arun Krishnamurthy, Founder, Environmentalist Foundation of India were invited as guest speakers to address the students of first years of both aided and self-supporting stream. Around 1000 first-year students of both aided and self-supporting streams were the beneficiaries. The

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speakers highlighted the need to conserve and protect our surroundings and natural resources and gave useful information on the benefits of roof gardening, mulching, vermicomposting and energy and water conservation.

Rankings

National Institutional Ranking Frame Work (NIRF)

In November 2017, the IQAC collated all data about the college as requested by the MHRD department, Government of India, and applied for the National Ranking, through the National Institutional Ranking Frame Work (NIRF). The results are expected in the first week of April.

India Today 2017

The IQAC consolidated the activities of all the departments in the college and submitted the same to MDRA which is conducting the ranking for the **India Today Magazine** and to **Hansa Research The Week Magazine** for the Best College in India.

One Day Workshop for Faculty

A One-Day Workshop for Faculty was organized on 2nd March 2018. Prof. Dr S. Sivasubramanian, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathiar University, Noorul Islam University, NAAC Peer Team Member, Coordinator and Convener addressed the faculty on the topic, **New Framework of NAAC** while Dr M.G Sethuraman, Gandhi Gram University, spoke on the topic, **Curriculum Design on New NAAC Regulation**. After the Workshop a few meetings were held by the Principal with the Senior Faculty of each department to brainstorm and draw up plans to fine-tune the syllabi, incorporating the new NAAC requirements. Plans are also underway to have several meetings with experts so that the college can make a significant mark in the global scenario.

Exit Level Conceptual Test

As a follow up to the Entry Level Conceptual Test taken by the students in their first year of study,

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the IQAC conducted an Exit Level Test for the Final Year students to determine the difference in their subject knowledge. The online test was organised from 5th March to 16th March 2018.

Academic Audit



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One Day workshop - Faculty Development Programme



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