

Minutes of the IQAC meeting held on November 12, 2020

The Virtual Meeting of IQAC began with the prayer service rendered by Rev Fr Vincent Pinto, Finance Officer of the College. Rev Dr Praveen Martis, Principal and Chairman of IQAC Committee welcomed all the members. Special welcome was accorded to the new team of external experts Smt Kishori Naik from Mangalore University, Mr Allan Colaco, Former Chairman of Bank of Maharashtra and Illustrious Alumnus, Dr Rio D'Souza, Principal St Joseph's Engineering College, Mr Gerald Colaco, Chartered Accountant. Mr Prakash Prabhu, Expert from the Industry was absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 February 2020 was read by the IQAC Coordinator, Mr Naveen Mascarenhas. He also read the Action taken Report. The report was accepted as proposed by Mr Allen Pereira and Seconded by Mr Gerard Colaco.

Principal Rev Dr Praveen Martis presented the College updates since the previous meeting. New Rector, Rev Fr Melwyn J. Pinto was welcomed & he placed on record the services of Rev. Fr Dionysius Vaz SJ, the outgoing Rector who is appointed as the New Provincial of Karnataka Province.

He spoke on Aloysian Literary Fest held during February 2020 under the STRIDE scheme of UGC and said that a total of 14 research projects on cultural diversity were selected and grants of Rs 22,85,000 is allotted. On ranking of the College, he said in NIRF, we are in the band 101-150, in Karnataka we are in top 4 Colleges and we are the only college to feature in the list from this district.

In India Today survey, all faculties are ranked below 50 and in Week Hansa - Science is ranked at 24 & Humanities at 36. For the first time, we took part in Outlook Survey 2020 and all the faculties applied for the survey have ranked within 100.

49 free certificate programmes were held by the College during April-May 2020, and at present there 13 paid certificate courses including UGC NET Course of 150 hrs, JAM Course of 100 hrs.

Mr Royal Praveen D'Souza of the Dept. of BCA was thanked for the College in-House LMS Portal. He also thanked science faculty for initiating JAM & UGC – NET programmes.

Speaking further on College updates Fr Said, further as on 1st October 2020, 106 webinars are organized. 7 students have received Summer Research fellowships in Indian science Academy and BARC.

The new deans appointed during the year 2020 are: Dr Suresh Poojary – Dean, Research, Ms Mamatha Dean- Entrepreneurship and Consultancy, Dr Ishwara Bhat – Dean, Student welfare. 2 Endowment Lectures by Dr P Sainath & Mahesh T S were organised and to handle the Covid 19 situation effectively Fr said , the college had made 3 Centres in Kerala, 5 Centres in North East and 1 in Goa for the final year students to answer their semester exams.

Mr Gerard Colaco congratulated the College and he said the College has achieved so much during Covid Pandemic He made two suggestions:

1. to engage with community to further research, Better waste management, Domestic composting – managing wet waste in all the houses of students.
2. Having large number of entrepreneurs to serve local communities.

Rev. Fr Principal said we have started “Aloysius Jalasanthe” and he also explained the ‘Care Pachanadi’ project and the College role in it.

Dr Kishori Nayak appreciated the Vast report indicating Quality culture in the College and she said the Research Centre committee from Mangalore University shall visit soon to the College for Research Affiliation. Student should be given a lot of support for placements.

In response Fr Principal said that Placement office will be strengthened with new office space.

With regard to Question bank software, Dr Kishori expressed that Learning is very subjective and she asked the college to think about this while implementing the question paper generation using software.

Allen C Pereira, while complementing the College on its achievements asked the College to focus on entrepreneurship development. Small and Medium producers should be able to market their products to the wide base of customers. Study Circles for faculty and students, Incubation centre for Social entrepreneurship, Centralised Energy conservation mechanism in the Campus, Students giving solutions to the problems like Traffic management in the city were the other issues he spoke on and said need to be attended to. With regard to Question Bank he said Questions can be contributed by different people/experts, to make it more relevant.

In response Fr Principal said that The Entrepreneur Cell of the College has implemented number of initiatives and 3 staff members have received VGST Grants for doing Research.

Dr Rio spoke on Technology enablement of various courses. He asked the College to give students credits for doing MOOC Courses, to incorporate self-learning modules in Syllabi. He expressed his happiness for the progress the College has made.

In Conclusion Allen C Pereira, asked the College to have Consultancy service between Canara Chamber of Commerce and the Innovation Cell of the College to guide the entrepreneurs.

Mr Naveen Mascarenhas, IQAC Coordinator proposed the Vote of thanks.

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