

Minutes of 23rd IQAC meeting held on 10.12.2021

The meeting of IQAC began with a silent prayer. 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 Dr Kishori Nayak K , Professor, Dept of English, Mangalore University, Mr Allen C A Pereira- Former Chairman and Managing Director, Bank of Maharashtra and Illustrious Alumnus, Dr Rio D'Souza G L – Principal St Joseph's Engineering College, Vamanjoor. Mr Gerald Colaco, Investment expert and Mr Prakash Rao – Expert from the Industry were absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 November 2020 was read by the IQAC Coordinator Mr Sonal Steven Lobo. He also read the Action taken Report. The report was accepted as proposed by Dr Racheal and Seconded by Dr Richard.

Mr Allen Pereira pointed out the corrections to be done in the surname of two external members. Dr Kishori Nayak suggested to have a standard for salutation while recording the minutes. Mr Sonal agreed to incorporate all necessary corrections.

Principal Rev Dr Praveen Martis presented the College Updates since the previous meeting. He spoke on the rankings and awards received by the college. He said the All India Ranking of the college in NIRF was 95. He mentioned about the two awards received at the educational excellence and conference held at Bangalore for - "outstanding contribution in educational domain & excellent leadership" category and the best degree college of the year 2021, Karnataka category - social contribution, leading infrastructure & placements. Rev. Dr Praveen Martis, Principal received best principal performance award for education excellence with medal in recognition of sterling merit excellent performance & outstanding contribution in the field of education excellence and for the progress of the nation on the occasion of the national seminar individual contribution for economic and social development by intellectual peoples foundation on 1st October 2021, New Delhi.

As an initiative to strengthen the digital infrastructure of the college software applications like SAC student connect and HR connect, virtual tour of the campus, digital garden and RFID facility in the library are introduced .

The centre for environmental concern established in the college organised green initiative programs and waste management. The energy conservation project of the institute was expanded by installing 605 KW rooftop solar power plant across all its campuses. Concept of Miyawaki urban forest is being implemented in the main campus and AIMIT centre.

He spoke on the visit of Mangalore University inspection committee for research centre recognition and added 20 PG depts have been recognised as research centres under Mangalore University.

Research grant of Rs 2.39 Crore was sanctioned to the college under DBT Builder and this project was coordinated by Dr Asha Abraham, Dept of PG studies and research in Biotechnology. The college has also been selected under UGC STRIDE component 01 where

an amount of Rs 84 lakhs has been sanctioned. Seed money is funded by Mangalore Jesuit Educational Society for student and teacher research projects. Dr Chandrashekara Shetty and Dr Shilpa received research grants from Karnataka Science and Technology Academy.

Speaking further on new initiatives of the college, he said college has launched a publication wing -St Aloysius Prakashana where already 5 books have been published., Ranga Adaayana Kendra for promotion of art and Theatre. The college also has 35 International MOUs and 42 National MOUs.

To promote innovation among students and staff a full fledged incubation centre is established with 20 cubicals at Maffei centre.

To boost the infrastructure facility of college, a state-of-the-art audiovisual auditorium-Joseph Willey Hall was established.

Support facility extended by the college towards the covid 19 pandemic were explained . They include covid care centre for police personnel, distribution of medical and ration kits to the needy, manothejaka- counselling service and vaccination drive in the campus.

The college has started a new certificate course in teaching excellence where in 30 hours of training is given to staff on various topics. Father also highlighted on staff and student achievements in the college as many have qualified KSET and Completed their PhD.

The college has also begun two BVoc Courses namely renewable energy management and software development.

After the presentation principal asked the opinion of the members on the various initiatives taken by the management and also suggestions for improvement.

Dr Kishori Nayak sought updates regarding the question bank for which principal replied that it is kept on hold as NEP has been implemented and once it gets stabilised it will be taken forward. She also appreciated the initiative of our college to train teachers by certificate course. Dr Kishori enquired about the progress made regarding the research centre. In reply Principal said 30 staff profiles have been submitted to the university which will be placed in respective BOS.

Dr Rio Dsouza thanked St Aloysius College for helping St Joseph's College for NAAC with the Paramarsh programme. He also spoke about the need of strengthening the incubation centre.

Mr Allen congratulated the college for all the achievements and added that the college can be in the top 50 in the NIRF ranking. He suggested that the college can offer consultancy services as many people having land are converting it into green belts , hence departments like botany and chemistry can help in the same. Added to it he said this can help students come up with small enterprises after their studies. He also said that projects like waste, water and soil management can be taken up by our students. Principal added that Rs 1, 25, 00, 000 has been sponsored by 1971 batch students for procuring instruments for project.

Dr Rio Dsouza enquired about the benefits of Jalasante for which principal replied that many are getting benefitted. Dr Mamatha added that 3 WhatsApp groups are created for the same and people sell their products which many people have appreciated.

Mr Allen appreciated the initiatives taken by students to name the plants in the campus and suggested that as a consultancy activity of the college it can be extended to other public too who are into agriculture and cultivation.

The future plans were read by the principal.

Dr Kishori said that MOOC courses are of 30 hour duration and can be offered as two credit courses.

Principal said that we are planning to close evening college due to low number and old courses and new courses will be offered in the shift system to benefit working class students.

Mr Allen also suggested to train young people to organise homestay, to find areas where traditional agro-products are produced.

Dr Richard mentioned about the Anjali farm , a 29 acre land near Bantwal in which certificate and diploma courses in agriculture will be initiated from next year.

Dr Denis Fernandes added that from the coming year BSc students will be offered certificate course in renewable energy management.

Dr Alwyn DSa , Controller of Examinations proposed the vote of thanks.