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Internal Quality Assurance Cell

Annual Report 2023-2024

In the academic year 2023-2024, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) played a pivotal role in upholding academic excellence and institutional quality standards. Committed to fostering a culture of continuous improvement, the IQAC diligently monitored and evaluated various aspects of academic and administrative functioning. The IQAC facilitated faculty development programs, workshops, and seminars aimed at enhancing pedagogical methods and research capabilities. The team members of the IQAC for the Academic Year 2023-2024 are as follows:

I Dr K K Geethakumary, Vice Chancellor
Chairperson

II. Dr. Ajithkumar K.V, Professor, Department of Sanskrit Sahitya.
-Director, IQAC
& Member Secretary

III. Syndicate Members

1. Dr. Sivadasan P, Member, Syndicate
2. Dr.Tomy Joseph, Member, Syndicate
3. Dr.Bichu X Malayil, Member, Syndicate

IV. Senior Administrative Officers

1. Pro Vice Chancellor
2. Dr Sunitha Gopalakrishnan, Registrar-In-Charge
3. Sri. Srikant.S, Finance Officer-In-Charge
4. Sri Sukhesh K Divakar, Joint Registrar

V. Teaching Staff

1. Dr. Yamuna K, Professor & HOD, Department of Sanskrit Vyakarana
2. Dr Muralikrishnan T R, Professor, Department of English

3. Dr T Mini, Professor, Department of Sahitya
4. Dr Jose Antony, Professor & HOD, Department of Social Work
5. Dr Susan Thomas, Professor, Department of History & Director, OIA
6. Dr Faizal N M, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
7. Dr Geethadevi R, Asst Professor, Dept of Malayalam, RC Panmana
8. Prof. P H Ibrahimkutty, Professor, Department of Hindi, RC Ettumanoor

9. Dr Sathian M, Professor, Sahitya & HoDi/c Ayurveda, RC Tirur
10. Dr Abdul Nazar M.C, Asso. Professor, Malayalam, RC Koyilandy
11. Dr. Sreevidhya N T, Asst. Professor, Dept of Hindi, RC Koyilandy
12. Dr Ninitha R, Asst. Professor, Dept of Malayalam, RC TVM

VI. Nominees

1. Sri Adarsh.T, Research Scholar, Dept. of Geography
2. Sri. Abhijith K, Member, Block Panchayath, Angamaly
3. Sri. E Dinesan, Director, Kerala State Archeology Department (Alumni)
4. Dr D Ramanathan, Chief Physician & Managing Director, Sitaram Ayurveda, Thrissur

Initiative 1

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) implemented the **Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)** in the academic year 2023-2024, in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to promote flexible, student-centric learning. A dedicated committee was formed to establish regulations and operational modalities for the system. The ABC was set up as a centralized digital repository, allowing students to accumulate, store, and transfer credits earned throughout their studies. Academic credits from 2021 onwards were retrospectively integrated, ensuring the inclusion of past achievements. This initiative enhances interdisciplinary learning, institutional collaboration, and provides students with greater flexibility and transparency in their academic journey.

Initiative 2

The **SSUS Centre for Academic Writing (SCAW)**, introduced by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), aims to position the university as a key player in global academia through scholarly publications. SCAW organized a two-day orientation workshop on **Learning to Teach Writing** from February

22 to 23, 2024, led by experts Anannya Dasgupta and Sayantan Datta from Krea University. Additionally, a 5-day **Academic Writing in Sanskrit** workshop was conducted from August 21 to 25, 2023, focusing on enhancing Sanskrit writing skills. The offline workshop, held at the Media Center, featured prominent resource persons and was coordinated by Dr. Jinitha K. S. and Dr. Sheethal S. Kumar. These initiatives highlight IQAC's dedication to strengthening academic writing capabilities at SSUS.

Initiative 3

As part of its commitment to fostering gender equality and inclusivity, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organized a **Gender Audit** in the University during the academic year 2023-24. Conducted from January 9 to 12, 2024, the audit was led by an expert team comprising Dr. Layana S. Aanand (Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, University of Calicut), Dr. Asha Achy Joseph (Dean, SH School of Communication, Sacred Heart College), and Sri. K.C. Santhosh Kumar (Gender Consultant, KILA). The audit process involved a comprehensive schedule covering all university sections, departments, and members, with various interactive sessions held to gather insights and ensure thorough evaluation. The team successfully completed the audit and submitted their findings for further action, reinforcing the university's commitment to gender equality and improvement.

Initiative 4

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organized a successful **PG Induction Program** from August 7 to 9, 2023, with 357 students participating offline and regional center students joining online. The program featured key addresses from university officials, including Prof. K. Muthulekshmi, Dr. M. B. Gopalakrishnan, Prof. T. Mini, and Dr. K. L. Padmadas. Sessions included an introduction to the campus, ice-breaking activities, interactions with the Vice-Chancellor, discussions on SC/ST cells, sexuality education, and social welfare, along with cultural programs and a short play. The program concluded with a 'Say no to drugs' session, followed by a feedback session and certificate distribution. This initiative highlights IQAC's focus on student orientation, well-being, and holistic development.

Initiative 5

Under the initiative of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), the **SSUS Centre for Online Learning (SCOL)** was established to enhance the university's digital learning capabilities. As part of this initiative, faculty members received comprehensive training in online teaching methodologies to effectively deliver content in virtual settings. Additionally, foundational courses such as **Sanskrit for Ayurveda Teachers** and **Basic Sanskrit Course in Malayalam for the Public** were developed and successfully launched. This initiative highlights SSUS's commitment to fostering academic excellence by leveraging innovative digital platforms to broaden access to quality education and meet the evolving needs of diverse learners.

Initiative 6

As part of its commitment to fostering an inclusive and equitable academic environment, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) has established a **Gender Evaluation & Monitoring Committee (GEMC)** to promote gender awareness and address grievances. Additionally, the **SSUS Gender Inclusion and Diversity Policy-2023** has been developed to guide efforts in ensuring inclusivity across all university activities. To further this mission, a **Gender Inclusivity & Diversity Cell (GID Cell)** has been constituted on the main campus and regional campuses. This cell is dedicated to addressing the academic, social, political, and cultural experiences of transgender, intersex, and gender non-conforming individuals within the university, ensuring a supportive and empowering environment for all.

Initiative 7

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), in collaboration with the Department of Higher Secondary Education, Kerala, successfully organized a **Higher Secondary School Teachers Transformation Program (HSSTP)**. This training program, facilitated by the Departments of English, Sanskrit Sahitya, Hindi, and Sociology, aimed to enhance the pedagogical skills and subject expertise of higher secondary school teachers. By fostering knowledge exchange and professional growth, this initiative underscores IQAC's commitment to strengthening the quality of education and building impactful collaborations with the wider educational community.

Initiative 8

As part of the University's mission to achieve digital transformation, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) has implemented several innovative

initiatives. These include the adoption of **UNISPARK software** for managing service matters of teaching and non-teaching staff, the integration of **NIC software** to streamline financial accounting processes, and the provision for issuing **digital certificates** to students. Additionally, IQAC is organizing **training programs** for both teaching and non-teaching staff to enhance their proficiency in using AI tools and Google Workspace, aimed at improving administrative and academic efficiency. These initiatives underscore IQAC's commitment to leveraging technology for institutional excellence and modernization.

Initiative 9

In the academic year 2023-2024, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) spearheaded the signing of multiple **Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)** with prestigious institutions to enhance academic and research opportunities. Key collaborations include an MoU with the Central University of Hyderabad for teaching, research, and training initiatives, and an MoU with the Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (KDISC) to develop skill-based courses. An MoU with GeoHazard Society, New Delhi, was established to promote academic, research, and consultancy efforts in disaster management. Additionally, an MoU with the Kerala Council for Historical Research (KCHR) facilitates the publication of source materials under the *Kalady Historical Series*. The partnership with the Centre for Textual Studies and Publications (CTSP) of Kottakkal Arya Vaidyasala focuses on collaborative research and publication activities, reflecting the university's commitment to interdisciplinary growth and innovation.

Initiative 10

As an innovative step to nurture creativity and entrepreneurship, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in association with the Social Work Department facilitated the establishment of a **Solution-Focused Virtual Incubator** at the University in collaboration with the Kerala Development & Strategic Council (K-Disc) and the Young Innovators Programme (YIP) of the Government of Kerala. Launched on June 20, 2023, this initiative aims to identify and develop innovative ideas from students and researchers into actionable projects. During the academic year 2023-24, six training sessions were conducted for undergraduate, postgraduate, and research students. These efforts led to the registration of five innovative business ideas in YIP, with two of these ideas advancing to the district and state level competition, highlighting the program's success in fostering student innovation and entrepreneurial potential.

Initiative 11

As part of its strategic initiatives to enhance academic collaboration, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) facilitated the signing of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** between the University and Kerala University of Health Sciences. This partnership aims to promote joint efforts in teaching, research, and training in the fields of Ayurveda and Sanskrit. In the first phase of this collaboration, a **7-Day Short-Term Course in Sanskrit** was organized for faculty members from Ayurveda colleges under Kerala University of Health Sciences. This program reflects the university's commitment to fostering interdisciplinary learning and strengthening the integration of traditional knowledge systems with modern academic practices.

Initiative 12

As part of the Sankarajyanthi Celebrations II Phase, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) took the initiative to **honor awardees and winners** of various prestigious accolades and inter-university competitions. This recognition ceremony celebrated the outstanding achievements of students, showcasing their excellence in academics, arts, and sports. The winners were felicitated with mementos and certificates, symbolizing the university's commitment to encouraging talent and fostering a culture of excellence and motivation within the campus community.

Initiative 13

IQAC in association with Students Counselling Cell has organized a Programme "**RULES OF RELATIONSHIP**" in connection with World Mental Health Day, on 4TH October 2023. The session was handled by the members of Sex Education Kerala. As an initiative of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in collaboration with the Students' Counseling Cell, the **Counseling Scouts Program** has been established to enhance student well-being on campus. Representing each department, these trained professionals, selected for the 2024-2026 term, act as a bridge between students and the counseling cell. Prioritizing mental health and academic support, the scouts actively engage with students during monthly visits to identify areas of interest and concern, which inform public programs tailored to students' needs. By addressing academic challenges, resolving internal conflicts, and safeguarding student privacy, the Counseling Scouts have strengthened the campus mental health framework and facilitated seamless communication of student concerns to authorities at both departmental and university levels.

In conclusion, the initiatives undertaken by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) throughout the academic year 2023-2024 reflect the university's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, inclusivity, and innovation. From the establishment of the Gender Evaluation & Monitoring Committee (GEMC) and the SSUS Centre for Academic Writing (SCAW) to the successful implementation of the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), IQAC has played a pivotal role in driving forward the university's mission to provide a student-centric, interdisciplinary, and technologically advanced learning environment. These efforts not only align with national educational policies but also ensure that SSUS continues to evolve as a leading institution that fosters holistic development, supports diverse learning needs, and strengthens academic collaboration across disciplines.

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Director, IQAC