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Internal Quality Assurance Cell Annual Report 2022-2023

In the academic year 2022-2023, 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 2022-2023 are as follows:

I Dr. M.V Narayanan, Vice ChancellorII. Dr. Mini T, Professor, Department of Sanskrit Sahitya.& Member Secretary

- Chairperson
- -Director, IQAC

III. Syndicate Members

- 1. Dr. Sasidharan R, Member, Syndicate
- 2. Adv. Premkumar, MLA, Member Syndicate

IV. Senior Administrative Officers

- 1. Dr. M.B Gopalakrishnan, Registrar
- 2. Sri. Sunilkumar S, Finance Officer
- 3. Sri. Sukhesh K Divakar, Joint Registrar (Administration)

V. Director, Planning & Development

Dr. M.S Muraleedharan Pillai, Professor & HoD, Department of Sanskrit Vedanta

VI. Teaching Staff

- 1. Dr. Shanti Nair, Professor, Department of Hindi
- 2. Dr. Yamuna K, Professor, Department of Sanskrit Vyakarana
- 3. Dr. K Muthulekshmi, Professor, Department of Sanskrit Vedanta
- 4. Dr. Sheeba K.M, Professor & HoD, Department of History
- 5. Dr. Jose Antony, Professor & HoD, Department of Social Work
- 6. Dr. Saju T.S, Associate Professor & HoD, Department of Geography
- 7. Dr. Omana P.V, Associate Professor, RC Thiruvananthapuram

- 8. Dr. Sathian M, Associate Professor & HoD, i/c of Ayurveda
- 9. Dr. Pushpadasan Kuniyil, Associate Professor & Campus Director, RC Koyilandy
- 10. Dr. Herman P.J, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi
- 11. Dr. Reshma Bharadwaj, Asst Professor, Department of Social Work
- 12. Dr. Anitha A, Asst Prof, Department of Social Work, RC Payyannur
- 13. Dr. Biju Vincent, Asst Prof & HoD, Department of Sociology
- 14. Dr. Chandravadana G, Asst Prof & Campus Director, RC Ettumanur
- 15. Dr. Vijayalekshmi K.P, Asst Prof & Campus Director, RC Panmana
- 16. Dr. Ninitha R. Asst Prof, Department of Malayalam
- 17. Dr. Nivedhitha Kalarickal, Asst Prof, Department of Comp. Literature
- 18. Dr. Abhilash M, Asst Prof, Department of History
- 19. Dr. Sheethal S Kumar, Asst. Professor, Department of Sociology
- 20. Dr. Padmadas K.L, Asst Prof, Department of Sanskrit Sahitya
- 21. Dr. Sridevi, Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit Sahitya, RC Tirur
- 22. Dr. Arun Jaganathan, Asst Prof, Dept of Sanskrit Sahitya, RC Ettumanoor
- 23. Dr. Sangeetha Thiruval P.P, Asst Prof, Dept of Malayalam, RC, Thuravoor

VII. Nominees

- 1. Smt. Athulya Raj, Research Scholar, Dept. of Sahitya
- 2. Sri. Sujeesh G, Research Scholar, Dept. of Geography
- 3. Smt. Sarada Mohan, Member, District Panchayath
- 4. Dr. Tolin (CEO), Tolins Tyre Manufacturers
- 5. Sri. E. Dinesan, Director, Kerala State Archaeology Department, Thiruvananthapuram (Alumni)

VIII Special Invitees

Dr. Jagan Sebastian George, Research Officer, RUSA SPD

Initiative 1

IQAC took initiatives for implementing the SSUS Digital Humanities Project (SDHP) which was one of the top-priorities of the University under Institutional Development Plan (IDP). Documentation and digitization as the major aspects, SDHP interacts with all research departments and special centers of the University and would ensure the opportunity to offer and allow anyone from anywhere in the world to join and have access with the University in its academic programmes and sessions of training and become part of the University Community. An advisory committee, with Dr.Saju T S, Associate Professor, Department of Geography as the convenor, has been constituted for coordinating the activities and for providing necessary technical suggestions for the smooth and effective implementation of the Digital Humanities Project.

Initiative 2

IQAC introduced SSUS Centre for Academic Writing (SCAW) as the watermark impression of SSUS in world Academia through publication. SCAW organized an intensive five day orientation programme on research writing and academic publication under the 'Erudite-Scholar in Residence Programme Funded Kerala State Higher Education Council on the topic 'Research to Write, Write to Research' from 27.03.2023 to 31.03.2023. Dr.Sanjay S Kumar, of Central European University, Vienna was the resource person for the programme. The programme provided hands-on training to the Researchers and introduced the basics of critical reading and academic writing. The programme effectively addressed the issues and anxieties of the scholars who are in their early stage of research and initiated them to academic writing.

Initiative 3

File Management and Tracking System (FMTS) developed by the University IT wing marked a significant achievement in technological innovation and efficiency. Initiated steps to make the FMTS software as full-fledged and achieved the outcome by making the FMTS available to all administrative sections of the University.

Initiative 4

A committee consisting of Dr. Mini T, Director, IQAC, Dr. Yamuna K (former NAAC Co-ordinator) and Dr. Saju T.S, (former IQAC Director) studied the Draft Accreditation Manual & Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in respect of Sanskrit Universities and Institutions and submitted a report regarding feedback to the NAAC.

Initiative 5

On reviewing the exclusion of University from the NIRF ranking 2022 as a major setback, each and every criteria on NIRF ranking, especially the weaker areas like Perception, Research & Professional Practice etc was discussed, and resolved to take necessary steps to improve the position so as to get in NIRF ranking 2023.

Initiative 6

In pursuit of enhancing educational accessibility and quality, the establishment of the SSUS Centre for Online Learning marks a significant milestone. Advisory & technical committees have been constituted to provide necessary technical support and solutions for the purchase of video recording equipment and softwares.

Initiative 7

To promote, nurture and preserve mural arts and to provide consultancy service in this field, SSUS Centre for Preservation and Promotion of Mural Arts & Cultural Heritage – (SSUS C-MACH) has been established under the Fine Arts Consortium of the university. The SSUS-C-MACH has executed its first project in the Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL), depicting Mural Art painting based on Arts forms of Kerala in an area of 368 square feet on the outer wall of entrance & exit of the newly built Business Jet Terminal. The Centre has

also submitted proposals for the restoration and creation of Mural Art Works in Pazhassi Raja Memorial Centre and Kerala Kalamandalam, Deemed to be University.

Initiative 8

IQAC conducted a one day UG Induction programme for 1st year UG students on 06.12.2022. The Statutory Officers of the University addressed the freshers and the students were introduced about the teaching learning process, basic amenities, infrastructure etc. Director of Students Services, Dr.Unnikrishnan.P conducted the first session 'Understanding SSUS'. A session on Learning Management System (LMS) was led by the Software Developer Smt.Biya Binoy. Sessions like Introduction to Ability Enhancement Course by Associate Professor Dr.Sangamesan.K.M and Melting to Mould by the Career Guidance Cell were so effective to create a welcoming environment that helped to build a sense of community and to connect them with faculty, staff and other students.

Initiative 9

Three day induction programme was conducted for the first semester post graduate students on 2022 July 6,7 & 8. The induction programme was handled productively by the expert hands like Dr.Unnikrishnan.P, Dr.Sunil.P.Elayidom on the topics like 'Student's Rights and 'Knowledge Production and Critical Thinking'. Various sessions like 'Comprehensive Sexuality Education' by Dr. Hena N.N., Co- founder, SEK Foundation and 'On Gender' handled by Aanandh C. Rajappan had fruitful effects on the freshers.

Initiative 10

IQAC organized a five day training programme for the University Administrative staff from 23rd to 27th May 2023. The training was enriched with informative sessions like Right to Information Act 2005, Welfare Scheme for students in general and for SC/ST Students in particular, Admission Rules and Procedures, Audit Awareness and about the Online University Services. All administrative staff from the Regional Campuses, Departments and Administrative Sections have attended the programme. An interactive session on the topic Modernization of University System found to be more fruitful as many valuable opinions and suggestions were put forwarded by the Administrative staff.

Initiative 11

IQAC conducted a five day orientation programme to the Teaching Faculty on the topic 'Outcome Based Teaching Learning Evaluation' from 20th February 2023 to 24 February 2023. The training sessions for the faculty covered various topics like, Online Teaching and OBTLE.

Initiative 12

IQAC in association with UGC Stride conducted a one day Orientation programme on 01.02.2023 for the faculty members, on the topic National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). Sri Venkatesh, Director, Institute of Academic Excellence, Hyderabad and Dr. M V S Ram Prasad, Director Hazon technologies served as the Resource Persons. All the

Department Heads, Directors of all the Regional Campuses and the Centre Coordinators who were obliged for the data collection for NIRF actively participated in the Orientation.

Sd/-Dr Ajithkumar K V Director, IQAC