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2.5.3 IT integration and reforms in the examination procedures and processes

Q: IT integration and reforms in the examination procedures and processes including Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) have brought in considerable improvement in Examination Management System (EMS) of the Institution
A:
The Examination System is marked by flexibility and transparency and is open to incorporating reforms and modifications from time to time.Utmost attention is paid to include all the reforms recommended by the University Grants Commission.Care is taken to ensure that the system is fool-proof and provides easy access to the students to register their grievances for redressal. Recent reforms in the evaluation system include the Outcome-Based Education Framework, MOOCs, Internship Experience and Project Work.These are to be used for assessing higher-order abilities and professional skills. Bloom's Taxonomy has been adopted for designing courses and conducting examinations.

With greater ICT integration and automation of the overall examination system, several new practices have been introduced. The process of tabulation has been automated. It is carried out by the EDULEAD software developed by Sustainability Outreach Universal and Leadership Limited (SOUL). Likewise, EDULEAD is used for the registration of students by filling up examination forms, generating admit cards (hall tickets) and declaration of results.

To ensure meaningful engagement of the students throughout the semester, emphasis is placed on Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA), including Mid-Semester examinations, Quizzes/ Surprise Tests/ Presentations, Assignments, Class Participation, etc.

The university has implemented the digitization of certificates and marksheets to prevent tampering and to facilitate their easy retrieval. It has enlisted as a member of the National Academic Depository (NAD) through the cloud-based platform DigiLocker and Academic Bank of Credits (ABC). Currently, the university has been running regular awareness sessions among the students to encourage greater use of the Digi Locker. Earlier, the credit-based evaluation system, as distinct from a marks-based evaluation system, had been introduced to ensure uniformity with assessment systems in operation in national reputed academic institutions.

The university has been conducting regular Examination Orientation Programmes for students, faculty and non-teaching staff. Timely publication of results and issuance of certificates is given utmost importance.

Two sets of questions are prepared for each paper to maintain confidentiality. Questions are framed covering all the units with internal choice and proper moderation. To maintain uniformity in the evaluation pattern, a scheme of evaluation is prepared by senior experts and shared with the evaluators. A squad team consisting of senior faculty members are appointed to monitor the smooth conduct of examinations. Every examination hall remains under the CCTV surveillance system. To ensure transparency in the evaluation, re-totaling of marks is in place. Supplementary examination system for back papers facilitates students to improve upon their academic performances.

KISS-DU has initiated some major reforms in evaluation. Due weight is given to students for their attendance and periodic academic tests in the classroom. Implementation of these measures creates a positive and vibrant academic ambience in the campus.