



KALINGA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (KISS)

Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar - 751024

(Declared under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956)

6.5.3 IQAC Incremental improvements

Q: Incremental improvements made for the preceding five years with regard to quality (in case of first cycle NAAC A/A)

Describe quality enhancement initiatives in the academic and administrative domains successfully implemented during the last five years within a Maximum of 500 words for either

A: Since its inception in 2019, IQAC has been working on processes and procedures for improving quality of teaching-learning and research in the institution. It has developed quality benchmarks for various academic and administrative activities of the university and making out gap-analysis.

The IQAC has contributed significantly for institutionalizing many quality assurance strategies and processes in the University. The following are two important practices:

1. Curriculum has been revised twice (2018 and 2021). Choice Based Credit System and Elective Courses were launched. Outcome based learning was introduced with mapping for each COs, POs, PSOs, and PEOs. Courses and programmes are reviewed and updated with potential to enhance employability, entrepreneurship and skill development.
2. Internal Quality Assurance Cell monitors and ensures academic quality enhancement. It has organized many extramural lectures, implemented the UGC Quality Mandate, helped the various schools to organize seminars, carried out academic audits, published newsletters, quality initiatives showcase and sensitized the faculty on various aspects of the NEP 2020 regularly.
3. Since its inception, Human Resource Development Centre has conducted Faculty Induction Programmes, and Faculty Development Programmes.
4. With time, many Research Chairs have been instituted in the name of legends and each Chair regularly organizes lectures and seminars, guided doctoral research students and published books and monographs.
5. Tribal Advisory Council was constituted in 2021 as a non-statutory advisory body to advise on the overall institutional development and enhancement of informed engagement between tribal communities and the University.
6. The university appointed twenty-three distinguished academicians as Professors Emeriti in 2021. They engage in academic lectures, mentoring scholars and the young faculty in various academic-driven activities.
7. Fourteen outstanding practitioners of various tribal knowledge systems-though often without formal academic training were appointed as Professors of Practice in January, 2022. They serve as visiting professors involve in lecture and workshops with students on their domain expertise.
8. Research and Development Cell has been set up, according to the UGC Guidelines. University has put together Institution's Innovation Council, and seven innovation centres. There is an institutional incubation centre and a special cell dedicated to IPR.
9. A Nano Innovation Laboratory was founded in 2020, with a mandate to explore research of upcoming Nano Science and Technology.
10. KISS-DU has been working on a number of national and international research projects.

11. The university leverages ICT to the optimum level. The library system has been completely automated by means of the integrated library management software LIBSYS 10. The University has also enlisted as a member of National Digital Library of India. Examination and office management too have been automated with ERP. University has lately registered with National Academic Depository, DigiLocker and Academic Bank of Credit.
12. With advent of each year, university has signed national and international MoUs and Collaborations. An International Relations Office has been established to co-ordinate institutional collaborations with academic institutions outside India.
13. A Competitive Preparation Centre was established under the overall Training and Placement Cell.
14. University has added a new academic block and two new hostel buildings. An Institutional Development Plan and a Strategic Plan have been put in place, for optimum utilization of available resources.

Documents Attached

- [University IQAC Cell](#)