

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

In accordance with the guidelines of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the quality assurance framework promoted by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), the **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)** has been constituted at Sri Sai University, Palampur. The primary objective of IQAC is to develop a systematic mechanism for **continuous improvement in academic and administrative performance**, thereby ensuring the enhancement of quality in all institutional processes.

The IQAC at Sri Sai University was formally established in **2020** as a proactive measure to institutionalize quality assurance practices and promote a culture of excellence in higher education. The Cell functions as a **central monitoring and advisory body** that ensures the adoption of best practices, quality benchmarks, and innovative academic initiatives in alignment with national and global educational standards.

Vision of IQAC

To promote a **quality-driven culture within the University** through continuous evaluation, innovation, and implementation of best academic and administrative practices, leading to institutional excellence and global recognition.

Mission of IQAC

- To develop and apply **quality benchmarks** for academic and administrative activities.
- To facilitate the **integration of modern teaching-learning methodologies**.
- To promote **research, innovation, and international collaborations**.
- To ensure **continuous monitoring and evaluation** of institutional processes.
- To encourage **stakeholder participation** in institutional quality enhancement.

Objectives of IQAC

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell works with the following major objectives:

1. **Quality Enhancement in Academic Activities:** The IQAC strives to improve teaching-learning processes by encouraging innovative pedagogical methods, curriculum enrichment, and outcome-based education.
2. **Development of Quality Benchmarks:** The Cell develops and implements quality parameters for various academic and administrative activities to ensure standardization and efficiency.
3. **Stakeholder Feedback Mechanism:** IQAC regularly collects and analyzes feedback from **students, faculty members, parents, alumni, and employers** regarding institutional processes and services.
4. **Promotion of Best Practices :**It promotes institutional functioning towards quality enhancement through **standardization, digitization, and adoption of best practices**.

5. **Academic and Administrative Audit:** IQAC conducts periodic **internal academic and administrative audits** to evaluate the effectiveness of courses, departments, and institutional policies.
6. **Documentation and Quality Reporting:** It maintains proper documentation of quality initiatives and prepares reports for submission to statutory bodies.

Functions of IQAC

The IQAC performs several important functions to maintain and improve institutional quality standards:

- Planning and monitoring **academic and administrative quality improvement initiatives**.
- Conducting **periodic meetings** with representatives from various schools and departments.
- Coordinating with **Heads of Departments (HODs)** and university authorities for effective policy implementation.
- Suggesting **corrective measures and strategic improvements** wherever necessary.
- Formulating **guidelines for teaching methodologies, evaluation systems, and research activities**.
- Encouraging the adoption of **ICT-enabled teaching and learning practices**.
- Facilitating **faculty development programs, workshops, seminars, and training sessions**.
- Monitoring the implementation of **quality assurance strategies** across all academic and non-academic processes.

Working Mechanism of IQAC

The IQAC works in close coordination with all **schools, departments, and administrative units** of the University. Important academic and administrative decisions are taken after **comprehensive discussions and consultations with members representing different departments**.

Regular **IQAC meetings** are conducted to review institutional progress, identify areas for improvement, and formulate strategies for quality enhancement. The decisions and initiatives undertaken by the IQAC are documented and presented in the form of **Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQAR)** before the statutory bodies of the University.

Role in Academic Planning

The IQAC actively contributes to the **planning and execution of academic activities** such as:

- Curriculum review and revision
- Academic calendar preparation
- Monitoring teaching-learning processes
- Evaluation and examination reforms
- Promotion of interdisciplinary and skill-based courses

All IQAC-related activities are incorporated in the **University Academic Calendar**, ensuring transparency and systematic implementation.

Continuous Quality Improvement

Quality enhancement is a **continuous and dynamic process**, and the IQAC of Sri Sai University is committed to establishing **new benchmarks for academic excellence and administrative efficiency**. Through regular monitoring, feedback analysis, and collaborative decision-making, the IQAC ensures that the University maintains high standards of education, research, and institutional governance.

The IQAC thus acts as a **catalyst for institutional development**, fostering a culture of quality, accountability, and innovation within the University.

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