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Answer -

Internal Quality assurance Cell has contributed significantly for institutionalizing the quality assurance strategies and process of the University immensely.

IQAC has begun to play an important role since its inception.

- It has been functioning as the sentinel in supervising the maintenance of high and consistent quality in all the areas of the institution.
- It never allows the university with any space for laxity or for lowering its guard to compromise with the quality.
- IQAC has been functioning in every campus as well as the Head Quarters office at Delhi to look after the NAAC activities, which in its periodical meetings reviews the continuation of uncompromising policy with quality and also caters to the needs of acquiring the highest accreditation for its uninterrupted reputation as a premier Sanskrit institution in India.

Through its best followed institutionalized practices, it balances the promotion of learning Shastras leading to the creation of student centric atmosphere in campuses besides assessing, suggesting and providing the parameters of quality education.

- It conducts Academic Audit of each department every year. The committee with experts included from outside the campus or institution for the purpose checks the academic plans going through the records for particulars of publications, extension activity, collaboration, innovative

programmes, ICT based activity, student competitions, seminars and workshops etc.

- It evaluates the future academic plans of improvisations basing on the past experiences and practices.
- The departments are on high alert due to this academic audit and they constantly try to work out improvisations in curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for future.

Adoption of Green Practices in the campus is another initiative taken up by IQAC to maintain eco-friendly environment in campus through such activities like

- Plantation of saplings,
- Paperless works,
- Plastic ban,
- Green and beautification programmes,
- Vehicle-free day,
- Save power,
- Swachha Bharat programme and its awareness,
- Renewable energy and
- E-Waste management etc.
- Such initiatives will impress not only the students but also the public.

The use of technology has become an integral part of today's teaching and learning process. For that, IQAC always encourages the campus to install ICT tools for the benefit of teachers and students.

- Smart class rooms are a technological replacement of conventional class rooms, which enable the students to learn so many things at a short period of time.
- For that the campus provides infrastructural facility to every department like advanced ICT tools, broadband internet Wi-Fi, etc. It encourages the campus to send its teachers for training to acquire technological skills and conducts workshops i.e., use of Google Apps, Video Conferences, use of e-mail and managing of ICT tools etc.
- The social platforms like YouTube are also used actively and extensively by the students and staff for learning.

- This activity has actually helped the campus to conduct online classes during the Covid-19 pandemic times.
- The students and teachers are able to engage in teaching and learning activity in online mode, though the campus is shutdown due to lockdown.

The institution has an effective and well-oiled mechanism of IQAC functioning in all campuses and in Head Quarters office, through which a constant and periodical review of teaching and learning process, structure and methodologies of operations and learning outcomes etc., is conducted.

- Meetings of Boards of Studies are conducted for assessment and evaluation of the relevance of the curricula to the present needs of the learners in the contemporary times.
- The entire admission process from entrance test and including the payment of admission fees for PrakShastri to Acharya and BEd and MEd and Vidyavaridhi is in online mode and hence very transparent one.
- Similarly, the examination works from application to payment of fees are in online mode.

IQAC conducts academic audit every year for all Departments in campuses.

- It evaluates the quality of the teaching and learning standards and suggests various measures for further improvement.
- It constantly monitors through the feedbacks it receives from students, teachers, parents/guardians and alumni etc in the prescribed format.
- It also suggests all the departments for self evaluation to set higher goals to meet new challenges.
- It assesses the part of interaction and relation of teachers with students and suggests ways to create such an academic atmosphere conducive to learning hassle free.

Innovative pedagogical methods like power point presentation, projects, field trips, role plays, workshops and use of audio visual aids in addition to the task of completion of curriculum through assignments, class tests and tutorials etc., are encouraged.

Culture of research is promoted through conducting various research workshops in departments.

- Seminars and conferences are organized on themes relevant to the educational needs of the learners and also to meet their futuristic demands.
- Rooms with Audio visual facilities and fitted with ICT tools are available for the benefit of using the advanced technology in teaching and learning process.
- Now, the staff and students can have the luxury of going through their lessons as many times as possible as they are available in the recorded CDs and Videos etc.

An Academic Calendar is available with all the events like holidays, vacations, important programmes, examinations both annual and semester modes, semester breaks and Dussehra and summer vacations etc. thus, the students and staff are well informed in advance about all the academic events of the academic session, so that they can plan and manage with meticulous care.

Covid-19 pandemic has taught so many lessons to all and IQAC as well as the institution very quickly have adapted to virtual mode of having classes, webinars, virtual meetings and conferences etc., in an uninterrupted show of the progression of academic activities.

- The library has also adopted the new technological developments in its practices and subscribed for E-Journals and E-Books etc.
- The pandemic has also taught for a change in the life style by giving at most significance to cleanliness, practice of Yoga, switching to Indian system of medicines like Ayurveda and Naturopathy and shunning away the western foodies for changing to traditional and homely foodies.