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Minutes of the Meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics held on December 15, 2021

A meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the Institute was held on Wednesday, 15th December, 2021. at 3.30 p.m. in the Institute. The following members were present:

1. Prof. Rajas Parchure, Offg. Director (In Chair)
2. Prof. Sangeeta Shroff, Coordinator, IQAC
3. Prof. Dhanmanjiri Sathe, Member
4. Prof. Manoj Kar, Member (online)
5. Dr. Atreyee Sinha Chakraborty, Member
6. Dr. K. S. Reddy, Member
7. Mrs. Ashwini Joglekar, Member
8. Prof. Jayanti Kajale, Invitee
9. Prof. Nanaji Shewale, Invitee
10. Dr. K. S. Hari, Invitee
11. Mr. Pramod Joshi, Invitee
12. Mr. Ramakrishna Gholve, Invitee
13. Mrs. Manisha Shinde, Invitee
14. Mr. Kuber Gophane, Invitee
15. Mr. Shrikant Katkar, Invitee
16. Mr. Majar Ali Inamdar, Invitee
17. Prof. P. N. Rath, Member

Mr. Shridhar Dhavale, Mr. Mayur Vora, Ms. Uditia Makhija, Prof. Kailas Thaware, Dr. Prashant Bansode, Dr. Anurag Asawa, Dr. Savita Kulkarni, and Dr. Ashish Kulkarni could not attend the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances.

Despite the absence of certain members, it was decided to conduct the meeting, as several issues relating to the functioning of the Institute, had to be discussed.

Minutes:

1. At the outset, the IQAC coordinator informed the members, that the Institute had been accredited with A Grade on 16th March 2016 and hence the accreditation period has now lapsed. It is therefore important that all efforts should be made, to get prepared for the third cycle. In view of the lockdown caused by Covid 19, there were several constraints in starting the preparation for the third cycle. However, it was noted that despite sudden lockdown and several members of teaching and non-teaching staff being a victim of the virus, the academic and extra-curricular activities continued to function smoothly. The admission processes were also in order and online classes were conducted without any problems. The infrastructure in the Institute was strengthened so as to switch over to online mode and classes were being regularly held.
2. The IQAC coordinator brought to the notice of the members, the status of the Institute with respect to the seven criterion, on the basis of which the NAAC assessment is conducted. It was felt by the members that it would be useful for the Institute to seek some mentoring, in the process

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of preparation of the 3rd cycle. Hence, it was decided to have a tie up with IQAC Cluster, who excel in mentoring Universities for NAAC preparation. Since IAQC cluster has already conducted several workshops/meetings, for teaching and administrative staff of the Institute, it was unanimously decided by members of the IQAC, that an MoU should be signed with IQAC cluster, so that the process of NAAC preparation for 3rd cycle can be stream lined. Further, faculty members will also be assigned certain criterion on which they must focus, so as to be compliant with NAAC guidelines. Hence decentralization in the process of NAAC preparation will ensure speedy preparation and active participation by all.

3. The highlights of the NEP 2020 were also discussed in length in the meeting.

The Cell noted and resolved the following:

- (i) As per NEP 2020 the Institute has to identify itself as a large multidisciplinary higher educational institute (HEI) as envisioned in NEP 2020. It will be a research-cum-teaching University and will continue to put enough thrust on research work even when the Institute progresses towards attainment of minimum strength, that is required to be recognized as a University.
- (ii) The Institute should focus on starting/ continuing with value added courses as suggested under NEP. The focus of the courses should be on employability and skill development. Attempts should also be made to integrate education with the rural sector of the economy. The Institute is already leveraging on programs such as *Unnat Bharat Abhiyan*, to reach out to the rural community.
- (iii) The IQAC noted the importance of Academic Bank Credit which is an important feature of NEP. Hence, it was considered necessary to further strengthen the infrastructure of the Institute, so that the Institute will be able to attract students from other Universities to register for its courses.
- (iv) An NEP Cell is required to be constituted in the Institute, in order to oversee the implementation of NEP 2020, for the Institute, as suggested by the letter issued by UGC, dated November 18, 2021. The Officiating Director will accordingly nominate the faculty members, who will be in charge of the cell.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


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