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6.5.3 Incremental Improvements made by the Institute after the previous NAAC cycle (2016)

The last NAAC Peer Review Committee visited the Institute during February 18-20, 2016 and has made several suggestions for the Institute. The suggestions were discussed thoroughly in the Faculty/ IQAC Working Committee meeting dated April 30, 2019. In the meantime, the Institute has complied with most of the suggestions as given below:

- 1. Institution should development administrative structure as per UGC Regulations: The Institute has developed the administrative structure as per UGC Regulations by creation of post of the Vice Chancellor. Similarly, provision of some other positions like, Deans, Associate Deans and Controller of Examinations was made by designating Professors, Associate Professors on rotation. A post of Assistant Controller of Examinations was also created to assist the Controller of Examinations. Besides, two existing non-teaching staff have been designated as in-charges of Academic and Administrative Sections respectively.
- 2. Efforts should be initiated for generous funding from MHRD/ UGC to establish as a premier centre of learning in Economics: In spite of the fact that there has been no significant increase in the Government funding for the Institute, the Institute has been marching towards becoming a premier centre of learning in Economics which is evident from the fact that as many as four masters' programmes and one UG programme have been introduced in the Institute. Presently, the Institute is offering largest number of courses on different areas of Economics in the country.
- 3. **Students' enrolment need to be enhanced:** There has been a steady increase in the number of students enrolled under different programmes and the students' strength is more than double than that of 2016.
- 4. Five Years' Integrated Programme leading to PG may be introduced: Though the Institute did not introduce five years' integrated programme, it started B. Sc. (Economics), a three year UG Programme in 2019. Needless to say, from 2022-2023 Academic Year, the Institute introduced four-year B.Sc. (Economics) Programme following the National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHFQF) as prescribed under National Education Policy 2020.

5. **Efforts needed to attract post-doctoral students:** The Institute recently has been trying to institute post-doctoral fellowship and the same will be in place in a year's time.

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- 6. Regular Director along with vacant faculty positions need to be filled up: At the instance of IQAC for a full time Director, the Institute has created a full time post of Vice Chancellor in 2021 vide a resolution in the Board of Management dated 21 May 2021. The first Vice Chancellor has assumed office on February 4, 2022. Regarding faculty positions, the Institute regularly approaches to Government to fill Government sanctioned positions, advertise the posts immediately after getting concurrence from the Government. Further, the Institute has been creating faculty positions from its own funds from time to time and there is an increase of 75% in the total number of faculty members from 2016 till date.
- 7. Feedback from all stakeholders needs to be obtained and analysed: The feedback system is now migrated into ERP software and the same is streamlined. As of today, the feedback of students through ERP has already been taken. The process of obtaining feedback from other stakeholders is going on and will be finalized soon.

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