

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Proceedings of the 13th Meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Parul University, held on April 19, 2025, at the IQAC Conference Room, Parul University

Date: 19th April 2025

The meeting commenced with predefined agendas shared with committee members. Dr. Falguni Acharya, Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, initiated proceedings at 10:30 AM with a warm welcome and a comprehensive briefing on the agenda. She then systematically presented each item, encouraging thorough discussion and active participation from all attendees. Valuable suggestions and insights were welcomed and duly noted throughout the proceedings. The outcomes and decisions pertaining to each agenda item are documented below. The meeting concluded with a summary of the key resolutions, emphasizing their significance in advancing quality enhancement initiatives. The list of attendees can be found in Annexure I.

Agenda: 1	Opening Remarks by the IQAC Director
	Dr. Acharya provided an overview of the meeting's objectives and outlined the key agendas to be discussed. She set the tone for a collaborative and focused session, emphasizing the importance of quality enhancement and continuous improvement across institutional practices.
Agenda: 2	Review and Confirmation of the Proceedings of the 12th IQAC meeting (May 20, 2024)
Resolution	The following are the significant points from the previous proceedings: • Participation in various Accreditation, Ranking, and Rating • Initiatives and activities for quality improvement • Discussion about NAAC - Reforms in accreditation • Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA), 2023-24 • Status of NEP-2020 implementation • Curriculum reforms (New introduction, Revisions, Adaptation of CBMER-2023) • Revised format for the Lesson plan, Syllabus completion report, and Academic booklet • Revision in various proformas of Feedback collection and data collection • Initiatives to enhance Research and Innovation Progression • Commencement of online programs The members confirmed the proceedings.
Agenda: 3	Presentation of the action taken based on the suggestions provided during the 12th IQAC meeting.
Resolution	(i) Suggestion: There should be a factor in AAA that assesses the actions taken regarding the suggestions/comments provided during AAA.

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	Action taken: The process of Academic and Administrative Audit has integrated the assessment factor for the implementation of suggestions/comments provided during AAA. The HOIs are to present the same during their presentations, along with the best practices of the institution. (ii) Suggestion: There should be two audits: First for gap analysis and second for verifying the fulfilment of suggestions. Action Taken: The AAA process has integrated both the steps: (i) Verification, gap analysis, and suggestions by the IQAC-Core team before the audit, (ii) Final audit by the President, the Vice-President(s), the Provost, the Registrar, and the IQAC Director (iii) Suggestion (i): The MIS should be utilized for generating the syllabus completion report. Suggestion (ii): The Syllabus completion report should be shared with the parents periodically. Action Taken: IQAC has conceptualized the requirement and shared the detailed framework with the MIS Cell. The development process is currently underway, and the feature is expected to be implemented shortly. The members confirmed the proceedings.
Agenda: 4	Discussion on the Reconstitution of the IQAC
Resolution	The IQAC was reconstituted due to some changes in the composition of the administrative and teaching staff of the university. The Director, IQAC, proposed the new structure, and the members approved the same. Hence, it is forwarded to the Academic Council for further approval.
Agenda: 5	Review of the Significant Achievements of the University
Resolution	Dr. Acharya highlighted the University's various achievements recognized by esteemed bodies such as the UGC Category - I graded autonomy, NIRF, QS I-Gauge Indian University Ratings, QS I-Gauge Subject Ratings, Grade by Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Homoeopathy and National Commission for Homoeopathy, Grade by National Commission for Indian System of Medicine and Quality Council of India, GSIRF, ZIMCHE (Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education), FICCI, Green Mentors, Water Credits for Green Initiatives, and R World Institutional Ranking. The members acknowledged the same.
Agenda: 6	Participation in Accreditation, Rankings, and Ratings
Resolution	• Dr. Acharya mentioned the University's participation in the following Rankings and Ratings: – NIRF: (i) Overall University, (ii) Pharmacy, (iii) Innovation, (iv) Management, (v) Architecture and Planning, and (vi) Sustainability Development Goals – QS World University Rankings, QS Asia University Rankings, QS World University Rankings by Subject, and QS World University Rankings - Sustainability – THE World University Rankings, THE World University Rankings - By Subject, THE Impact Rankings, THE Interdisciplinary Science Rankings – Best University Ranking 2025 by India Today – MDRA.

	The members appreciated the University's participation in various accreditations, rankings, and ratings. • She also presented the Annual Quality Assurance Report (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) for the A.Y. 2023-24. The members approved the same. The same is forwarded to the Academic Council and the Governing Body for further approval. The members acknowledged the same.
Agenda: 7	IQAC - Led Initiatives and Activities
Resolution	Dr. Acharya outlined the following key initiatives and activities led by IQAC: • Initiatives/Events organized: – Organized an Academic Excellence Conclave on “Leading Global Efforts in Innovation and Sustainability” on 21st August 2024 – Organized an International Symposium on innovative learner-centered approaches to teaching and learning: “अधिगम-आयाम” on 13th September 2024, generating opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange • Participation in external events to explore the opportunities – The IQAC team attended the QS I-GUAGE Academic Excellence Conclave 2024 MP Chapter at Indore on 27th June 2024. – Dr. Falguni Acharya attended the Times Higher Education (THE) - British Council at New Delhi on 6th August 2024. – Dr. Mohsin Dadi attended the 9th FICCI Higher Education Summit 2024: Changing Paradigm of Higher Education in the Global Landscape at New Delhi from October 18th to 19th, 2024. – Dr. Falguni Acharya and Dr. Mohsin Dadi attended the QS India Summit 2025 held at Goa from January 27th to 29th, 2025. • Expert talks at external institutes: – Dr. Falguni Acharya, Dr. Jitendra Panchal, Dr. Mohsin Dadi, and Mr. Darshan Dave have delivered a number of expert talks at various Government and Non-Government organizations. • Assessor – Dr. Falguni Acharya was invited as the assessor for the NAAC mock Inspection at Bennett University, University of Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. • Edification and Tutelage: – A visit to Medi-Caps University, Indore on 28th June 2024 – A visit to SAGE University, Indore on 29th June 2024 – A visit by representatives of Medi-Caps University, Indore; Kadi Sarva Vishwavidyalaya, Gandhinagar; and INTI International University, University of Nilai, Malaysia • Knowledge Sharing and Spreading Awareness within the University – Dr. Jitendra Panchal delivered various expert sessions on raising awareness of Quality Research and Publications at constituent institutes of the University. – Dr. Mohsin Dadi delivered a series of seminars on Intellectual Property Rights at various constituent institutes.

	The members acknowledged the same.
Agenda: 8	Discussion on Curriculum Innovation and Reforms
Resolution	Dr. Acharya discussed the status of NEP-2020 implementation, commencement of new programs, online and distance learning programs, certificate and executive education programs, and closure of certain programs. She also presented the revisions and reforms made in the curriculum and the examination process. Mr. Nirav Bhavsar (CoE) explained the integration of QNSmarti software for the generation of question papers automatically selecting the questions from faculty-prepared question papers, streamlining the examination process. He also outlined several initiatives aimed at digitalizing the assessment system, highlighting the steps taken to enhance the overall efficiency and transparency of the examination process through technology. The members acknowledged the same.
Agenda: 9	Infrastructure Upgradation: Plan and Progress
Resolution	Dr. Acharya highlighted the development of new laboratories and research centres in the University. – Micro-Nano Centre supported by Industries Commissionerate - Govt. of Gujarat – Centre of excellence for Industrial Automation with PLC and SCADA – Advanced Manufacturing Lab – Creative Learning Studio – A New Dedicated Smart Classroom Building – Establishment of an Olympic-standard indoor Sports Complex – First Smart Sustainable Library based on the Green Building Concept The members acknowledged the same.
Agenda: 10	Initiatives to Strengthen the Research and Innovation Ecosystem
Resolution	Dr. Acharya discussed the modifications in the regulations governing Ph.D. programs offered by the University. She also highlighted the revisions made in the research and development policy and incentives provided for paper publications. Dr. Harihara Prakash inquired about the multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research and the number of JRF/SRF members in the research team. Dr. Rajkumari Soni affirmed the existence of a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary centre supporting research and education for both students and faculty. Dr. Vijay Upadhyay confirmed the presence of JRF, SRF, and RA members in the University team and highlighted the scholarships offered by government agencies and the University for research. The members acknowledged the same.
Agenda: 11	Enhancement of Student Support Services
Resolution	Dr. Acharya discussed the various scholarships provided by the University. Further, she mentioned that to support gender equality in a program where females are significantly underrepresented, a specialized scholarship for female candidates will be introduced. She also emphasized the on-campus accommodation facilities available for students and staff with physical disabilities. In addition, she outlined the opportunities and outcomes of placement as well as international exposure programs. Furthermore, she mentioned the establishment of the Centre of Future Skills, authorized by the NSDC, in

	partnership with Ethnotech Academic Solution, dedicated to equipping students with advanced technological training through globally recognized certifications. The members acknowledged the same.
Agenda: 12	Reforms in the Feedback Mechanism
Resolution	Dr. Acharya discussed the changes made in the feedback mechanism and presented the revised feedback form. The members acknowledged the same.
Agenda: 13	Faculty Empowerment and Development Initiatives
Resolution	Dr. Acharya outlined the reforms introduced in the faculty promotion process under the Career Advancement Scheme, the training initiatives conducted by the Human Resource Development Centre, and the long service awards presented to faculty members as a means of motivation. The members acknowledged the same.
Agenda: 14	Sustainability and Green Initiatives
Resolution	Dr. Acharya highlighted the following initiatives made by the University for attaining Sustainability and Green Initiatives: – GHG baseline audit report on Scope-1 and Scope-2 – Installation of Air Quality Index (AQI) meter – Renewable energy: Solar energy, Biogas, and Compost machines – Waste management: Solid, Liquid, Bio, and E-waste – Water Conservation and Management: Rainwater harvesting, Water Tank, and Open Well Recharge/Borewell – Use of E-vehicles, Campus cycles, and kick scooters – Cleanliness Measures: Ban on Plastic use, waste segregation bins, awareness, cleanliness campaigns, and full-time health workers The members acknowledged the same.
Additional Agenda-1	Social Responsiveness Initiatives based on SDGs Dr. Acharya presented the Social Responsive Cell's initiatives taken in collaboration with the Sakshamthad Foundation. She highlighted the initiatives and outcomes of various activities focusing on the following five thrust areas: – Women Livelihood Generation – Holistic Education for all – Geriatric Care – Health for all – Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
Additional Agenda-2	MOOC Credit Transfer The Registrar welcomed the suggestions on where the credits earned by the students on the successful completion of a MOOC should be mentioned. The members recommended that the same should be reflected in the grade sheet with additional nomenclature along with the other subjects. The ABC compliance committee should check whether the credits earned from MOOC courses are reflected on the ABC portal.
Additional Agenda-3	Mentioning marks obtained along with grades in the mark sheets

	The registrar also welcomed suggestions on whether the marks should be mentioned in the grade sheets along with the grades against each course, concerning the requirements of a separate Mark-statement raised by many alumni. The members agreed to mention both on the same grade sheet.
Agenda: 15	Action Plan for the Forthcoming Year
Resolution	Dr. Acharya presented the action plan for the forthcoming year and asked for suggestions. – Establishment of 3 Centres of Excellence (CoE) in Teaching Excellence, Linguistics, and Sustainability in 2 years – Expand impact-driven hubs with 10 Research CoEs, 5 Social Impact Centres, a Mindfulness Centre, and a Creative Learning CoE by 2030 – 100% of Teaching Staff get 2 weeks of Industry Exposure at least once a year – 100% Automation in Examination Processes – Dedicated Residential Facilities for Research Scholars – Attainment of Net-Zero Campus The members acknowledged the same.
Exit Comments	• Dr. Falguni Acharya expressed her vote of thanks and asked for concluding comments from the experts. • Dr. Gurudutt Japee appreciated the IQAC team for the efforts undertaken, and further, recommended the inclusion of the following points: – The introduction of a 4-credit course from the major field aligned with the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in the curriculum. – IQAC should propose a strategic framework to the management to facilitate data-driven decision-making. – IQAC should establish a mechanism to monitor the attainment of COs and Pos. – Highlighting and appreciating the role of IQAC in identifying gaps in both academic and infrastructural areas and in proposing effective strategies to address them, he recommended that these contributions be clearly documented and reflected in official records, such as relevant circulars and notifications, to ensure transparency and recognition of the IQAC's efforts. • Dr. Harihara applauded the IQAC team for the commendable efforts it has put in improving the University. Also, suggested to include the following: – Inclusion of the results or positive outcomes of the initiatives or projects led by IQAC in the presentation – Emphasis on competency development rather than marks and grades, and focusing on formative assessments alongside summative assessments – Incorporation of micro and minor projects into the examination scheme, assessing the learning of the psychomotor and affective domains – Providing students curated list of organizations for internships by establishing clear guidelines for these initiatives – Promoting gender equality by fostering a more inclusive and LGBTQA+ friendly University environment – Conducting an Accessibility Audit to ensure the University is fully accessible and inclusive for all 26 categories of disabilities

	– Collecting feedback on a quarterly or half-yearly basis, rather than on a monthly or annual schedule – IQAC should establish a mechanism to monitor the impact of alumni engagement in various aspects of academics. – Inclusion of a discussion on the University's best practices and institutional distinctiveness in the next meeting • Mr. Jaimin Shah emphasized the need for skill-based training for faculty members. In response, Dr. Falguni Acharya explained that the Academic Directors are actively identifying teachers' training needs, and CHRD is providing specialized training programs to address them. • Ms. Nilima Acharya suggested obtaining feedback from the industry after the completion of internships to assess the students' sincerity and commitment towards the internship programs. • Dr. Amit Ganatra, Provost of Parul University, commended the accomplishments and dedication of the IQAC. He reflected on IQAC's journey, noting that it has established an effective system for data collection along with clear benchmarks for quality and excellence. He emphasized that the role of IQAC has evolved beyond Quality Assurance to encompass Total Quality Management.
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