

St. Joseph's College of Commerce

(Autonomous)
Affiliated to Bengaluru City University Accredited with A++ Grade by NAAC (4th Cycle) | College with Potential for Excellence (CPE) Ranked 74th in NIRF 2021 by the Ministry of Education, Government of India #163, Brigade Road, Bengaluru - 560025, Karnataka, India

IQAC Report 2020-2021



IQAC Cell-St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru

The IQAC of the college in the COVID pandemic environment has mustered its role in the college campus by organizing Paramarsh programs for the mentee colleges adopted by the Institution under the UGC Paramarsh Scheme. IQAC has been instrumental in playing a pivotal role in ensuring, amplification of quality of the teaching-learning process, assessment and evaluation, research and planning among the staff and faculty members of the mentee colleges during their NAAC journey.

In addition to the above activities, the other activities of IQAC are charted along the parameters formulated by the NAAC, namely

- Feedback response system
- Organization of Curricular Activities
- Documentation
- Preparation of AQAR

With the distinctive rise of e-learning call, remote and digital platform adoption of teaching online has been the need of this academic year. Almost all academic, co-curricular, curricular activities including Feedback response system, AQAR preparation, discussion and meetings have been undertaken by the IQAC through online mode. Given below is a brief report of the major events organized by the IQAC in the academic year 2020-21.

Accreditation-NAAC 4th Cycle

The Self-Study Report for the 4th Cycle of NAAC accreditation was submitted on 14th January 2020. The Peer Team visited the Institution on the 18th & 19th February, 2021. The nominated peer team members were Dr. Pradeep Kumar Yadav, the Chairperson of the peer team and the Ex Pro Vice Chancellor of MJP Rohilkhand University in Bareilly, Dr. Kinnarry Thakkar, member coordinator of the peer team and Professor at the Department of Commerce, University of Mumbai, and Dr. Kashmir Singh, nominated member and Principal of Mata Guruji College (Autonomous) in Fatehgarh. NAAC graded St. Joseph's College of Commerce with an 'A++' grade and a CGPA of 3.57.

Audits

An external examination audit was conducted on 23rd January 2021. The resource person was Dr. Mohan, former Controller of Examinations at St. Joseph's College, Bangalore. An internal departmental audit was conducted on the 24th of November, 2020 for all the programmes under the departments including examination, IQAC cell and research as a prelude to the peer team visit. The audit panel members were the internal audit members.



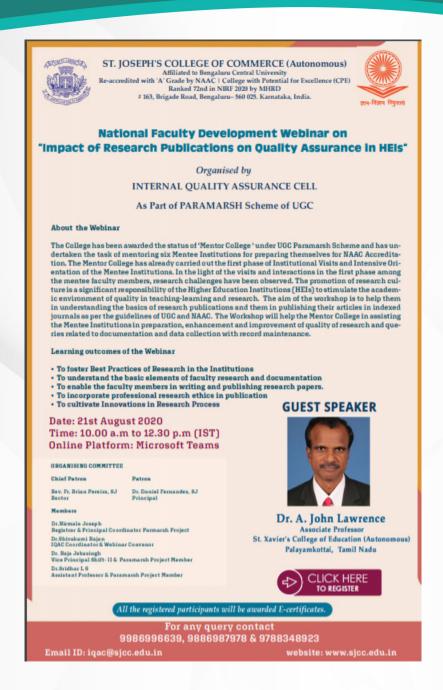
National Faculty Development Webinar on "Leadership in the New Era of Covid-19-Crisis Leadership" "conducted on 28th August 2020

Under the UGC PARAMARSH Scheme, the IQAC department organised a one-day National Level Faculty Development Webinar entitled "Leadership in the New Era of COVID-19: Crisis Leadership" on August 28, 2020. The curriculum is primarily developed for the purpose of NAAC Accreditation Frame work to fulfil the criteria of Mentee's institution. Prof. Dr. SuriyaPrakash of Janson School of Business, Coimbatore, and Tamil Nadu has been invited as a resource person for the session. Dr. Shivakami Rajan, IQAC Coordinator, received opening remarks for the programme and on behalf of the Management welcomed the programme participants. The programme was initiated with prayer by Dr. Raja Jeba Singh, Vice Principal (Shift-II), SJCC. The resource person was introduced by Dr. Sridhar L.S., research participant. The event was enthusiastically attended by about 67 participants in the larger nation including mentee organisations. The programme was ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Shivakami Rajan.



National Faculty Development Webinar on the "Impact of Research Publications on Quality Assurance in HEIs" conducted on 21st August 2020.

On 21 August 2020, the IQAC Department organised a National Level Faculty Development Webinar under UGC's PARAMARSH Scheme entitled 'Impact of Research Publications on HEI Quality Assurance.' The programme is mainly designed to meet mentee institutions' requirement for work on the NAAC Accreditation System, especially on Criterion 3. The participants received valuable thoughts from Dr. Johan Lawrence, Associate Professor at St. Xavier's College, Palyamkottai. Opening remarks were by Dr. Shivakami Rajan, IQAC Coordinator, who also invited on behalf of the Management, the programme participants. The programme was initiated with a prayer by Dr. Raja Jeba Singh-Vice-Principal Shift -II. Dr. Sridhar L.S. was introduced to the resource person as a research participant. The event was enthusiastically attended by some 170 participants in a larger nation including mentee institution. The programme was ended with a vote of thanks from Dr. Shivakami Rajan



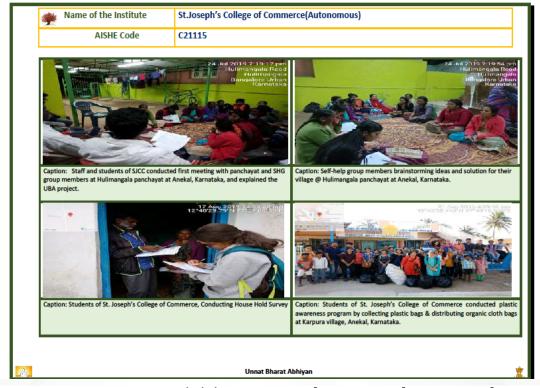
Evaluation of online teaching platform -M teams by students along with faculty evaluation of online teaching in M teams on 30th July 2020

When the need to migrate to online teaching became the necessity of the hour due to COVID pandemic lockdown restrictions, all faculty members were trained to teach online using Microsoft teams platform. There was a quick migration amidst a few technical and connectivity issues among the teacher and student fraternity. There was a compelling need to evaluate the teaching associated with online delivery of content and the platform used by the Institution. The most common evaluation was undertaken using the feedback mechanism from students to have a look at both the quality of the course materials of the teaching faculty members and qualities associated with delivery as measures of the overall quality of teaching. IQAC along along with Mr. Vinay Kambipura, Assistant Pro-

fessor at the English Department designed the survey questionnaire. The feedback survey was opened to the student community on $14^{\rm th}$ July 2020 and kept open for a week's time. The feedback report of individual faculty members was made available to each faculty and the platform evaluation report was discussed with all the staff members in the Staff meeting that was held for the said purpose on $30^{\rm th}$ July 2020.

Photo-story competition" Unnati ki Kahani Chitro ki Jubani" on 22nd July 2020.

A Photo-story competition "Unnati ki Kahani Chitro ki Jubani" was initiated by the National Coordinating Institute, IITD inviting all UBA members to express their journey in Unnat Bharat Abhiyan with the help of 4 Photos only and 80 words, a 20-word caption for each photo. This competition was named as "Unnati Ki Kahani Chitro ki jubani". As the name conveyed it was requested that each member Institution tell their UBA journey or story in the form of PHOTOs and caption. A template was provided to member Institution to use that template and not exceed a page. As per the instruction given in the template SJCC submitted the same



<u>Village survey & Corona Activities - Karnataka - UBA Scheme on July 2020</u>

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is inspired by the vision of transformational change in rural development processes by leveraging knowledge institutions to help build the architecture of an Inclusive India. St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) (Id: C-21115) selected the following villages in the Anekal District, near Bangalore rural district namely 1. Karpura, 2. Indlawadi, 3. Hulimangala, 4. Laskhmipura 5. Vabasandara. On May 25th 2020, IQAC cell undertook to distribute masks, sanitizers, PPE kits, gloves to the village as a part of corona activities. The village report and the photographs of corona activities were uploaded in the UBA portal.

Three Day Paramarsh Webinar Series-I

The Three-day Webinar on "Paramarsh Webinar Series- I was organized on 22nd June 2020 by the IQAC in order to let the awareness about the necessity of NAAC and its functions, spread among the mentee colleges adopted by SJCC under the UGC Paramarsh Scheme. The various quality parameters of IQAC as envisioned by NAAC, and also how each of these can be precipitated effectively in the campus were explicated by expert. The first day's session was spearheaded by Dr. Kantha Babu. M, Professor, Department of Manufacturing Engineering & Director (CIPR) of Anna University, Chennai. A Very informative session on "Intellectual Property Rights in HEIs" was undertaken where exhaustive detailed information sharing of meaning of IPR, types of IPR, and the process of IPR registration in India was explained to the webinar attendees. The second's session topic "Teaching & Learning in Higher Educations Institutions" was delivered by Dr. S.Sagayaraj, Associate Professor and IQAC Coordinator, Department of Computer Science, Scared Heart College, Tirupattur, Vellor District, Tamilnadu. The role of the HEI's, procedures that could be undertaken, process identification for the quality parameters identified by NAAC through the involvement of the relevant stakeholders was especially highlighted and made known to the Mentee colleges. The possibility of involving IT and IT enabled techniques in various report generations was also elaborated during the session. The participants were highly appreciative of the sessions, which, they said cleared a lot of notions regarding criterion 2 of NAAC's 7 criterion. The second days session topic "Research, Consultancy and Extensions in HEIs'" was delivered by Dr. K. Arockia Raj, Assistant Professor, PG and Research Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur, Vellor District, Tamilnadu. Detailed explanation of the various sub-parametric criterions of Research was explained along with details of consultancy and outreach programs that could be undertaken by the mentee colleges. The session ended with a lively interactions of the faculty members of the mentee colleges with Dr. Arockia Raj. This was followed by another session "Curriculum in HEIs" by Dr.Sethuraman, Professor of Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram, Dindigual District, Tamilnadu. The session delivery highlighted the role of curriculum development, its importance in eliminating the student's learning needs and curriculum design. The essence of value added courses, certificate course in skill development was also highlighted. The third day's session was on the topic "ICT in Teaching and Learning" by Prof. Samuel Johnson Israel. This session was a lively hands-on session wherein all mentee faculty members interacted with the resource person as it was about usage of ICT in teaching, various tools, techniques, and information of free software's were informed to the faculty members. The participant colleges' faculty members from the six colleges were about 163 members. They gave quite satisfactory feedback about all the five sessions, and added that their perception about how to understand the evolving/shifting paradigm in higher education has undergone a change as a result of this webinar



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St. Joseph's College of Commerce was formerly a part of St. Joseph's College which was established in the year 1882. The Department of Commerce was established in the parent college in 1949. In 1972 this department became an independent college under the name of St. Joseph's College of Commerce. It became an autonomous institution in October 2005. St. Joseph's College of Commerce was recognized as "College with Potential for Excellence" in February 2010 by UGC.

St. Joseph's College of Commerce has continuously been ranked as one of the top colleges for commerce education in the country. Currently the college is ranked 72nd under the college category by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), 2020. The institution is accredited with 'A' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)

THREE DAY NATIONAL WEBINAR ON **Paramarsh Series-1 Quality Initiatives in HEIs**

22nd June 2020 to 24th June 2020

About Paramarsh

The scheme is for Mentoring National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) Accreditation Aspirant Institutions to promote Quality Assurance in Higher Education. The scheme will be a paradigm shift in the concept of mentoring of institution by another well performing institution to upgrade their academic performance and enable them to get accredited by focusing in the area of curricular aspects, teaching-learning & evaluation, research, innovation, institutional values & practices etc.

Objectives of Webinar

- To create awareness among non-accredited Higher Education Institutions on the relevance and methodology for accreditation
 To develop a right perspective on UGC and NAAC mandate for quality enhancement and sustenance

- To support internal quality initiative of IQAC.
 To expanding strategies of Teaching-Learning with Digital Proficiency.

Concept Note

Day 2 - 23rd June 2020

Quality education is the key for the growth and success of any nation. Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) play a vital role in providing quality education and there exist various practices that need to be adopted for the same. Beside this, the NAAC accreditation will help funding agencies with objective data so that they can take a decision on the funding of HEIs. NAAC grade/assessment may also help educational institutes to initiate modern or innovative methods of pedagogy. On the other hand, NAAC accreditation or grade of a HEIs will help the student to figure out all the details about the institute such as quality of education, research output, teaching-learning, infrastructure etc. NAAC grade helps students to choose the best institute based on its NAAC grade/ performance in the NAAC accreditation process. This webinar has been planned to motivate HEIs to initiate and share the best practices as well as to undergo the evaluation of the same with the assessment and accreditation by NAAC and also emphasis the modern teaching-learning and evaluation of edagogy.

Day 1 - 22nd June 2020











Day 3 - 24th June 2020

E- Certificate will be issued after the Webinar Dr Shivakami Rajan

IOAC Coordinator

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE Dr Rajajebasingh Vice Principal (Shift-2)

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SQAC Students Online Class Orientation on M Teams Platform conducted on 27th May 2020

The need to impart students training on online platform M teams was done with the help of the SQAC students of IQAC, who roped in two more students per class to enable faster peer learning among students on the usage of the M team Platform. The in-house training resource person Mr. Vinay Kambipura explained the entire process along with in-house faculty member Ms Vedaprada, this was followed by an interactive session by each SQAC students with their two co-members who imparted the training to the rest of their individual classes. This initiative was highly appreciated by the student community and the SQAC along with IQAC acted as nodal point for clarifications.

Other activities

- English Training Program for Paramarsh Mentee College-Loyolla, Manvi. As per the requisition of Loyola Degree College, Manvi for English Training Programme, the IQAC arranged four sessions by the faculty members from the Department of English for the staff members of the Paramarsh Mentee College-Loyolla Degree College, Manvi Raichur during April 2021.
 - Student Feedback and Exit poll.

Faculty evaluation of the online teaching platform in the month of July in 2020, self-appraisal from staff members in the 3rd week of March, 2021 and Teachers' and parents' feedback were documented during the first week of April 2021 including the student feedback on teachers at the end of semester. An exit poll from UG and PG Final Years on all aspects of their academic life in the campus was conducted during the month of May 2021.

• Participation in Rankings

Ranking polls wherein SJCC took part were National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), MRDA Best University Ranking 2021, and The WEEK Best University Survey through Hansa Research 2021, Times Higher Education World Ranking 2021 and ARIIA Ranking for Entrepreneurship 2020.

• ISO 9001:2015 ISO

The ISO 9001:2015 certification was extended till November 2021.

• Orientation Programme for Students

An orientation programme for 1st year's graduation and 1st year post graduation students along with the Departmental General Orientation Programs was conducted during the 1st week of July 2020.

Conclusion:

As the academic year surges on through the pandemic, the IQAC will have more programmes charted out for the teaching fraternity and the student community, not just in-house but also of adopted mentee colleges. By keeping the Programmes available to others, the IQAC upholds the vision of reaching out to the society and ensuring quality education to all.