

Introduction to IQAC

In alignment with the guidelines of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) has been established as a statutory body within the institution to foster and sustain a culture of quality enhancement and assurance. In the context of a pharmacy institution, the IQAC functions as a strategic and facilitative unit, with a prime focus on developing mechanisms for conscious, consistent, and catalytic action to improve the academic and administrative performance of the institution.

IQAC plays a pivotal role in promoting quality education in pharmaceutical sciences by integrating best practices, fostering academic innovation, encouraging research, and enhancing student support systems. It also ensures that the institution is prepared for future challenges in pharmacy education by promoting a culture of evidence-based decision-making and stakeholder participation.

Objectives

1. To develop and apply quality benchmarks/parameters for the various academic and administrative activities of the institution.
 2. To facilitate the creation of a learner-centric environment conducive to quality pharmaceutical education and faculty development.
 3. To promote the integration of emerging technologies and pedagogical innovations into teaching-learning and assessment processes.
 4. To encourage interdisciplinary research, publications, consultancy, and collaboration with industry, hospitals, regulatory bodies, and research institutions.
 5. To enhance the effectiveness of student support services, career guidance, and professional development initiatives.
 6. To ensure timely, efficient, and progressive performance of academic, administrative, and financial tasks through systematic documentation and internal audits.
 7. To organize workshops, seminars, and quality-related events for faculty, students, and non-teaching staff.
 8. To develop a mechanism for feedback from stakeholders including students, alumni, employers, and industry experts for institutional improvement.
 9. To prepare and submit the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) to NAAC, and coordinate all quality-related activities, including institutional accreditation and re-accreditation processes.
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Vision

To be a dynamic and proactive unit committed to fostering a culture of quality, innovation, and excellence in pharmaceutical education, research, and healthcare services, thereby contributing meaningfully to national development and global healthcare advancement.

Mission

- To establish and maintain an effective quality assurance system through participative and collaborative institutional functioning.
- To inculcate values of professionalism, ethical practice, and continuous learning among faculty and students.
- To enhance the relevance and quality of the curriculum in accordance with evolving needs of the pharmaceutical industry and healthcare sector.
- To promote quality research, innovation, and knowledge dissemination in pharmaceutical sciences.
- To ensure transparency, accountability, and data-driven decision-making in academic and administrative processes.
- To continuously review and improve institutional practices and align them with national and international standards of quality assurance in higher education

Functions

Some of the functions expected of the IQAC are:

- Development and application of quality benchmarks/parameters for various academic and administrative activities of the institution
- Facilitating the creation of a learner-centric environment conducive to quality education and faculty maturation to adopt the required knowledge and technology for participatory teaching and learning process
- Arrangement for feedback response from students, parents and other stakeholders on quality-related institutional processes
- Dissemination of information on various quality parameters of higher education
- Organization of inter and intra institutional workshops, seminars on quality related themes and promotion of quality circles.

- Documentation of the various programmes/activities leading to quality improvement
- Acting as a nodal agency of the Institution for coordinating quality-related activities, including adoption and dissemination of best practices
- Development and maintenance of institutional database through MIS for the purpose of maintaining/enhancing the institutional quality
- Development of Quality Culture in the institution
- Preparation of the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) as per guidelines and parameters of NAAC, to be submitted to NAAC

Benefits

IQAC will facilitate/contribute:

- Ensure heightened level of clarity and focus in institutional functioning towards quality enhancement
- Ensure internalization of the quality culture
- Ensure enhancement and coordination among various activities of the institution and institutionalize all good practices
- Provide a sound basis for decision-making to improve institutional functioning
- Act as a dynamic system for quality changes in HEIs
- Build an organised methodology of documentation and internal communication