

**14.11.2018**

**Extended Meeting of IQAC**

An extended meeting of IQAC was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to discuss about the result of the third cycle Assessment of NAAC and also the future plan of IQAC.

Dr. Bimal Barah, Principal and Chairperson of IQAC acted as the president and asked the Chief Coordinator, IQAC to give a short overview of the third cycle assessment of NAAC. Parag Sarma gave a brief idea of the assessment criterias and the loopholes that the assessment. He pointed out the seven distinct areas of assessment and details about the scores that the institution gained during the assessment.

Dr. Bimal Barah presented an analytical representation of the NAAC result. He laid down the details about the criterias of assessment and emphasized on working out the areas that need improvement. He also emphasized that qualitative improvements but the institute need improvement in the Quantitative side.

There were suggestion from the members of IQAC on the criterials where the institute did not score well. SubhasishSarma, member IQAC read the suggestion that evaluation process should underwent some drastic changes. He further suggested that result declaration in the present autonomous system should be made more in advance.

Another suggestion made by one of the member is that reform in the examination system is the need of the hour and for that IA marks should be enhanced.

The chairperson IQAC Dr. Bimal Barah further stressed on bringing about positive changes in curriculum, Teaching learning and evaluation should be made more equipped to the changes and the demand in academic outcome.

Prof. Binita Dutta emphasized on holding seminars and workshop on these criterias like research paper and examination reforms etc.

In the meeting, Parag Sharma stressed on laying down the future plan of IQAC. He stressed on Academic Audit, Green Audit and structure audit. Holistic Plan should be made at this hour to bring, progressive change in the society.

Dr. Ranjit Sarma suggested that the research committee should take the entire responsibility of research and to create seed money for the same.

Prof. RajibSarma, member of IQAC stressed on futuristic strategy for the betterment of the institute.

Dr. Aditi Bezbaruah stressed the on the need of employability and skill development. She also stressed on the importance of NAAC assessment and its criterias.

The meeting concluded with chairpersons remark that the need of the hour is to work for a comprehensive plan for the betterment of the institute.

The resolution taken in the meeting are –

1. Reform in the examination system and Internal assessment marks should be enclosed.
2. Holding seminar and workshop on issue like research papers and examination reforms.
3. To implement holistic plan for the institute so as to bring progressive change in the society.
4. To create seed money for augmenting research environment in the institute.

5. To create more employability and stressed on skill development.

**06/05/2019**

**Proceeding of Urgent Meeting of IQAC held on 06/05/2019**

An urgent meeting of the IQAC was held on 06/05/2019 to discuss certain important issues of the cell.

Dr. Bimal Barah, Principal and Chairperson IQAC started the meeting with a brief introduction.

Parag Sarma, IQAC Chief Coordinator read out the objective of the meeting.

The objective of the meeting are –

- 1) Confirmation of the proceedings of the last meeting held on 14/11/2019
- 2) Assessment of last year plan
- 3) Plan for next year
- 4) Discussion of planning of IQAC for the current year.
- 5) Discussion on Examination reform.
- 6) Others-
  - Establishment of incubation center.
  - Development of Gym including fitness center.
  - Comparative examination evaluation after declaration of final result.

PranamiBania, JT Coordinator IQAC read out the proceedings of the last meeting and the same was confirmed by the IQAC body.

Under the planning issue of IQAC for the current year, the first topic that was discussed in the meeting was online admission. Members suggested various ways and means for bringing about hassle free admission process.

Important resolution taken under this category –

- 1) To adopt automated software upgradation for the institute.
- 2) To introduce OTP system in the registration and form fill up process.
- 3) To introduce online feedback for student, parents and employer in the current year itself.

Dr. Sankar Das, Controller of examination and special Invitee IQAC suggested that the examination process should undergo digitalization process.

Another important resolution taken in the meeting are-

- 1) As part of institutional social responsibility, a best practice initiated by the institute is the academic involvement of students that 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> semester students of the UG and PG will volunteer and take higher secondary and 1<sup>st</sup> semester classes. For taking to classes, such students will be given certificate of appreciation by the institute.
- 2) Another important resolution taken by the body is that at the time of admission students must accept either NCC or NSS as a mandatory subject.

- 3) It is further resolved that for undertaking any NSS activities, students were get extra credit.

The meeting also made significant decision regarding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU's). It is suggested that the institute should adopt intensified MOU's at the international and national level.

Some important recommendation are –

- 1) Department should take initiatives in signing MOU's
- 2) To prepare Action Plan for bringing about MOU's with other institute.
- 3) Most of the department should take the initiative in signing MOU's within this year.

The body also approves of forming a definite committee to carry forward the formalities of MOU's

The three member committee forward is as follows

- 1) Dr. Ankur Gogoi (NEIST)
- 2) SubhasishSarma (OKD Institute)
- 3) NilaveBhuyan (RFRI)

The meeting also suggested that SubhasishSarma should prepare an action plan for creating international memorandum of Understanding.

The next topic of discussion is creating seed money for research. Research, being a crucial part in any higher education institute and should be emphasized for creating a research oriented environment.

It was decided in the meeting that seed money for research will be ear marked separately.

Resolution taken in the regard-

- 1) To enhance research environment in the institute by allotting seed money for research.
- 2) To sanction two or three research projects for augmenting research environment.

The last topic of discussion is creating employability and conduce cultural environment in the institute.

Resolution taken in this regard are –

- 1) To introduce skill enhancement courses like Fashion Technology, and Yoga Education etc.
- 2) To initiate a seven day long programme like JB College Cultural Programme in association with the student union.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks offered by the IQAC Coordinator. The meeting was finally adjourned.

After the discussion among the members of the Cell, the IQAC adopted the following resolutions—

1. To adopt an automated software upgradation system for the institute that will cover up from registration of the candidates to their form fillup.
2. To introduce online feedback for students parents and peer the current year itself.
3. As part of institution, social responsibility, a best practice initiated by the institute is the academic involvement of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> semester students of UG & PG will volunteer and take higher secondary as well as 1<sup>st</sup> semester classes. And for taking extra classes, certificates of appreciation will be awarded to the students.
4. It is resolved that at the time of admission students must accept either NCC or NSS as a mandatory subject. For undertaking NSS activities, students will get extra credit.
5. A three member committee is forward to carry forward the formalities of MOU's and to prepare Action Plan. This committee will be headed by SubhasishSarma, Dr. Ankur Gogoi and NilaveBhuyan.
6. Another important resolution taken in the meeting is to allot seed money for research and to sanction two or three research projects for augmenting research environment.
7. To introduce skill enhancement courses like Fashion Technology and Yoga education etc.
8. To adopt a seven days long programme Cultural programme in association with the students union.

**26/06/2019**

**Agenda**

- 1) Objective of the meeting
- 2) Confirmation of the proceeding of the last meeting. 06/05/2019
- 3) Discussion on HS monitoring and management system.
- 4) Others.

A meeting of IQAC was held on 26/06/2019 to discuss certain important issues of the college

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Panchami Bhattacharyee Borah VP, JB College

PoragSarua IQAC Chief Coordinator read out the agenda of the meeting.

The agreement of the meeting includes –

1. Discussion on monitoring and management system of HS Classes.
2. Discussion on “Integrated College Management Software”
3. Others

PronamiBania JT Coordinator IQAC read out the proceeding of the last meeting.

**Resolution of the meeting –**

1. Resolved that, the committee will take quick initiative to monitor and provide technical inputs in the process of installation of the “Integrated College Management Software” covering, Student admission, Examination and financial aspect of the college. The meeting decided to give the power to the Principal, JB College to discuss with the Controller of the Examination, JB College(Autonomous) with this regards.
2. Introduction of frequent MCQ test to evaluate the students progression continuously, one OMR machine should be bought by the college authority.
3. For regular and effective monitoring of the Higher Secondary classes the meeting decided to appoint an in-charge. The meeting proposed the name of Dr. Arpon Baruah, senior faculty for the HS Classes.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks offered by the IQAC Coordinator.

# Suggestion for Draft National Education Policy 2019

After the publication of Draft National Education Policy 2019, MHRD, Government of India seeks recommendations and suggestions for its implementation. Taking it as a national duty and academic responsibility, J.B. College in collaboration with Assam Academic Centre put forwarded certain suggestions.

During two sessions of discussion held at Assam Academic Centre, Jorhat and J. B. College (Autonomous), Jorhat on 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019 respectively, the various recommendations incorporated in the Draft National Education Policy 2019 were thoroughly discussed. Academicians from different backgrounds and members from both the organizations took active part in the discussion. Jagannath Barooah College (J.B. College), Jorhat is an Autonomous College under Dibrugarh University. It was established in 1930 and was the first college in the upper part of the Brahmaputra valley, Assam, India and pioneer in many areas of higher education. Assam Academic Centre is a voluntary academic organization established in 1985. Its head office is at Jorhat and the Centre is working for

academic upliftment of the society for the last 34 years.

After threadbare discussion, it has been resolved to forward a few suggestions to the appropriate authority for consideration. The suggestions are as follows:

1. Due to the three and more languages policy for school children, the students from North East Region will be deprived of learning their own language or regional link language. If they are given the load of learning more than three languages, they will be in a disadvantageous position compared to the students of heart land India.
2. In an agriculture-based society like Assam most of the students are engaged in the agricultural activities for some specific period of the year. Under such circumstances, semester system for 9 to 12 standards may be complicated.
3. Most of the time the components of education policy or other rules can't be executed properly due to lack of proper knowledge and orientations on the subject among the academic administrators. So, academic administrators should be properly trained for effective execution of the Policy.



4. It is proposed that the existing affiliated colleges will be converted either to autonomous college or constituent college. Also number of HEI will be lesser than what the country has at the present. As proposed, the bigger HEI will replace the smaller one. In a region like North East India, with great geographical and demographic diversities, implementation of such scheme needs special attention, so that, all sections of people get access to the higher education and the sense of inclusion on the part of people of North East India is ensured.

5. The time set for achieving 50% GER and removing affiliated system for the colleges seems to be less. India has achieved 25% during last 70 years since independence. Achieving 25% in next 15 years will need aggressive effort. Similarly,

about 150 years old affiliated system which covers more than 90% of college education will be removed in 10 years. This will also need much aggressive effort. It will need very careful intervention for such rapid changes so that HEIs can cope up with the meaningful changes.

6. Three types of HEI proposed in the policy. Can there be another type HEI like Cluster University or Cluster of Colleges as originally proposed by Knowledge Commission. The cluster will be highly beneficial for the rural colleges which are situated far even from the nearest university and also not capable to be autonomous.

7. For proper coordination between school education and higher education in respect of curriculum and administration an integrated approach should be adopted.



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