

St. Ann's College of Education (Autonomous), S.D Road, Secunderabad.

Minutes of IQAC meeting

IQAC meeting was held on 15th June 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Committee Room

The meeting commenced with a reading from the Bible followed by introduction of the members.

The Principal read out the report of UGC inspection team who had visited the college for the extension of autonomy. She expressed gratitude for the significant contributions by the esteemed members of IQAC towards the efficient functioning of the college.

Agenda 1: National Policy on Education (Draft)

A brief compilation of NPE- 2019 was presented on School Education. The focus points are as follows:

- The shift in basic structure from 10+2+3 to 5+3+3+4 as proposed by NPE with an emphasis on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) was appreciated. Teacher preparation with this framework required a through ground work.
- The exploratory stage lays a very strong foundation and therefore teachers have to be prepared for the same.
- The secondary stage consisting of 8 semesters will include 5-6 subjects, 2 semesters of mathematics and science being mandatory followed by 2 semester of vocational course.
- The members appreciated the multiple exit and entry points.
- With the emphasis on formative assessments 5+3+3+4 system would help to reduce stress of examination.
- There is an increased emphasis on foundational literacy and numeracy.
- Urgent need to design workbooks on language and mathematics and create high quality resources on foundation literacy and numeracy for the National Teacher's Portal (DIKSHA) should be strived for in the institution.
- Tools for online testing can also be contributed from the institution to National Testing Agency.
- The college can also prepare and motivate teachers to conduct remedial classes after school hours and during summer vacations. Thus, encouraging large scale community and volunteer involvement.
- The institution should make efforts to contribute in identifying national parameters for SCE (State Census Examination) to be held at 3rd, 5th and 8th grade to assess the level of literacy.
- The pedagogy in schools should minimize rote learning and encourage critical thinking, creativity, scientific temper, communication, collaboration, multilingualism, problem solving and digital literacy in classroom transaction and foster ethics and social responsibility.

A briefing about the Teacher Education programme as suggested by NEP- 2019 included

- To improve the quality of teacher education by shifting the teacher education system into multi disciplinary colleges and university.
- The faculty of teacher education must be experts in diverse fields.

It was suggested to structure and upgrade the curriculum of teacher education at the institution incorporating the feasible suggestions immediately.

Agenda 2: A Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Programme for faculty at junior college

- A Continuous Professional Development programme is to be structured for two weeks. First week to acquaint the participants with new developments and methodology of teaching and second week for development of teaching skills.
- It was suggested that the structure can be based on standards including professional knowledge, professional engagement and practices.

It was opinioned to design and conduct the CPD programme for Junior college teachers after a brief survey on the requirements.

Agenda 3: Certificate Courses:

- A proposal to commence new certificate courses from this academic year 2019 was put forth. The suggested courses were:
- Soft skills for the outreach community betterment.
- Basic skills in counseling that would enable teachers to understand students better.
- Other areas proposed were “ Management of Stress and Emotional Wellness”
- Other suggestions were establishing a counseling center as a part of Atal Innovation Centre (AIC) with the help of professional counselors for 5 days a week open to students and community.

4. Any other:

- Sensitivity training through sensitivity labs. Workshop in collaboration with Indian Society for Applied Behavioural Science (ISABS) for sensitivity training.
- A one-minute video recording of concepts to be posted on Youtube.
- Collaboration with Ed Ex providers and use of Podcast to be encouraged.

The meeting concluded at 12:30 p.m.