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INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

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1.0 INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

1.1 ABOUT IQAC

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Gujarat Arts and Commerce College(Evening), Ahmedabad established in 16 June 2010, is a participative and facilitative cell that has been functioning associating with academic, research, and administrative bodies through continuous monitoring and follow-ups. It is the self-regulated body of the institution aimed at continuous improvement of overall quality and achieving academic excellence by adopting innovative practices. IQAC ensures a culture for planning, guiding, and monitoring the quality and its enhancement activities by working out intervention strategies to remove deficiencies. It also makes a benchmark for various stakeholders' productivity, engagement, and satisfaction. The activities are aimed at making the students eligible for higher studies and industry ready upon graduation.

1.2 VISION

To develop a quality culture in the institution

1.3 MISSION

To sustain and enhance the quality measures of the institution

To promote collaboration with other stakeholders, encourage self-evaluation, and promote quality-related research

1.4 OBJECTIVES

- Improving academic and administrative performance: Developing a system to improve performance through consistent action
- **Promoting quality culture**: Internalizing quality culture and institutionalizing best practices
- **Integrating activities**: Facilitating the integration of activities and institutionalizing best practices

- **Improving communication**: Coordinating and improving internal communication to facilitate policy implementation and quality assurance
- Ensuring equitable access: Ensuring that academic programs are accessible and affordable to all sections of society
- Optimizing teaching and learning: Optimizing and integrating modern methods of teaching and learning
- Ensuring quality evaluation: Ensuring the credibility of evaluation procedures
- Maintaining support structure: Ensuring the adequacy, maintenance, and proper allocation of support structure and services
- Sharing research: Sharing research findings and networking with other institutions
- Facilitating feedback: Arranging for feedback from students, parents, and other stakeholders
- **Documenting activities**: Documenting the various programs and activities leading to quality improvement

1.5 FUNCTIONS:

- Quality benchmarks: Developing and applying quality benchmarks for academic and administrative activities
- Learner-centric environment: Creating a learner-centric environment that encourages quality education
- **Feedback:** Collecting feedback from students, parents, and other stakeholders on quality-related processes
- Quality culture: Developing a quality culture in the institution
- Annual Quality Assurance Report: Preparing the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) to submit to NAAC

- Quality improvement: Documenting programs and activities that lead to quality improvement
- Best practices: Adopting and disseminating best practices
- Institutional database: Developing and maintaining an institutional database
- Quality assurance activities: Planning, guiding, and monitoring quality assurance activities
- Quality enhancement activities: Planning, guiding, and monitoring quality enhancement activities
- Academic audit: Conducting academic administrative audits
- Accreditation and rankings: Participating in accreditation and ranking processes

2.0 IQAC COMPOSITION

Dr.HimmatBhalodiya- Chairman

Dr.Bhavesh Lakhani - Coordinator

Dr.BahadursinhVaghela

Dr.Anand Acharya

Dr.Gargi Shah

Dr. Vishnu Purohit

Dr.BhavinParmar

Prof.BhavinBadiyani

Dr. Vinod Movaliya

CA Vipul Shah

Shri Ashwin Patel

Shri ChandubhaiPrajapati

Smt. Mittal Patel

3.0 NAAC ACCREDITATION



4.0 GSIRF RANKING-2024

	GSIRF 2024							=
N. C. X.	College Summary						ICARI	
	Name of Institution	TLR	RP	GO	01	Total Score	CGPA	Sta
NARMADA COLL	EGE OF SCIENCE AND COMMERCE	40.29	88.43	59.49	42	48.45	2.83	3
SARDAR PATEL O	COLLEGE OF ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT	53.15	0	82.7	65.07	48.44	2.83	3
BAHAUDDIN GO	VERNMENT SCIENCE COLLEGE	59.39	0	74.89	59.23	48.4	2.83	3
M B PATEL SCIEN	NCE COLLEGE	48.8	0	84.84	72.89	48.02	2.81	3
SHRIR PARTS, S	SHRI K B COMMERCE AND SMT B C J SCIENCE COLLEGE	47.86	90.67	39.03	55	48	2.81	3
SHRI R R LALAN	COLLEGE	49.83	0	83.14	69.97	47.71	2.79	3
GUJARAT ARTS 8	COMMERCE COLLEGE (EVENING), AHMEDABAD	34.01	93.72	54.59	62.02	47.51	2.78	3
R R MEHTA COLI	LEGE OF SCIENCE AND C L PARIKH COLLEGE OF	31.95	65.38	70.62	72.21	47.46	2.78	3
SBB COLLEGE OF	PHYSIOTHERAPY	65.73	97.41	13.64	30	47.31	2.77	3
BRCM COLLEGI	E OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	56.74	0	65.97	77.38	46.93	2.74	3
PRAMUKH SWAP	MI SCIENCE AND H D PATEL ARTS COLLEGE	56.49	0	64.07	82.35	46.85	2.74	3
SHRI V R PATEL	COLLEGE OF COMMERCE, MEHSANA	40.62	0	94.34	66.81	46.51	2.72	3
	ATEL INSTITUTE OF INTEGRATED STUDY AND OTECHNOLOGY & ALLIED SCIENCES	56.58	0	63.51	78.58	46.37	2.71	3
P P SAVANI SCHO	OOL OF SCIENCES	54.96	0	67.61	74.67	46.35	2.71	3
KU A B GARDI GI	RAMVIDHYA MAHAVIDHYALAYA	60.81	0	75.66	30.98	46.34	2.71	3
PATEL RAMAN B COMMERCE COL	ROS ARTS & PATEL GOPALBHAI RANCHHODJI LEGE	60.81	0	75.66	30.98	46.34	2.71	3
NEW L J COMME	RCE COLLEGE	47.19	59.08	39.65	83.82	46.03	2.69	3
M N COLLEGE		35.95	93.14	51.27	46.85	45.85	2.68	3
IDAR ANJANA PA COLLEGE	TIDAR H K M ARTS AND P N PATEL COMMERCE	36.24	0	89.29	84.6	45.28	2.65	3
	COLLEGE OF COMMERCE (SPEC)	47.88	0	75.56	66.18	44.66	2.61	3
L D ARTS COLLE	GE	40.44	95.03	25.33	77.35	44.5	2.6	3
SARDAR PATEL I	NSTITUTE OF APPLIED SCIENCE	60.16	0	48.29	83.15	44.45	2.6	3

5.0 QUALITY INNITIATIVES BY IQAC

5.1 PREPARATION OF ACADEMIC CALENDAR

IQAC ensured timely preparation and release of college academic calendar for the year 2023-24. Inputs and scheduling of various events were collected from Principal, Admission Committee, Examination Committee, Departments, Cells and Clubs. Prof. Bhavin Badiyani, Assistant Professor, meticulously organized the preparation of calendar by streamlining the data collected from various stakeholders under the guidance of Principal and IQAC. Academic Calendar took into consideration the curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in the College and the proposed examination schedules.

5.2 PARTICIPATION IN NIRF RANKING 2024

In order to participate in NIRF Ranking 2024, data was collected from departments and all relevant academic, non-academic and Co-curricular units. Institutional, department, faculty and student data of 2023-24 was collected exhaustively with the support of IQAC core team members. Data was cleaned and proceed as per the proforma. Before the final submission, the credentials were presented before the college committee and was approved in the IQAC meeting.

5.3 PARTICIPATION IN GSIRF RANKING 2024

The college also participated in GSIRF Ranking 2024. The data was submitted on 08 January, 2024. When GSIRF Ranking 2024 results were announced by KCG, Gujarat Arts and Commerce College (Evening), Ahmedabad awarded three stars with 2.78 points. It is the second consecutive year that the college has found a place among the best 10 Government Colleges of Gujarat as per GSIRF ranking parameters.

5.4 AISHE DATA SUBMISSION

Annual data collection and submission to the online portal of All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) for the academic year was successfully completed by the IQAC and the data submitted was approved by AISHE on 4th January 2024.

5.5 AQAR DATA SUBMISSION

IQAC initiated data collection and processing of data for the submission of Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the year 2022-23. The data prepared was presented before the College. AQAR was submitted online in the NAAC portal. The link for AQAR is available online on college website https://www.gacc.org.in/iqac

5.6 ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUDIT (AAA)

An external Academic and Administrative Audit was scheduled to be conducted with the support of external experts Dr. Amit Sutariya, (Principal, Government Commerce College, Gandhinagar), Prof. Bhavin Shah (HOD, Department of Accountancy, Gujarat Commerce College, Ahmedabad) were the proposed members of the Auditing team. The AAA committee submitted its report to IQAC on 12th July, 2024 and suggested improvements regarding various aspects of the college.

5.7 SQAC FUNDING

The initiative of IQAC became successful when the college was granted with State Quality Assurance Cell (SQAC) funding on December 2023. The fund was earmarked for the enhancement of infrastructure and research facility in the college. The college organized National Seminar under SQAC.

5.8 GREEN & ENERGY AUDIT

An Internal Green and Energy audit was conducted by IQAC during the academic year under the leadership of ECO Club with the support of NSS volunteers from the various departments. Dr.Bhavin Parmar spearheaded the initiatives.

5.9 GENDER AUDIT

To evaluate and understand the aspect of Gender Sensitivity in the campus, a Gender Survey and Audit was jointly conducted by IQAC and College Women Development Cell (CWDC) Gujarat Arts and Commerce College (Evening), Ahmedabad in September 2023. The final year UG students were the participants and they were handed out a questionnaire carrying 20 Gender Sensitivity questions. Students were granted full anonymity. Survey results were

analysed in the finding were submitted to the principal and CWDC for adopting enhancive and corrective measures.

5.10 E-GOVERNANCE INITIATIVES

Admission for the academic year 2023-24 was conducted and completed including personal interactions with the candidates and parents and payment of fees. Student Induction Programme was conducted. General PTA and Alumni Meets were organized. The ERP was updated with the newly admitted students. Almost all seminars, conferences and training programmes were successfully conducted.

5.11 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ORGANIZE EVENTS

IQAC supported Academic Departments, Clubs and Cells with financial incentives to organize events that would improve quality at various levels. Academic Departments were supported to organize seminars, conferences, workshops and training programmes. In the year 2023-24, IQAC provided financial assistance to the English Department to organize a National Seminar.

5.12 SELF-APPRAISAL OF FACULTY AND PBAS

IQAC initiated collection of Self-Appraisal of Faculty to be submitted to the principal for evaluation and enhancement of the faculty. Additionally, data in the format of Performance Based Appraisal System (PBAS) was collected from faculty whose promotion is due. PBAS of the respective faculty members were scrutinized by the committee appointed by IQAC. The PBAS after scrutiny was sent to office of Commissionerate of Higher Education, Government of Gujarat for approval.

Sr. No.	Name of the Faculty	Department	Academic Level to Academic Level	Date of Promotion
1	Dr. Sandip sanchala	Sociology	10 to 11	10-01-2019
2	Prof. Bhavin Badiyani	Accountancy	10 to 11	21-02-2020
3	Dr. Vijay Patel	History	10 to 11	04-07-2022

4	Dr. Farhana Diwan	Gujarati	10 to 11	21-04-2022
5	Dr. Ijan Vaidya	Commerce	10 to 11	13-07-2019
6	Dr. Nehal Pandya	Sanskrit	11 to 12	27-09-2022
7	Dr. Shivang Bhavsar	Hindi	11 to 12	21-01-2023
8	Dr. Bhavin Parmar	History	11 to 12	27-01-2023
9	Dr. Vinod Movaliya	Accountancy	11 to 12	25-02-2023
10	Dr. Nirali Shah	Accountancy	11 to 12	25-02-2023

5.13 SWOC ANALYSIS

IQAC organized Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Challenges (SWOC) analysis of Gujarat Arts & Commerce College (Evening), Ahmedabad, as a tool for quality improvement at academic and administrative level. The College Principal, IQAC, HOD and the faculty got involved in the SWOC process. The NAAC Peer Team Report of 1st Cycle was analyzed to take corrective measures. Infrastructural requirements were submitted to the office of Commissionerate of Higher Education, Government of Gujarat. Academic requirements were submitted to the principal.

5.14 IQAC MEETINGS

To chalk out plans and strategies, to monitor implementations, to ensure documentation and take part in important data driven activities like AQAR submission, AISHE Data submission, IQAC Meetings and meetings of IQAC Core members were regularly held during 2023-24. Departmental IQAC representatives were identified and committee was constituted to streamline documentation and quality enhancement in the college.

5.15 FEEDBACK MECHANISM

5.15.1 Feedback on Curriculum

Feedback on syllabus by the students and faculty was collected which was given to the Department of Statistics for analysis. The analysis reports were given to the HODs to be communicated to the respective faculties for further consideration.

5.15.2 Feedback on Teachers and Teaching

Feedback on teachers and teaching-learning process in the college was taken from students in online mode through Google form. The input of the feedback was automatically processed by the online tool. The analysis of the feedback was evaluated and made available to the respective teachers for further improvement in the teaching learning process. Principal took corrective and enhancive measures with the individual teachers wherever necessary.

5.16 FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

Faculty members of the College attended several Orientation Programmes, Refresher Programmes, Training Programmes, Short Term Programmes and other Faculty Development Programmes organized by HRDCs, online platforms, Teaching-Learning centres recognized by UGC in online/offline mode. A total of 5 teachers attended such faculty development programmes during the academic year.

6.0 FACULTY ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES

6.1 IMPLEMENTATION OF NEP 2020

The Faculty Orientation Seminar on the Implementation of NEP 2020 was held on June 24, 2023, at Gujarat College's Seminar Hall. Organized by the IQAC, the seminar aimed to provide faculty members with a comprehensive understanding of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and its implications for higher education institutions. The event featured a series of sessions that addressed key aspects of the NEP, including multi-disciplinary education, and flexible learning pathways.

The seminar began with an overview of the NEP 2020, followed by discussions on its impact on higher education, specifically focusing on structural changes, the introduction of new academic programs, and curriculum reforms. One of the key highlights was the emphasis on shifting from rote learning to critical thinking and project-based learning, alongside integrating technology in teaching practices. Participants also discussed strategies for

building institutional readiness, including faculty training and cross-departmental collaboration.

The event fostered active engagement among faculty members, who showed a strong commitment to contributing to the policy's implementation. As a result, the seminar increased awareness about NEP 2020 and provided practical strategies for aligning the university's academic practices with the policy's goals. The recommendations for future action included organizing follow-up workshops on specific aspects of NEP 2020 and establishing committees to monitor its implementation.

Overall, the seminar successfully equipped faculty members with the knowledge and tools required to support the transformative changes outlined in NEP 2020, setting the stage for a collaborative and effective implementation process at the college.

6.2 NATIONAL SEMINAR ON "SUICIDE: SOCIO-SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVE"



IQAC and department of Social Sciences of Gujarat Arts and Commerce College (Evening), Ahmedabad jointly organized one-day national seminar on "Suicide: Socio-Scientific Perspective" on 05th August, 2023. Dr. Annad Acharya (HOD, Sociology) extended a warm welcome to Speakers, Faculties, Guests and all participants. In this seminar, Dr. Vidhyut Joshi, Former Vice chancellor, Maharaja Krishnakumarsinhji Bhavnagar University, Gujarat was invited to talk about 'Suicide: An Indian Perspective'. Dr. Mehboob Desai, Former Professor and HOD, History & Culture, Gujarat Vidhyapith, Ahmedabad was also invited as the

keynote speaker. He delivered a speech on "Causes of suicide and ways to prevent it". The program was inaugurated in the presence of the patron, principal of the college Dr Himmat Bhalodiya, IQAC coordinator Dr Bhavesh Lakhani and other facultymembers of the college. More than 200 people registered for the seminar. Research scholars, faculty members and students from various institutions attended the seminar. The seminar was concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Bhavin Parmar (HOD, Department of History), expressing gratitude to the Speakers, Staff members and participants.

6.3 NATIONAL SEMINAR ON "EMERGING TRENDS IN DIGITAL HUMINITIES"

IQAC, SQAC and department of English of Gujarat Arts and Commerce College (Evening), Ahmedabad jointly organized one-day national seminar on "Emerging Trends in Digital Humanities" on 11th March, 2024. In this seminar, Dr Ashok Thorat, founder-director of the center for Digital Humanities, Pune, Maharashtra was invited to talk about 'Emergence of Digital Humanities in Digital Humanities'. Dr Dilip Barad, Professor and head of department of English, Maharaja Krishnakumarsinhji Bhavnagar University, Gujarat was also invited as the keynote speaker. He delivered a speech on 'What do Digital Humanists do?". The program was inaugurated in the presence of the patron, principal of the college Dr Himmat Bhalodiya, IQAC coordinator Dr Bhavesh Lakhani and other facultymembers of the college. Total 75 people registered for the seminar. Research scholars, faculty members and students from various institutions attended the seminar. The seminar was concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Prof. Poojaba Jadeja (Faculty, Department of English), expressing gratitude to the Speakers, Staff members and participants.





7.0 TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Gujarat Arts & Commerce College (Evening), Ahmedabad, organized a comprehensive training programme for administrative staff on 2nd December 2023. The one-day event aimed to enhance the skills and knowledge of the administrative team, ensuring efficient and effective functioning. Dr. Annad Acharya (IQAC member) extended a warm welcome to all participants, creating a congenial atmosphere for the training sessions. Dr. Himmat Bhalodiya (Principal) delivered an inspiring speech, emphasizing the importance of continuous learning and professional development. Sri. Ashwin Patel (Registrar) inaugurated the training, highlighting the significance of the programme in improving administrative processes. Dr. Bhavesh Lakhani (IQAC Coordinator) commended the initiative and its potential impact on the overall efficiency of the administrative staff. Following the inaugural function the first class was conducted by Dr. BahadursinhVaghela (IQAC member) addressing the topic of grade promotion. After a brief tea break Dr. Gargi Shah covered the topic of pension. After the lunch break Dr. Anand Acharya and Dr. Bhavesh Lakhani conducted detailed sessions covering the seventh pay fixation of the teaching faculty. The resource persons had fruitful discussions with the participants and answered all the raised queries meticulously. The training programme was concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. BhavinParmar (IQAC member), expressing gratitude to the organizers, trainers, and participants. The initiative was a success, providing valuable insights and skills that will undoubtedly contribute to the ongoing improvement of administrative processes at Gujarat Arts & Commerce College (Evening), Ahmedabad.

8.0 MENTEE COLLEGE ACCREDITED

IQAC of Gujarat Arts & Commerce College (Evening), Ahmedabad, mentored two government colleges regarding NAAC accreditation process. Which are Government Arts College, Amirgadh, and Government Arts College, Garbada. The both colleges were going through various stages of accreditation process. Through the constant guidance by IQAC of Gujarat Arts & Commerce College (Evening), Ahmedabad, Government Arts College, Amirgadh, submitted Self Study Report. And Peer team visit held Government Arts College, Amirgadh and the college was accredited with B Grade with Grade Point 2.29





9.0 STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES

9.1 PRAVESHOTSHAV-2023

Student Induction Programme Praveshotshav-2023 was held for first-year UG and PG students on August 23, 2023. Dr. Bhavesh Lakhani presided over the event, and induction activities run by IQAC and the student induction committee followed. Students were provided with orientation talks, code of conduct workshops, motivational talks, an overview of the College's many facilities and student support systems, and other events during the induction programme. The opportunity to get to know themselves with the College and its facilities were excellently provided to the incoming students.

9.2 VALUE-ADDED COURSES

Gujarat Arts & Commerce College (Evening), Ahmedabad, introduced number of value-added Certificate courses under RUSA and Finishing School for enhancing the skill development and employability of students. All third year undergraduate students were expected to subscribe to at least one value-added course during the academic year. Prof. Bansari Jethva (Finishing School) and Prof. Bhavin Badiyani (RUSA) were the coordinator of the value-added courses. Certificates were issued to students who successfully completed the courses.

10.0 RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The IQAC of Gujarat Arts and Commerce College (Evening), Ahmedabad, provides a venue for excellent research. More than 10 faculty members of the college serve as research guides in various universities. The 14 faculties of the college have been published research paper in various reputed journals, as well as book chapters published by prestigious publishers guarantee the quality of research. The faculties have access to amazing facilities. Facilities such as central library and cabins offer conducive environments for research. During the academic year 2023-2024 Two faculties became a guide of Gujarat University and Three faculties of various department pursuing their research activities as a PhD scholar.

11.0 FACULTIES NEWLY QUALIFIED WITH PHD

One faculty of the college newly qualified Ph. D degree during 2023-2024. DR Sandip Sanchala from department of sociology awarded with Ph D degree by Gujarat University.



12.0 CONCLUSION

The activities and initiatives undertaken by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) during the year have significantly contributed to enhancing the quality of education and institutional processes at our college. Through a series of workshops, training sessions, and reviews, IQAC has played a pivotal role in fostering a culture of continuous improvement, ensuring adherence to academic standards, and promoting innovative practices. The successful implementation of various quality assurance measures, along with the active participation of faculty, staff, and students, has paved the way for the college's growth and development.

Looking ahead, IQAC remains committed to further strengthening quality assurance mechanisms, aligning with national and international standards, and ensuring that our institution continues to provide an enriching and holistic learning environment. We aim to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to address emerging challenges, introduce best practices, and achieve sustained excellence in teaching, research, and student outcomes.

Dr. Bhavesh Lakhani

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IQAC Coordinator

Dr. HimmatBhalodiya

Principal