



INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

Date: June 11, 2021

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on May 28, 2021 at 04.00 P.M.

A virtual meeting of all committee members of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), IGDR was held on Friday, May 28, 2021 between 04.00 p.m. and 05.30 p.m. This was the first IQAC meeting of the calendar year January – December, 2021.

Members present:

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| 1. Chairperson: Head of the Institution | Dr. S. Mahendra Dev |
| 2. Faculty to represent all levels | Dr. Manisha Jan |
| | Dr. G. Mythili |
| | Dr. K. V. Ramaswamy |
| | Dr. Rajendra Vaidya |
| | Dr. C. Veeramani |
| | Dr. Shubhro Sarkar |
| 3. Member from the Management | Dr. A. Ganesh Kumar |
| 4. Senior administrative officers | Mr. Jai Mohan Pandit |
| | Dr. S. M. Pujar |
| 5. Nominee from Student | Mr. Abhishek Dureja |
| 6. Nominee from Alumni | Dr. Tirthankar Patnaik |
| 7. Nominee from Industry | Dr. Indranil Pan |
| 8. Coordinator | Dr. Javati Sarkar |

In Attendance:

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| Administrative Officer | Mr. Samir Parab |
| IQAC Secretariat | Ms. Archana Sharma |

Dr. Romar Correa, IQAC Nominee from Local Society granted leave of absence.

Agenda Items

1. Update on the submission of AQAR 2019-20 and taking stock of quality initiatives of the Institute conducted in 2021 till date.
2. Revised guidelines for the Self-Study Report.
3. To discuss and solicit suggestions on how different NAAC related requirements/activities may be adapted to the online mode in view of the on-going pandemic.
4. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Summary of Discussion and Decisions Taken

1. Update on the submission of AQAR 2019-20 and taking stock of the quality initiatives of the Institute conducted in 2021 till date.

- (i) The IQAC coordinator informed the Committee members about the successful submission of Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR 2018-19) as per guidelines and parameters of NAAC. Members were updated about the status and progress on the submission of AQAR 2019-20 and the changes in deadline for submission.
- (ii) Committee members were briefed about the Action Taken report (ATR) on recommendations of IQAC meeting held on December 28, 2020.
- (iii) The Dean Academic Affairs briefed the committee on how notwithstanding the challenges and constraints thrown up by the ongoing pandemic, all academic activities are being conducted online and progressing on schedule. Apart from courses being taught, all student seminars under the M.Phil and Ph.D programme, and Ph.D viva voce are being conducted online as per requirements. Alumni talks as well as Institute seminars are also being organized regularly.
- (iv) Publication of the first issue of the IGIDR newsletter, *EconPrism*: The IQAC coordinator introduced to the committee the first issue of the IGIDR newsletter *EconPrism* Volume 1. Issue 1 released in April 2021. *EconPrism* is a student-managed newsletter to be published quarterly under the guidance of faculty mentors Dr. Bharti Nandwani and Dr. Gopakumar Achuthankutty. Committee members highly appreciated the overall structure of the newsletter and the efforts put in by Newsletter committee members.

2. Revised guidelines for the Self-Study Report:

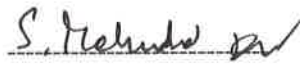
The IQAC coordinator briefed the members about the Guidelines for the Creation of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Submission of Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) by Accredited Institutions (AQAR format in line with the revised Manual of Universities) (with effect from the academic year 2020-21), dated August 2020, and NAAC Institutional Accreditation Manual for Self Study Report Universities dated October 2020. She presented the additions and modifications in the revised SSR and NAAC requirements as identified by the IGIDR NAAC consultant, Dr. Ajit Thete. Among the significant changes in the 2020-21 format are a greater focus on data validation, data verification, changes brought in a few metrics from QnM to QIM, and requirement of detailed write ups under several fields.

3. To discuss and solicit suggestions on how different NAAC related requirements/activities may be adapted to the online mode in view of the ongoing pandemic.

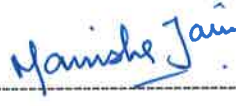
Committee members had an extensive discussion on the revised NAAC requirements which have changed considerably and how conducting various activities based on parameters set by NAAC can be conducted for faculty, staff and students during the ongoing pandemic. Members especially recognized that given the ongoing pandemic, the second wave and the uncertainty with the progress of the spread of the novel coronavirus, it will be a challenge to conduct different activities online. Continuous online engagement for most part of the day for course work leaves very little time for conducting other value added activities and is likely to create more stress among students. Nevertheless, the following recommendations were made with regard to NAAC activities:

- ✱ Plan few online activities for students, faculty, staff and the IGIDR community at large in view of the pandemic such as a 5 days yoga and meditation programme, and workshops on mental health and counseling, along with the regular activities that are planned annually.
- (ii) Based on the Academic Calendar, the Student Office may help schedule value added activities to make it more convenient for students to attend the same.
- (iii) The Institute will try its best to focus on the new NAAC requirements that have been introduced and review the same after six months. The Committee recognized in this context that given the uniqueness of IGIDR as a deemed to be university, and it being different from large universities in the country, there may not be perfect alignment of the focused activities of the Institute with all NAAC requirements.

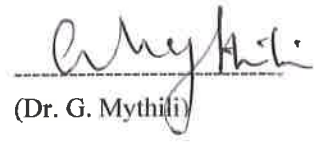
The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks from the Director.




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(Dr. Manisha Jain)



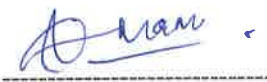
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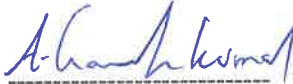
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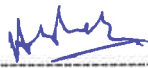
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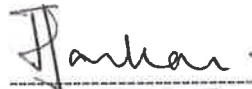
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