

A meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Birpara College, held on 15 February 2021

* Meeting hosted on Google Meet

Agenda:

1. Confirmation of minutes of the previous IQAC meeting
2. Preparation of AQAR 2018-2019
3. Miscellaneous

Total number of participants: 05

Minutes of the meeting:

The meeting began under the chairmanship of Teacher-in-Charge, Dr. Dil Kumar Pradhan.

The minutes of the previous IQAC meeting, held on 2 August 2020, were read and confirmed.

Under matters arising, the House was informed that faculty members have been taking online classes during the pandemic, have set up whatsapp groups for students of different courses, and circulated notes and video lectures through the whatsapp groups and uploaded the same on the Birpara College app.

The House was informed that the Department of Sociology, Birpara College, in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, Cooch Behar College and under the guidance of the IQACs of the two colleges, organised an International Webinar, titled "State of Democracy in Asia: Experiences and Expectations," on 13-14 August 2020.

The House was further informed that the following events have been organised in collaboration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI):

1. **8 August 2020:** "Entrepreneurship in post-Covid scenario" organised by ICAI; Birpara College; Salesian College, Siliguri & Sonada; Siliguri College of Commerce. In total 75 students from the College took part in the webinar.
2. **11 August 2020:** "Our Rights & Responsibilities in Taxation (Residential status and Incidence of Tax)," organised by ICAI; Birpara College; Salesian College, Siliguri & Sonada; Siliguri College of Commerce. Seven (07) students from the College took part in the webinar.
3. **23 September 2020:** "Dealing with Anxiety & Depression in Adolescence and Young Adults," organised by ICAI; Psycho-Social Counselling Cell, Birpara College; Chakdaha College; Dinabandhu Mahavidyalaya; Contai

Public School; St Joseph's School (Azara). Five (05) students from Birpara College took part in the webinar.

4. **17 October 2020:** “Emerging Challenges in Human Resource Management,” organised by ICAI and Department of Commerce, Birpara College. Mr Dipankar Bhaumik of the Department of Commerce, Birpara College, acted as a resource person at the webinar.

Preparation of AQAR 2018-2019

The House was informed that preparation of the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) of 2018-2019 is under being prepared. The same must be uploaded on the portal for Higher Education Institutions of the NAAC website instead of sending it by email, as was the earlier practice. The House was informed that due to the pandemic and the subsequent disruption of college activities, the following AQARs of 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 were still pending. The House instructed the IQAC coordinator to ensure that the AQARs were submitted through due process within the stipulated deadline set by NAAC.

Miscellaneous

The House was informed that a Students' Webinar, titled “Education in the Time of COVID19,” was organised by the Academic Council and Student-Teacher Interaction Cell of Birpara College on 11 August 2020. Four students presented papers in what was the first online conference hosted by Birpara College.

The House was further informed that the College has developed a new website, www.birparacollege.com, to manage student information and collect fees of intermediate semesters. The website has been operational since 1 October 2020.

The House as also informed that the Department of Sociology, Birpara College, and Educational and Cultural Station, Kolkata had started a Weekly Online Lecture Series on “Culture and Personality” from 10 October 2020. Thus far, 15 episodes of the lecture series have been live streamed on Youtube.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.