

A meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Birpara College, held on 01 October 2021

* Meeting hosted on Google Meet

Agenda:

1. Confirmation of minutes of the previous IQAC meeting
2. Current status of the college
3. Progress report on academic activities
4. Progress report on other activities
5. Plan of Action for the next session
6. Miscellaneous

Total number of participants: 07

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 31 July 2021, were read and confirmed.

Under matters arising, the House was informed that the results of the U.G. 2nd, 4th and 6th Semesters (under CBCS) and U.G. Part-II / III (under Annual System) Examinations, 2021, held on the last week of July 2021, were published on 21 August 2021.

The House was informed that seven more episodes of the Weekly Online Lecture Series on "Culture and Personality" have been live streamed on Youtube by the Department of Sociology, Birpara College, and Educational and Cultural Station, Kolkata before the series was discontinued. In total there were 28 episodes in the whole series between 10 October 2020 and 12 September 2021 (details of the lectures can be found in Lecture-Series-Sociology-2020-2021.pdf (birparacollege.ac.in).

The Coordinator of the IQAC, Dr. Nikhilesh Bhattacharya, informed the House that the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the year 2018-2019 was submitted to NAAC on 31 August 2021. A review report for the same was received on 10 September 2021 and the matters raised are being addressed.

The IQAC Coordinator further informed the House that work on AQAR 2019-2020 was nearing completion and the same would be placed before the Governing Body before it is submitted to NAAC. The House instructed the Coordinator, IQAC to ensure the report is submitted before the deadline.

Current status of the college:

The House was informed that offline classes remain suspended. Online classes are being held regularly. College office remains open with staff on rotation to ensure administrative work is done on time.

Progress report on academic activities:

The House was informed that admission to first semester U.G courses under NBU is ongoing. As usual, the entire process is being done online.

Progress report on other activities

The chair informed the House that the West Bengal Government Students' Credit Card Scheme has been launched in the college with Mr. Dipankar Bhaumik and Dr Jyotirmay Roy as the coordinators.

The House was informed that the Departments of Sociology and Geography of Birpara College, under the guidance of the IQAC, Birpara College, organised a two-day national webinar on Society, Economy and Development on 23-24 August 2021.

The House was informed that the Career Counselling Cell of Birpara College hosted a webinar conducted by Unacademy on career opportunities in the West Bengal Public Service Commission on 28 August 2021 from 4 pm to 5 pm. The Techer-in-Charge, Dr. Dil Kumar Pradhan, joined the webinar as a resource person and around 20 students attended it.

The House was informed that June 2021 Term End Examinations (TEE) of IGNOU were conducted at the Birpara College examination centre (IGNOU LSC 45029) from 3 August 2021 to 9 September 2021.

The House was informed that one faculty member and six students attended a two-day international webinar organised by the West Bengal State Council of Higher Education under the aegis of the Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The aim of the webinar was to provide the students of West Bengal across regions with an Industry-Academia Interface platform and make them and their mentors aware of the required skills to face the job market challenges.

The House was informed that one faculty member and 10 students of Birpara College have joined the Clean Air Champion Cohort, an initiative of the Clean Air Network (CAN) promoted under aegis of SwitchON Foundation, to reduce air pollution in Bengal, Odisha and Jharkhand.

Academic Plan of Action for the next session:

The House was informed that the college has submitted vaccination status of its current students (in 3rd and 5th semesters) to the Department of Higher Education. Subsequently, a

vaccination programme was held in college on 27 and 28 September 2021 for 3rd and 5th semester students. The number of beneficiaries on the two days were as follows:

27 September 2021: Beneficiaries – 264

28 September 2021: Beneficiaries – 203

So far, no instructions have been received from NBU regarding offline classes. Under the circumstances, the House resolved that all departments would be urged to remain prepared to start classes as soon as said instructions are received.

There being no other business to transact, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.