



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL  
(IQAC), UTKAL UNIVERSITY**

**Held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020 | Time-11.00am to 1.30pm | Platform: Google Meet**

**Members present**


Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, Vice Chancellor in Chair  
Prof. Gitanjali Batmanabane, Director AIIMS, Bhubaneswar  
Dr Sanghamitra Pati, Director RMRC, Bhubaneswar  
Dr Ajay Kumar Parida, Director, ILS. Bhubaneswar  
Prof. Kishor Kumar Basa, Former Professor of Anthropology, Utkal University  
Shri Sarat Kumar Majhi, Controller of Examinations, Utkal University  
Prof. Basant Kumar Mallick Chairman P.G. Council, Utkal University,  
Prof. Sateesh Kumar Pradhan, Dept. Computer Science  
Prof. Swapna Mahapatra, Dept. of Physics, Utkal University  
Prof. (Mrs.) Navaneeta Rath, Dept. of Sociology, Utkal University  
Prof. (Mrs.) Pushpanjali Jena, Dept. of Lib. & Inf. Sc., Utkal University  
Prof. Sanjaya Acharya, Dept. of AIHC&A, Utkal University  
Prof. Jagneshwar Dandapat, Dept. of Biotechnology, Utkal University  
Prof. Bidhu Bhusan Mishra, Dept. of Bus. Admn., Utkal University  
Prof. Nigamananda Das, Director R&D, Coordinator World Bank and Director CDC  
Prof. Prabodh Kumar Hota, Coordinator RUSA, Utkal University  
Prof. Pravati Kumari Mahapatra, Director, IQAC


**Business transacted**

1. Minutes of the last meeting was confirmed.
2. Prof. P.K. Mahapatra, Director, IQAC welcomed the members and presented the action taken report and activities of the University.
  - i. Present committee was constituted on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and the first meeting of the committee was held on 27<sup>th</sup> of the same month. Several important aspects relating to improvement of the University status was discussed in that first meeting.
  - ii. Vice Chancellor Prof. SM Patnaik, proposed for making a space in the name of Mahatma Gandhi as 75years of Utkal University was coinciding with celebration of 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi's Birth. Inauguration of "Ahimsa Sthal" by Hon'ble Chancellor of Odisha Prof Ganeshi Lal on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020 witnessed one of the mega action taken events.
  - iii. Prof. Gitanjali Batmanabane proposed for developing a common strategy for assessment related to practical examinations under CBCS courses. At present, the University has implemented a common syllabus for undergraduate students. Prof. Batmanabane proposed for an exhibition as part of platinum jubilee celebration of the University during 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. The celebration was a grand success with exhibits from all teaching departments.
  - iv. The proposal for beautification of the campus has been taken up in a grand scale with landscaping of important areas.
  - v. New guidelines for admission into PhD course has been implemented as discussed in previous IQAC meetings. Director IQAC requested all members to develop strategy to complete implementation of the NAAC peer team recommendation for quality enhancement of the University.
3. Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, Vice Chancellor delivered the inaugural address. He informed the members regarding the special achievement of the Utkal University as it was placed within 100 best universities of the country based on the NIRF 2020 ranking conducted by the Ministry of Human Recourse Development, Government of India. Prof. Patnaik placed the AQAR 2019-20 for re-approval of the committee for uploading at the NAAC portal.
4. Prof. Gitanjali Batmanabane, Director AIIMS, emphasized on the difficulties faced by faculty and students during the trying period of COVID-19 pandemic. She focused on monitoring quality of teaching, student's response and conducting examinations on line.



5. Prof Ajay Parida, Director, ILS suggested the university to be more active in social media and to develop strategy for due branding of the university events. He was optimistic about overcoming the COVID-19 challenges. However, Dr Parida raised his concern relating to resource crunch, sustenance of status of research and other activities of the University post-covid reopening.
6. Dr Sanghamitra Pati, Director, RMRC, proposed for a sustainable plan for facing the pandemic situation and develop indicators for quality control of the online teaching.
7. Mr Sarat Kumar Majhi, Controller of Examinations expressed the pandemic as a challenge for conducting the University Examinations. He emphasized on complete automation of examination process as well as payment of fees towards admission and examination of students.
8. Prof KK Basa, described the situation as new normal and proposed for developing guidelines for the nature of field work during the trying period of COVID-19. He further emphasized on immediate appointment of faculty members and encouragement of existing faculty members of the University to excel. Prof. Basa further proposed for online classes for post graduate students. However, he commented on the importance of real class and no virtual teaching can act as the substitute.
9. Prof. Satish Pradhan proposed to keep students academically engaged through assignments, video lectures by faculty and develop strategy for conducting online examinations.
10. Prof. Swapna Mahapatra proposed for sharing power point slides with students as an ideal tool for teaching. She expressed concern over networking facility available to students residing in remote areas and proposed to develop suitable alternative methods to reach such students.
11. Prof. Navaneeta Rath's emphasis was on empowering women through various activities such as vigilance awareness programme, sharing vital gender issues, mega gender audit, and introduction of short term courses on gender issues.
12. Prof. Puspanjali Jena's concern was immediate appointment of chief librarian for smooth functioning of the historic Parija Library.
13. Prof. Basant Kumar Mallick, Chairperson PG Council stressed up on online teaching during the pandemic.
14. Prof. Sanjaya Acharya focused upon the importance of record keeping and strengthening the Media Cell of the University. He also proposed for the distribution of the soft copy of the souvenir prepared during the Platinum Jubilee celebration to all the faculty members.
15. Prof. Jagneshwar Dandapat emphasized upon the possibility of transfer of technology from University to industry. He proposed for hostel facility for research scholars throughout the year necessary for uninterrupted research activity.
16. Prof. Bidhu Bhusan Mishra highlighted upon raising funds in the post-covid world. He proposed for establishment of a consultancy cell with suitable guidelines. He also proposed for mobilizing alumni for funds rising and establishment of a data centre.
17. Prof. Nigamananda Das, raised his concern over faculty members to be involved in more number of research Projects. Every department should come up with quality research publications. Prof. Das proposed for automation of office during the pandemic.
18. Prof. Prabodh Kumar Hota, Coordinator RUSA, discussed regarding establishment of Utkal Entrepreneurship and Carrier Hub under RUSA. He proposed for introduction of happiness programmes for faculty members, soft skill development, artificial intelligence and creative activity for students through the Center.
19. Other matters related to establishment of a day care centre for faculty members and staff of the University, achievement of rural outreach programme, appointment of Deans with secretarial staff, conducting programmes for wellbeing of students, staff and faculty members was discussed by the members.
20. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Prof. Navaneeta Rath.

  
(Prof. S.M. Patnaik)  
Vice-Chancellor  
12<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

  
(Prof. P.K. Mahapatra)  
Director, IQAC  
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