

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) - Inception, Roles & responsibilities

1. Introduction

In pursuance of its action plan for performance evaluation, assessment and accreditation and quality up-gradation of institutions of higher education, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), proposes that every accredited institution should establish an Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). The IQAC is the central quality- monitoring body of the institution. It functions under the Chairmanship of the Principal and comprises senior faculty members, few administrative officers, Management, Stake holders, representative from the local community and a student representative.

In accordance with the above, IQAC was started in **Sri Ramakrishna Dental College and Hospital** on 23/3/2019. The vision of IQAC in Sri Ramakrishna Dental College and Hospital is to ensure high operational standards in all its academic and administrative activities.

2. Objectives of IQAC

- To develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic action to improve the academic and administrative performance of the institution and to create, maintain and enhance quality in all spheres
- To promote measures for institutional functioning towards quality enhancement through internalization of quality culture and institutionalization of best practices.

3. Functions of the IQAC

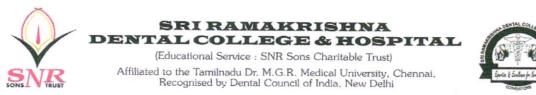
- a) Development and application of quality benchmarks/parameters for various academic and administrative activities of the institution
- b) Facilitating the creation of a learner-centric environment conducive to quality education and faculty maturation to adopt the required knowledge and technology for participatory teaching and learning process
- c) Arrangement for feedback response from students, parents and other stakeholders on quality-related institutional processes
- d) Dissemination of information on various quality parameters of higher education

e) Organization of inter and intra institutional workshops, seminars on quality related themes and promotion of quality circles

f) Documentation of the various programmes/activities leading to quality improvement

g) Acting as a nodal agency of the Institution for coordinating quality-related activities, including adoption and dissemination of best practices

h) Development and maintenance of institutional database for the purpose of maintaining /enhancing the institutional quality



i) Development of Quality Culture in the institution;

j) Preparation of the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) as per guidelines and parameters of NAAC, to be submitted to NAAC.

4. Conclusion

The IQAC functions with the belief that excellence and quality are not one-time goals but continuous processes. The work of the IQAC is the first step towards internalization and institutionalization of quality enhancement initiatives. Its success depends upon the sense of belongingness and participation it can inculcate in all the constituents of the institution. It will not be yet another hierarchical structure or a record-keeping exercise in the institution. It will be a facilitative and participative voluntary system/unit/organ of the institution. To this end, the IQAC meets on a regular basis to discuss about new programs, up gradation of infrastructure and increasing the effective functioning of all systems of the institution.

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