

PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC) MEETING HELD ON
19.03.2016 AT 11.30 A.M. IN THE SYNDICATE HALL OF BERHAMPUR UNIVERSITY

Members Present:

1. Professor Deepak Kumar Behera Vice Chancellor, Berhampur University	Chair
2. Prof. P.K. Padhy, Chairman, P.G. Council, Berhampur University	Member
3. Prof. Aparajita Chowdhury, Dept. of Home Science	Member
4. Prof. Jayram Pradhan, Dept. of Computer Science	Member
5. Prof. Debiprasanna Patnaik, Dept. of Odia	Member
6. Prof. J.N. Mahanty, Dept. of Pol Science	Member
7. Prof. Subasini Patnaik, Dept. of Zoology	Member
8. Prof. Manas Ranjan Patra, Dept. of Computer Science	Member
9. Mr Remish Kerketta, Registrar, Berhampur University	Member
10. Prof. Arun. K. Dandapat, Principal, M.K. C.G Medical College, Berhampur	External Member
11. Er. P.K. Panigrahy, Executive Director, Gopalpur Ports Ltd.	External Member
12. Prof. Pratap K Mohanty, Director, IQAC	Member Secretary

Dr.Pradeep Kumar Panigrahy, Hon'ble Minister of State (Ind), Higher Education, Science and Technology, and M.L.A Gopalpur and Prof.R.K. Mishra could not attend the meeting.

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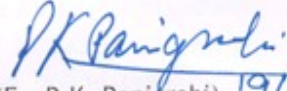
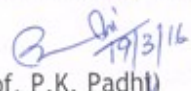

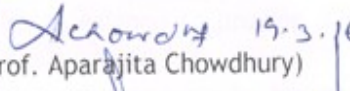

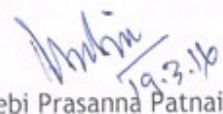
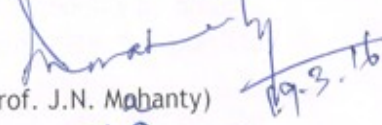
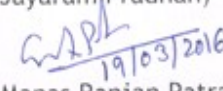
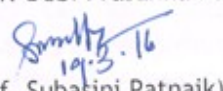

Professor Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice Chancellor, Berhampur University welcomed all the members of the Committee and explained the importance of IQAC decisions in the functioning of the University, particularly to sustain and enhance quality in the academic and administrative matters of the university. All the members congratulated the Vice Chancellor and his team for completing the teacher recruitment process very successfully and without compromising the quality.

The following decisions were taken during the meeting.

1. Director, IQAC presented the composition of the IQAC, Berhampur University, objectives, functions, the strategies and about the dedicated window for IQAC in the university website . He also placed the action taken report till date before all the members for their perusal.
2. The following issues were raised during the discussion on the action taken report.
 - a. The Committee recommended that all information including student and other stakeholder feedback, both manual form and online link, may be uploaded on the website. Further, the committee recommended that the IQAC window in the university website may be redesigned to provide it a better look and access.
 - b. Analysis of the feedback and valued suggestions by the students be brought to the notice of the university authorities and syndicate for possible implementation.
 - c. Department/Centres can also analyse the feedback and utilize the information/suggestions for improving courses and infrastructure and the summary of the findings be sent to IQAC.

- d. The main focus of the university has been to take leadership in research besides quality teaching and extension activities. The committee felt that leadership in research can be further strengthened by defining thrust areas.
 - e. The committee also recommended that university research fellowship be offered in the thrust areas.
 - f. It is planned to organise workshop in order to familiarize people/ about the functioning of IQAC.
3. The Vice Chancellor briefed the committee about the creation of corpus fund worth 5 crore. It was agreed unanimously that the interest earned from the corpus fund should be utilised to promote research.
 4. The Committee agreed to develop a policy against plagiarism and other ethical practices based on the reports submitted by the ethical committee.
 5. The Committee agreed in principle to set-up a Research Cell for streamlining research activities and to enhance academic output. Further it is recommended that the cell be involved in developing methods and tools for providing momentum to the research activities.
 6. The committee agreed in principle that course curriculum for undergraduate students be designed in virtual tutorial mode.
 7. The committee recommended to set up an e-Content Access Centre at the Central Library and a Central Instrumentation Centre, to facilitate quality teaching and research activities on the campus.
 8. Findings of the internal and external academic audit reports may be considered by the syndicate and other appropriate bodies of the university to develop and strengthen quality academic culture in the university.
 9. Considering the irregular rainfall trend and the district of Ganjam as a rain shadow region, the committee recommended to take necessary steps for putting up rainwater harvesting system on the campus.
 10. As a measure towards climate change mitigation and adaptation to climate change, the committee recommended the use of renewable energy, particularly solar energy on the campus.
 11. One of the members of the IQAC, Professor D.P. Patnaik, informed the committee about the availability of palm leaf and old artefacts at the South Odisha Cultural Study Centre of the university. The committee agreed in principle for digitalisation of the same.

The meeting concluded with a formal vote of thanks to the Chair.

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