



**SREE SANKARACHARYA UNIVERSITY OF SANSKRIT,
KALADY**

**ANNUAL ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF IQAC
2020-2021**



Internal Quality Assurance Cell

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

The outbreak of COVID 19 Pandemic and its gigantic spread led the year 2020-21 to adhere strictly to online classes, even though a small period of break was taken in between. The University's own developed Learning Management System (LMS) was the only resolution to the entire teaching –learning process.

The term of the IQAC members continued this academic year too with the following members.

Dr. Dharmarajan P.K, Vice Chancellor - Chairman

II Senior Administrative Officers

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| 1 Dr. M.B Gopalakrishnan, Registrar | -Member |
| 2 Dr. K.S. RaviKumar Pro Vice chancellor | - ” |
| 3 Sri.Sunilkumar.S, Finance Officer | - ” |
| 4 Sri. Sukhesh K Divakar, Joint Registrar (Administration) | - ” |

III Teaching Staff

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| 1. Dr. Shanti Nair, Professor in Hindi | - ” |
| 2. Dr. Valsalan V.A, Professor in Malayalam | - ” |
| 3. Dr K Muthuleshmi, Professor in Sanskrit Vedanta | - ” |
| 4. Dr. C.S. Sasikumar, Professor in Sahitya | - ” |
| 5.Dr. L.Sushama, Professor in Malayalam | - ” |
| 6.6.Dr. Lissy Mathew V, Professor in Malayalam | - ” |
| 7. Dr. Sunil P Elayidom, Professor in Malayalam | - ” |
| 8. Dr. Babu K Viswanathan, Associate Professor in Hindi | - ” |
| 9. Dr. Jose Antony, Associate Professor in Social Work | - ” |
| 10. Dr. Nakulan K.V, Associate Professor in Urdu | - ” |
| 11. Dr. Susan Thomas, Associate Professor in History | - ” |
| 12. Dr. Vijayalekshmi K.P. Assistant Professor in Sanskrit Vedanta | - ” |
| 13. Dr. Chandravada G., Assistant Professor in Hindi | - ” |

IV Syndicate Nominees

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| 1. Dr Thomas K Job, Member, Syndicate | - ” |
| 2. Dr Babu Joseph, Member, Syndicate | - ” |

V Nominees

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| 1. Smt. Keerthana P, Reasearch Scholar, Sanskrit Sahitya | - ” |
| 2. Adv. K. Thulasi, Panchayath President, Kalady | - ” |
| 3. Dr. Tolin (CEO), TolinsTyre Manufactures | - ” |

VI Dr. Saju T.S., Associate Professor in Geography, Director, IQAC - ”

VII **Special invitee**-Dr. Biveesh U.C. , Research Officer, RUSA – SPD

In addition to the routine works, the key initiatives taken by IQAC were;

INITIATIVE 1:

The IQAC conducted 16 days Online Workshop on E Content Development in Sanskrit (Faculty Development Programme) for University and College teachers from 10.08.2020 to 27.08.2020 in LMS platform of the University. 54 teachers attended the programme and were equipped for future blended mode of teaching and learning.

INITIATIVE 2:

The IQAC submitted the Institutional Information for Quality Assessment (IIQA) for the second cycle of NAAC reaccreditation on 09.09.2020. The same was accepted by NAAC on 16.09.2020 with the direction to submit Self Study Report (SSR) within 45 days from the date of acceptance of IIQA. Accordingly the University successfully submitted the same on 28.10.2020, the first Sanskrit University to upload the SSR in the revised accreditation framework for Sanskrit Universities. Based on SSR, the University responded to DVV clarifications with relevant documents/proof on 15.02.2021.

INITIATIVE 3:

Based on the report of the expert committee from Higher education Department chaired by prof Sabu Thomas, Vice Chancellor, MG University, Kottayam on introduction of new programmes for the affiliated colleges/ Universities, the IQAC was directed to prepare proposals to start cross-disciplinary programmes, to be submitted in Higher Education Department, for starting new courses in BA (Sanskrit Honors), M.A (Museology), M.Sc (Natural Disaster Management), M.Sc (Sanskrit Computing), M.Sc (Women Studies) in the University. Accordingly the proposal was prepared and submitted to Higher Education Department through proper channel and the University received consent to start M.A Museology programme in the University from the academic year 2020 onwards.

INITIATIVE 4:

Even during the midst of COVID -19 Pandemic, the IQAC conducted online Induction programme for newly admitted UG students on 20 &21 October 2021. The statutory officers addressed the fresher's and during

various sessions the students were introduced about the university, its teaching – learning process, infrastructure, basic amenities, etc. Sri Abilash Joseph, Director, Life Tech solutions led the Ice breaking session and Motivational Speech for the students. The I semester PG students were also given online induction programme from 6-12 January 2021. Dr Arun kumar, Asst Professor, University of Kerala & Chief Operating officer, 24 NEWS channel was invited for motivational talk during the session.

INITIATIVE 5:

The IQAC initiated steps to adopt the research Practices prescribed in the document “**Good Academic Research Practice (GARP)**” by UGC to foster a sound foundation of research culture that emphasizes integrity in the daily practice of every researcher. The guidelines was circulated among Heads of the Departments and Campus Directors

INITIATIVE 6:

Initiated steps to constitute “Sustainable Environment Management Committee” which was entrusted with creating action plans, ensure environmental sustainability of the university, implement various awareness campaigns etc in accordance with the Green Policy of the campus.

INITIATIVE 7:

The University is in the process of second cycle of NAAC reaccreditation and hence the NAAC pre visit to various regional campuses and departments were conducted by the IQAC during November 2020, February/March 2021 under the leadership of Dr M Manimohanan, Syndicate member & Professor, Dr C M Manoj kumar, Associate Professor & Syndicate member, Dr Bichu X Malayil, Syndicate member & Professor, Dr Valsalan V A, Professor, Dr Muthulekshmi K, Professor, Dr V R Muralidharan, Professor, Dr Susan Thomas, Professor, Dr Reshma Bharadwaj, Associate Professor to assess the preparedness of NAAC works.

INITIATIVE 8:

The IQAC participated in NIRF, 2021 under the supervision of Dr Susan Thomas, Professor, Department of History, nominated as NIRF Coordinator.

INITIATIVE 9:

The Pandemic has brought unprecedented impact on the public health,

psychological well-being and socio-economic spheres of people across the globe. At this juncture, the Student's Counselling Cell in association with IQAC conducted an online session on "Buddy Care Group"- the first responder programme to UG and PG students of the University from 12.12.2020 to 13.12.2020. This extension programme intended to provide mental support through peers and prevent suicide attempt among University students.

INITIATIVE 10:

The IQAC & Student Counselling Cell in association with Regional Office of Bureau of Outreach of Communication, Ministry of information and Broadcasting, Govt.of India organised webinar for the students of the University on " Mental health of Youth during COVID- 19" on 31.12.2020.The resource person was Smt Vani Devi, Psychologist and the University you tube channel facility was streamlined for this purpose.

INITIATIVE 11:

The IQAC took initiative to make participate the university students in online survey to assess the Impact of COVID -19, the survey which was performed by Association of Indian Universities.

INITIATIVE 12:

The IQAC coordinated the students from various Departments/Regional centres to participate in " **Navakeralam Yuvakeralam- the future of Higher Education**", the programme conducted for the Higher Education sector by the State Government in Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam on 08.02.2021. 20 students participated in the programme and presented their views before the Chief Minister. A video presentation about the University of 5 minutes duration was presented before the public on that day.

INITIATIVE 13:

The Student's Counselling Cell in association with IQAC organized an online session " Initium Novum" for the student community in the wake of beginning of New year. The programme was organised on 18.01.2021 and 4 distinguished personalities with unique achievement and excellence in their respective areas addressed the student community. The personalities were Sri Rishiraj Singh IPS (DGP, Kerala Police), kum Tiffani Brar(Founder of Jyothirgamaya and Social Activist), Kum. Arya Rajendran (Mayor, Thiruvananthapuram Corporation) and Kum. Arathi Reghunath (Unique world Record Holder).

INITIATIVE 14:

The IQAC initiated steps for the participation in Chancellor's Award, 2020. From this year onwards, the Kerala State Higher Education Council differentiated the entire Universities in Kerala under two categories- Multidisciplinary Universities & Specialized Universities. Since SSUS come under specialized University, the data pertaining to the year was uploaded in the concerned portal provided to the University.

INITIATIVE 15:

The IQAC was entrusted with the preparation of selection procedures for the recruitment of guest lecturers from the academic year 2021-22 onwards in tune with the UGC Regulations 2018. Accordingly the procedures were formulated and placed before the Academic Council held on 23.03.2021. The applications for the post of guest lecturers, 2021 were invited through online mode

INITIATIVE 16:

The gigantic outbreak of second wave of COVID-19 forced the University to stop offline classes and switch over to online classes through LMS platform developed by the University. The IQAC in association with UGC-STRIDE organized 5 days intensive online training programme on Moodle LMS platform (Basics & Advanced level) to the regular teachers on 11.05.2021, 12.05.2021, 14.05.2021, 15.05.2021 & 17.05.2021. The training was attended by 93 faculty members from various departments.

INITIATIVE 17:

The Pandemic significantly affected the flow of our life on a large scale with serious restrictions on social life which brought serious negative consequences not only for physical health but also in social, psychological and emotional aspects. This was addressed by IQAC in association with Student Counselling Cell by organizing the programme titled “ **Psychological well-being and coping with Pandemic**” on 25.05.2021 which was led by Smt Vanidevi, Psychologist, Enlight Centre for Holistic Development, Kowdiar.

INITIATIVE 18:

The IQAC with the assistance of IT wing developed new software for the data collection of academic and non academic matters from all Departments & Regional Campuses. The software enabled the IQAC to obtain data in a single click with supporting documents which are essential for SSR& AQAR preparations, Chancellors Award, Chief Ministers award, NIRF etc

INITIATIVE 19:

Feedback collection for the monsoon semester was collected through onlinemethod. Students are able to submit feedback from their mobile phones.

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Development of an Integrated University Management Information System.
2. Strengthening of IT infrastructure in all campuses.
3. "Sustainable Campuses"-Plan 2025 (Before next NAAC assessment)
 - Gender Equity Initiatives
 - Overcome digital divide among students and research scholars
 - **Miyawaki** forests in all campuses
 - Solar power generation systems in all campuses
 - Waste management
 - Water management
4. Online feedback system for all stakeholders
5. Performance Assessment System for Administrative Staff
6. Expansion of online library facilities