

REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, BHUBANESWAR

Minutes of the meeting of IQAC held on 27.08.2024 at 03 pm.

The meeting of internal Qualities Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the Institute was held in the staff room at 3:00 pm on 27.08.2024. Prof. P. C. Agarwal, Principal chaired the meeting.

The following members were present in the meeting.

1. Prof. P.C. Agarwal, Principal	---	Chairman
2. Prof. Manasi Goswami, Dean (I)	---	Member
3. Prof S. K. Dash, Head, DESM	---	Member
4. Prof. Ritanjali Dash, Head, DEE	---	Member/ Coordinator
5. Prof. Laxmidhar Behera, Head DE	---	Member/Co-Coordinator
6. Mr. Rajib Sekhar Sahoo	---	Member (External)
7. Mr. J. K. Rath	---	Member (External)
8. Prof. R. K. Mohalik, I/c. ICT Studio	---	Member
9. Dr. Kalinga Ketaki, Head, DESSH	---	Member
10. Dr. P. L. Negi, Dy. Librarian	---	Member
11. Mr. A. K. Saha, I/c. Academic Section	---	Member
12. Dr. V. Sasikala, Assistant Professor	---	Member
13. Mr. A. Mishra, Headmaster, DMS	---	Member
14. Dr. K. B. Choudaj, Assistant Professor	---	Member
15. Mr. P. C. Meena, Administrative Officer	---	Member
16. Mr. S. K. Rout, Section Officer	---	Member
17. Mr. S. K. Tripathy, I/c. Accounts Officer	---	Member
18. Mr. A. K. Baliarsing, Security Supervisor	---	Member
19. Ms. Anu Chourasia (B.A.B.Ed.-4 th Year)	---	Member
20. Ms. Dibyajyoti Samantaray (B.Sc.B.Ed.-4 th Year)	---	Member
21. Ms. Shreyashi Bakshi (M.Ed. -2 nd Year)	---	Member

Prof. Ritanjali Dash, Coordinator, IQAC, welcomed the Chairman and members, noting that this was the first meeting since receiving NAAC Accreditation. Prof. Dash highlighted that IQAC meeting is conducted quarterly and many measures suggested by IQAC members have been implemented and functioning. Prof. Dash requested Prof. P. C. Agarwal, Principal and Chairperson to address all members.

Prof. P.C. Agarwal Chairman, IQAC welcomed the external members, members of the committee and the new Administrative Officer. He briefed that, since the last meeting of IQAC, the Institute's NAAC accreditation has been upgraded from Grade-B+ to Grade-A after an appeal. With new criteria for NAAC, the Institute is currently studying them, and making efforts accordingly for further improvement without waiting for the next 5-year cycle.

Prof. Agarwal briefed on the Institute's activities and events over the past four months, including the timely completion of University even Semester Examinations and Publication of University Examination 2024. He noted that CEE 2024 for all RIEs was conducted by RIE Bhubaneswar. The process was initiated in March-2024 and completed in July-2024.

Admissions for B.A. B.Ed. and B.Sc. B.Ed. programmes took place from 29th to 31st July 2024. Admissions for B.Ed. and M.Ed. have been scheduled to be conducted on August 28-30, 2024. Prof. Agarwal informed the committee that majority of applications of CEE are for RIE Bhubaneswar, indicating strong interest of students in the Institute. He mentioned that CEE 2024 for B.Sc. B.Ed. and B.A. B.Ed. programmes was conducted only for RIE Bhubaneswar and RIE Mysore, as other RIEs have already introduced ITEP, as per NCTE.

In response to NEP's new stage-wise teacher education programmes, RIE Bhubaneswar plans to introduce ITEP as per current NCTE guidelines. Over the next few years, the existing 4-year integrated B.A.B.Ed. and B.Sc. B.Ed. programmes will transition to ITEP as per the new NCTE programmes. Starting with programmes for Middle and Secondary stages from 2025-26 approved by NCTE, the Institute is preparing to introduce programmes for the Foundational and Preparatory stages from 2026-27 session.

The Institute is also interacting and collaborating with various Institutes of repute. The Institute has signed MoUs with three institutions during the period i.e with Delhi University of Skill and Entrepreneurship, the Institute of Education of saraikela, and Kandhamal B.Ed. College to collaborate for.

He briefed on recent field engagement activities and visits from various Institutes, including Rajiv Gandhi Central University, Itanagar. He highlighted the achievement of NCC cadets and the receiving of national ICT award by the Institute. Additionally, the Institute has updated the Library, installing RFID for library automation.

Over the last four months, the Institute organized several extension lectures, awareness programmes, and events including role-play. Orientation programmes for new students and Siksha Saptah (a week-long programme, including community activity) has been conducted. Initiatives like the Nature Fair (Prakriti Mela) and a Plantation Drive aimed to engage local schools in raising awareness and enhancing campus sustainability. The Institute is committed to progressing in every sphere and sought members' suggestions for further improvement.

Prof. Ritanjali Dash, Coordinator, IQAC appraised the house that being a teacher education institution under NCERT the Institute fulfils all NCERT mandates and implements programmes as per national priorities. She updated the committee on key activities undertaken since receiving NAAC accreditation. Prof. Dash invited external members to offer their suggestions for the quality improvement of the Institute.

Mr. Rajib Sekhar Sahoo appreciated the Institute's recent achievements and highlighted the need to address staff shortages and skill development of students through various

programmes. He emphasized the urgency of completing faculty recruitment to avoid any shortcomings. He also emphasized on bringing in exposure to the best teaching models from across the globe to expand the scope of teaching and learning. He congratulated the Institute on receiving Grade-A (NAAC Accreditation) and emphasized continuous efforts for further improvement.

Prof. Agarwal thanked Mr. Sahoo for his suggestions and updated the committee on staffing situation. He mentioned that 25 new faculty members and 7 non-teaching staff have joined, with few faculty positions still vacant, expected to be filled within few months. Regarding staffing of D.M. School, NCERT is finalizing a new structure as per NEP-2020, with RIE, Bhubaneswar leading this initiative. Teaching positions of D.M. School is expected to be filled up by NCERT very soon.

Regarding Skill development and exposure to curricula and best practices from other countries, the Institute invited Prof. B. Pupela from the University of Slovakia to discuss about educational practices of other countries. The MoU with Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) will be helpful in collaboration for skill development.


D.M. School introduced two vocational courses from Class 9 onwards, with plans to expand to 4-5 courses, starting from Class 6. Regarding the infrastructure of D.M. School, the Open Auditorium is nearly complete, a new Pre-School building is in place, and a Brainy Wood Laboratory, dedicated to brain exercises, has been developed. New buildings for the D.M. School and increased intake have also been proposed.

Mr. J.K. Rath commended the Institute on its NAAC Accreditation and suggested enhancing skill development by integrating exposure to other fields and expanding other curricular activities. He inquired about the types of competitions students participate in, beyond the state level, and emphasized the importance of these competitions.

In response to Mr. J.K. Rath's suggestions on exposure on skills, Prof. Agarwal requested to Mr. Rath to facilitate in arranging industries linkage program. He also emphasized that the Institute is active in other curricular activities, with students participating in inter University sports, NCC, NSS, role-play and art integration activities etc.

Prof. M. Goswami, Dean (I) acknowledged the external experts' focus on skill development, aligning it with NEP's on building skilled and competent individuals. The institute already has a pedagogy club, and competitions are organised within the institute.

Prof. S.K. Dash emphasized the need for faculty to balance teaching and research while continuously improving teaching practices. Prof. Laxmidhar Behera, Head, DE & Co-Coordinator of IQAC, summarized the proceeding of meeting and proposed a vote of thanks to Chairperson, external members and internal members of the Programme.


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