Minutes of Meeting

5th Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Meeting

Academic Year: 2026-27

Date: Sept 22nd, 2026; Time: 11:00 AM
Venue: Boardroom, Bharti Academic Block
Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Action Taken Report – 4th IQAC Meeting
3. Academic Audit Report & Action Points
4. Faculty Awards/Teaching Excellence Recognition
5. Community Outreach
6. Any Other Item with permission of the Chair

Attendees:

In-Person:
Rudra Pratap (Chair), Anil Roy (Officer In-Charge IQAC), Srikant Srinivasan, M. Balakrishnan, Arvind Agarwal, Amudha Lavanya, Jitin Sahni, Abhay Sharma, Anu Batra (Invitee), Vartika Bharti (Invitee), Rhythm Mehra (Student Rep; President – Student Council), Gaurav Kumar (Member Secretary)

Online:
Simranpreet Oberoi (Co-Founder and CEO, Sanjhi Sikhya, NGO), Gopi Krishna Rao Lelsani (representing employer; Arcesium)

Could not attend:

TV Ramanathan, Rajiv Khosla, Prashanth Suresh Kumar, Rucha Joshi, Pawan Kumar, Aman Sa (Alumni Rep), Surabhi Tannu (Alumni Rep)

Agenda item #1: Opening & Welcome

The meeting commenced with a welcome to all members and special invitees.

Agenda item #2: Action Taken Report on the 4th IQAC Meeting:

1. Website Data:

   a. Clarity of Vision and Mission statements – completed
   b. Institutional Development Plans (IDP) for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) - work in progress, it is now available on the website, but recalibration is required — changes to be made with the website team.

Action Item:

a. Abhay (Registrar) will prepare a signed-off document on Institutional Development Plans (IDP) and send a summary of that to the website committee (Nina) to publish on the website for compliance purpose.

2. Academic Governance (BoS & Academic Council alignment) - completed. We will continue with our current structure. Srikant (Dean Academics) confirmed. We are in the process of constituting PAC (Programme Advisory Committee) for all programmes.

3. Integration of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) - already exists. We offered at least these 7 courses, e.g., i) Ancient Hindu Wisdom (2 credits), ii) Memory, Time, and Consciousness (2 credits), iii) Re-Imagining Technology and Society (3 credits), iv) Facing Earth: Introduction to Planetary Humanities (2 credits), v) Art of Thinking (3 credits), vi) Narrative Twists: Myths, Epics, Legends & Other Stories from India (2 credits), vii) Engineering Ethics (2 Credits) last academic year (AY2025-26). Gaurav from OAA confirmed this.

This topic enticed a discussion on contribution of MOOC courses managed by NPTEL by our faculty. Two points were noted: i) We need to have a pre-approved course basket of SWAYAM courses for each Major and ii) our faculty must contribute to SWAYAM portal. Prof. Deepak Khemani's name was referred who had a course on AI on NPTEL under IIT Madras affiliation. RP suggested if he could modify the content of that course and offer the new version under Plaksha's affiliation. He also advised Srikant to encourage at least 3-4 more faculty in a targeted way.

Action Items:

a. Srikant will ask Prof. Deepak Khemani for the possibility of making the revised course under the affiliation of Plaksha.
b. Additionally, the possibility of offering courses by Prof. Suresh Kumar and Prof. Prashanth Suresh Kumar on the SWAYAM portal was also discussed. Srikant will find out from Prof. Deepak Khemani the qualifying process of offering a course on SWAYAM/NPTEL, make all faculty aware of that, and approach some of the faculty to start working for this.
c. Srikant will consult the Student Council to gather students' inputs on the courses they would like to be offered in online mode through the SWAYAM portal.

4. Finalization of Primary & Secondary Process Owners - work in progress. Anil informed that first step was to establish all the data, data sources, viz., academics, research, student life, finance, ..., their interconnectivity (someone's output is somebody else's input). And therefore, it is work in progress.

Anil also suggested that we must be ready for NIRF application submission for 2027. On that Abhay informed that the data inputting cycle for 2027 round would start in January. RP asked for our preparedness if even the process owners accountable for making those trustworthy data available on time were not identified till date. Anu suggested to start collecting data manually for the first round. RP asked for a deadline for even the first cut of this data lake and its network before thinking of doing it manually. The integration of CAMU and Moodle to establish a single source of data for the Office of Academics was discussed. Gaurav informed the committee that the integration was currently in progress, with a firm target date for completion.

Action Items:

a. Arvind, Anu and Anil have to get back to RP on Comprehensive NIRF data mapping by next week, 30 September 2026.
b. Manual/Excel-based centralised data collection for immediate cycle was suggested.
c. Every data item to have a named owner and responsibility matrix (what, who, source, manual/automated, deadline).

d. Ownership matrix and defined timelines required. The first cut of the data-capturing platform will be live by 30 Oct 2026 – IT team with help of IQAC.
e. Target readiness: 15 December.
f. System integration to follow based on this cycle's experience – IT team.

5. Preparedness for NIRF – Could not start for the above reason.

Abhay brought up a matter of stakeholders' survey. Anil informed that there were 5 stakeholders, i.e., a) Students, b) alumni, c) parents, d) employers and e) faculty and staff.

Anil also informed that basic questionnaire were ready, agreement with the parties who own them, for example: employers and alumni to be consented by the CPC, faculty questionnaire to be consented by Srikant and Bala, etc., was under progress. Vartika informed that the analysis of already existing Pulse survey was also planned to be integrated.

Action Item:

Launch at least 2 surveys by 20 Oct 2026

6. Academic Audit – completed.

Agenda item #3: Academic Audit Report & Action Points

The Academic Audit was conducted on 20 & 21 July 2026. The multi-member Academic Audit team consisted of:

1. Prof. Enakshi Bhattacharya, IIT Madras (retired) - CHAIR
2. Prof. Arvind Mishra, JNU
3. Prof. Bireswar Das, IIT Gandhinagar
4. Prof. Dhiman Mallick, IIT Delhi
5. Prof. Dipankar Bandyopadhyay, IIT Guwahati
6. Prof. Narayanan P. J., IIIT Hyderabad
7. Prof. Partha Chatterjee, Shiv Nadar
8. Prof. Praveen Nahar, IIT Gandhinagar

They spent almost 2 days on the campus, met with university leaders, faculty, students. Visited facilities, research labs, infrastructure etc., prepared a comprehensive report, shared its findings with RP and then met again with the faculty as the formal closing of the process. Report was circulated, actionable items were identified and discussed with the persons responsible for the actions.

Anil informed that the action items were clubbed under 3 categories: a) immediate, b) short term and c) medium term.

Immediate actions (Academic Calendar related — course-plan peer-audit, information to students, timetable release, …) are already addressed and are now made part of the process for its adherence. Srikant and Gaurav confirmed.

Action Item (Immediate)

a. Student Council will be contacted by the end of the week for its effectiveness.
b. Book-reading sessions, Nobel-lecture discussions, film-appreciation sessions through students' clubs, such as, Rangrez, Spotlight, The Spine, … - responsibility – Rhythm, starts from next semester

Action items (Short term)

a. Freshmore Core Curriculum policy — named list of non-negotiable foundational topics per programme – Curriculum Review related issue, responsibility - OAA with Program Chairs, to be ratified by Academic Council (to be presented in the next cycle)
b. Freshmore AI/Hardware credit-neutral rebalancing – Curriculum Review related issue, responsibility - Freshmore Committee / AI & CS Chairs, Academic Council's approval needed

Action items (Medium term)

a. CO-PO-PSO mapping to make curriculum rationale auditable, responsibility - IQAC for at least one programme as the sample, Action by - 30 Oct 2026
b. New Offerings & BSE Major Revisit (biosafety course, BSE facilities, collaboration with hospitals, …) - Curriculum Review related issue, responsibility - OAA with BSE Program Chair, ratified by Academic Council (to be presented in the next cycle)
c. Design studio, Makerspace based higher level courses as one prioritized roadmap - Curriculum restructuring related (philosophical), Srikant will plan and inform about actionable items by 30 Oct 2026
d. Student self-efficacy ownership — pass/fail pilot, Dexterity Test and writing-based assessment under one owner, one set of metrics - responsibility - Director Wellness, to revert by 30 Oct 2026
e. Develop a proposal to strengthen students' academic and holistic learning through appropriate curriculum enhancements (e.g., a mandatory pre-graduation reading list or similar initiatives) and integrate it into the curriculum, where appropriate.

Agenda item #4: Faculty Awards / Teaching Excellence:

Anil informed that it was a compliance matter, to make provision of internal and external recognition/felicitation of faculty, required by the UGC. He also informed that Plaksha had already a recognition scheme existing under the "Prerna" Recognition Program (effective 1 Feb 2025). It was suggested to finalise Teaching Excellence Award framework and to integrate with faculty appraisal. Arvind informed that one similar proposal was constituted by the HR which was sent to Bala for his approval.

Action item

HR will inform after it hears from Bala, Dean (Faculty)'s office. By 30 Sept 2026.

Agenda item #5: Community Outreach:

This matter also emanates from the UGC compliance. Reference: *UGC Guidelines 2.0 for Fostering Social Responsibility & Community Engagement in HEIs, Dec 2022 (Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan).* It says for the provision of a 2-credit "Community Engagement & Social Responsibility" course for all UG students — 1 credit classroom, 1 credit field-based (≥50% field time), covering rural society,

Panchayati Raj and schemes like MGNREGA/PMAY/NRLM. RP suggested to look into the possibility of developing a structured, scalable model (student choice, safety, academic relevance) plan to be integrated in the overall gambit of ILGC from the next admission cycle. Bala advised to plan the execution carefully.

Action items

a. Anil along with Srikant and Simranpreet (Sanjhi Sikhya) is asked to prepare a proposal and submit as soon as possible.
b. Obtain the Chandigarh Citizen Forum (CCF) activity report from the VC Office. Responsibility – IQAC.

Agenda item #6: Any Other Item with permission of the Chair:

1. Anil requested the Chair to approve inclusion of the VP-IT into IQAC. So far, Amudha was the member in place of this ex-officio position. RP approved. We thanked Amudha for her contribution to IQAC.
2. Rhythm brought up the matter of clarity on the policy of students representation (Sports/Clubs/Leadership) on behalf of Plaksha. Srikant confirmed that there existed a well-defined policy on this matter for leave of absence for students.

Action item:

Srikant has to communicate this policy clearly and periodically to students. Prashant (Assistant Dean, Student Affairs) is also expected to do the needful.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.

Prepared and circulated by



Anil Roy

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