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Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Minutes of Meeting of 49th IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting

Held "Online – Webex" on 06.09.2024, from 3:00 pm

In Chair: Dr. A. V. S. Prasad, Hon'ble Pro-Vice-Chancellor, KLEF

The 49th Advisory Committee Meeting by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, KLEF was held on 06.09.2024.

Hon'ble Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. A. V. S. Prasad, in his foreword, welcomed all attendees and appreciated rigorous efforts put in by IQAC, which is reflected in improved Rankings by various Agencies, viz. NIRF, QS I-GAUGE, etc. After this, he handed over the proceedings to Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean (Quality) to continue further and take up the agenda for the meeting. The Dean-Quality commenced the meeting by once again welcoming the members.

Discussion on Agenda Items:

The Agenda Items for discussion are given below.

Reporting Items:

1. NIRF Rankings 2024
2. NAAC Cycle-3 status
3. Mock audit of KLV & KLVH campuses
4. Data Quest-Top-T-School in India -2024 & Careers-360-Top Private Engineering Colleges in India-2024
5. University website updation

Agenda Items:

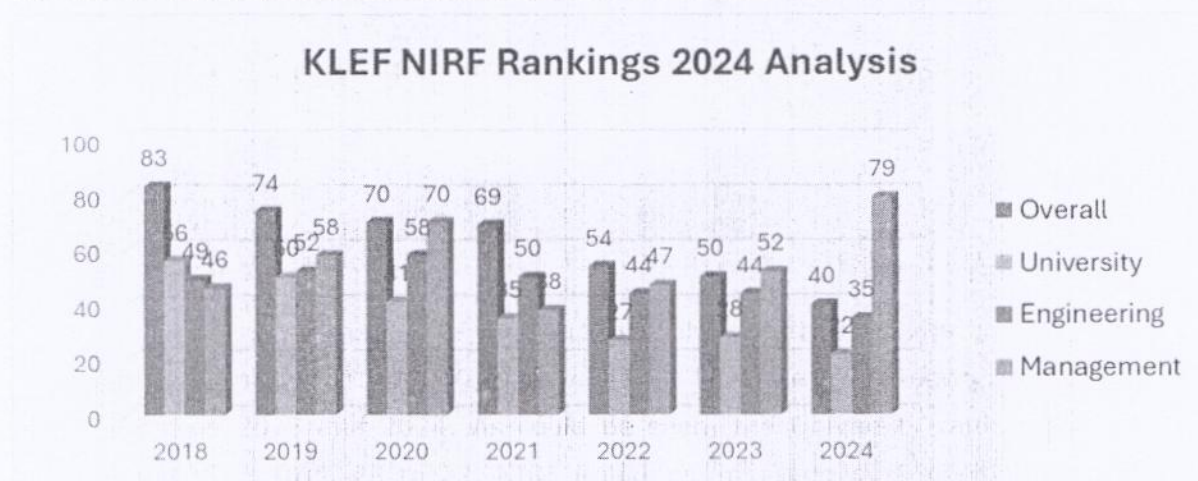
1. Preparation for NAAC Peer team visit (PTV)
2. ISO 21001:2018 Surveillance certification
3. Vigilance awareness week – 2024
4. World Quality Day – 2024
5. Academic & Administrative Audit (AAA)

Reporting Item 1: NIRF Rankings-2024

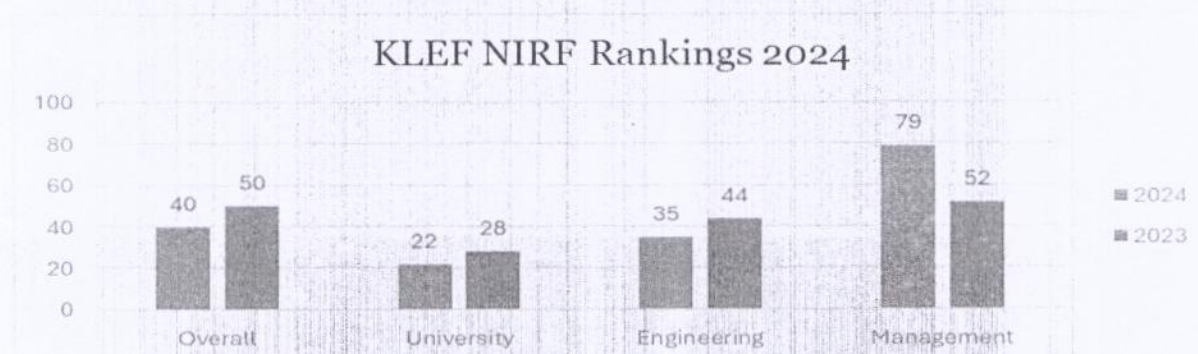
Comparison of NIRF Rankings achieved through 2018 to 2024:

KLEF-NIRF-2016 to 2024 Rankings									
Category/Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Overall	-	-	83	74	70	69	54	50	40
University	-	-	56	50	41	35	27	28	22
Engineering	59	68	49	52	58	50	44	44	35
Management	-	-	46	58	70	38	47	52	79

The above data is presented below in the form of a Bar-Chart.



Comparison of rankings obtained during 2023 and 2024 are depicted below to understand the performance of the Institution in recent times.



The following observations can be made upon Analysis of the rankings:

Steady improvement (2018 to 2024) is visible in the **Overall** category. It improved 10 places between 2023 and 2024. As could be seen, the University rank improved by a phenomenal "6" – from 28 to 22. NIRF Rankings improved by 9 positions in terms of Engineering Category (from 44 to 35). It fell by 27 ranks (from 52 to 79) under the Management category. As a matter of fact, KLEF achieved the best ranking of "38" under Management category during 2021 and the same could not be sustained in the subsequent years!

Both the external members felt extremely satisfied with the KLEF Journey regarding NIRF Rankings, except for the Rank obtained under "Management" category. Both senior Peers felt that a thorough investigation should be made to fathom out the reasons for poor show under "Management" category and corrective action should be initiated. Quality of publications is one parameter, which has a bearing on the rank obtained. They congratulated the IQAC for leading the University to obtain 22nd Rank under University Category.

While continuing to maintain standards which have placed KLEF at such an eminence, it is equally necessary that KLEF must make best efforts to improve NIRF rankings year after year. Keeping these twin objectives in mind, the functionaries (Nine Deans holding different portfolios) have been on a mission to constantly review and improve on the parameters fixed by NIRF.

Reporting Item 2: Status of NAAC Cycle-3

The Dean (Quality) informed the members the status of NAAC Cycle-3 Accreditation as follows:

- Institutional Information for Quality Assessment (IIQA) : ACCEPTED
- Self-Study Report (SSR) : SUBMITTED
- Data Validation & Verification (DVV) : COMPLETED

The Dean (Quality) also informed the members the University is gearing up for the NAAC Peer Team visit. IQAC is continuously conducting audits of all the Deanships, Departments, centers and various infrastructural facilities and providing comments/feedback. The top management, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and the Pro-Vice-chancellors are providing all necessary support to close the gaps and making the University receive the NAAC Peer Team later this year.

To a query from Dr. V. Venkaiah, external member, the Dean-Quality informed that KLEF got a pre-qualification score of 3.78 out of 4.00 for the QnMs.

Reporting Item 3: Mock audit of KLV & KLVH campuses

The Dean (Quality) informed the members that IQAC Team conducted Mock audit of KLEF-Hyderabad campuses at Aziz Nagar and Bowrampet during 16-18 July 2024 in view of the forthcoming NAAC Peer Team visit. The IQAC Team also visited the Global Business School which came up recently at Kondapur. Observations were shared with the respective Principals. IQAC could well visit the Off campuses at Hyderabad one more time before the NAAC Per Team visit.

Reporting Item 4: Data Quest-Top-T-School in India -2024 & Careers-360-Top Private Engineering Colleges in India-2024

The Dean (Quality) informed the members that KLEF stood eighth among Top Technical Schools (among Government and private sector), third among Private sector and in the southern region in the survey conducted by Data Quest. Career 360 placed KLEF at 25th among the Private Institutions in India and gave AAAA+ Rating among Engineering Institutions. All the members appreciated the efforts of IQAC and the entire KLF family for these achievements.

Reporting Item 5: University website updation

The Dean (Quality) informed the members that IQAC provided a few suggestions to update the KLEF website. Except one or two, all other suggestions have already been implemented. The remaining changes are expected to be completed later this week.

Both the external experts, Dr. V. Venkaiah and Dr. P. Thrimurthy appreciated the efforts of the entire KLEF Family, particularly the IQAC team, for their dedicated work.

Agenda Item 1: ATR on the Last IQAC Advisory Committee meeting held on 29-06-2024.

The following resolutions were taken during the last IQAC Advisory Committee meeting held on 29-06-2024:

KLEF Annual Report Preparation and placing it in public domain.

Draft KLEF annual report is prepared and is under review. It will be finalized before the next Convocation and will be placed in public domain.

Agenda Item 2: Preparation for NAAC Peer team visit (PTV)

Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality informed the members that the following steps are under way in this regard:

1. Conducting daily meetings with the Engg criterion in-charges & Respective Deans for verifying the QIMs files for the NAAC Peer Team Visit.
2. Department-wise list of NAAC files for inspection is prepared & Infrastructure details required for NAAC visit was prepared & shared to Depts.
3. Filing has been streamlined regarding all the Criteria (through Criterion-in-charges).
4. Audited all the departments (both Engg & Non-Engg) for the upcoming NAAC Peer Team Visit and provided suggestions.

The Dean-Quality thanked the Hon'ble Chancellor, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and the Pro-Vice-Chancellors for providing all necessary support in preparing the University for the upcoming NAAC Peer Team visit.

Agenda Item 3: ISO 21001:2018 Surveillance certification [October 2024]

Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality informed the members that ISO 21001:2018 Surveillance certification is due in October 2024 and will be dealt with appropriately. ISO 21001 is based on ISO 9001 – Quality Management Systems, but it provides a specific framework for educational organizations. It also ensures improved satisfaction of the learners by improving the educational processes and ensuring conformity to learners' requirements.

Agenda Item 4: Vigilance Awareness Week 2024; Theme for 2024: "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity".

Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality informed the members that Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) is being celebrated every year and coincides with the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, known to be a man of high integrity. In pursuit of the vision of the Government of India to make a New India, the Central Vigilance Commission, as the apex integrity institution of the country, endeavours to promote integrity, transparency, and accountability in public life.

Activities:

- Integrity Pledge by all employees and stakeholders
- Conduct workshops/sensitization programmes for employees
- Conduct various competitions such as debates, quizzes etc. for the employees and their families on issues relating to anti-corruption.
- Distribute pamphlets/handouts on preventive activities, whistle blower mechanism and other anti-corruption measures.

Outreach activities for public/citizens

- Organize human chains in central locations in the concerned cities/ towns/villages.
- Undertake activities such as walkathons/ marathons etc., which have visibility and mass appeal across all strata of society.

This year Vigilance Awareness Week will be celebrated during 28th October – 3rd November 2024.

The external expert, Dr. V. Venkaiah appreciated the fact that KLEF has been celebrating Vigilance Awareness Week since 2016.

Agenda Item 5: World Quality Day' 2024

Theme: "Quality: from compliance to performance"

World Quality Week – 11th to 15th November 2024

World Quality Day – 14th November 2024 (Second Thursday of November)

Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality informed the members that IQAC-KLEF has been celebrating World Quality Day since 2016 and this year it will be celebrated on 14 November 2024. In this context, IQAC plans to conduct some of the following Activities:

- Quality Training Session
- Quality Contribution Awards
- Active Engagement and Message from Senior Management
- Quality Banners and Posters
- Quality Month Slogans
- Quiz /Essay /Poster Competitions

Agenda Item 6: Academic Administrative Audit

The Dean-Quality informed the members that he will seek the advice/support of the Hon'ble VC to identify 2-3 External Experts to conduct the AAA during October 2024. This audit shall focus on NAAC Metrics (in particular, the QIMs) and provide useful inputs to face the upcoming NAAC Peer Team.

Agenda Item 7: Any other item

Under this, the Dean-Quality, Dr. K. Ramakrishna informed the members that after the completion of NAAC 3rd cycle of Accreditation, KLEF will go for NBA Accreditation of at least three Departments, which is a pre-requisite to apply for ABET Accreditation (in view of the Washington Accord).

The meeting was adjourned with the Registrar thanking the members for their cooperation.


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