



Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

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Report on the 1-day Seminar conducted by IQAC on “Quality Assurance in Higher Education Institutions – Roll of Teachers” on 30th September 2019 @ Sunflower Hall, KLEF.

Resource Persons:

1. Dr Pramod N Pabrekar, Senior Consultant, *Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan* (RUSA), Govt of Maharashtra.
2. Dr K V S Sarma, Retired Professor of Statistics, S V University, Tirupati.

The seminar started with Inaugural Ceremony with the traditional Lighting of the Lamp by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor-KLEF, Dr L S S Reddy, the invited Guests/Resource persons and Dr K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality.



Dr L S S Reddy, in his inaugural address, stressed the importance of teachers in providing quality education. He congratulated IQAC for choosing the theme of "Quality Assurance and Sustenance in HEIs – Roll of Teachers" for this 1-day seminar. He underlined the need for the teaching community to feel responsible for all stakeholders, viz. students, parents, industry and society. He urged all faculty to have concern for students and support them for their all round development.



Dr K V Narasimha Rao, Associate Dean-Quality introduced the Chief Guest and Resource person, Dr Pramod N Pabrekar, Retd. Principal, and Senior Consultant, RUSA, Govt of Maharashtra, who has over 40 years of experience in the field of quality in education to the audience.

Dr Pabrekar delivered the Keynote address on "Quality Assurance and Sustenance in Higher Education Institutions – Roll of Teachers". He appreciated the efforts of the Management of KLEF for maintaining such wonderful green campus, worthy of its name "Green Fields". He stressed the need for quality teachers and the quality of the final product, i. e. student, which directly depends on the quality of the teachers, who taught him through the course of study. He concluded that the role of teacher is more stressful now-a-days compared to the days of past.



Dr Pabrekar hoped that brighter students opt for teaching positions in the coming days. In a nutshell, Dr Pabrekar emphasized that 90% of the quality sustenance depends of teachers and their efforts.

After a short Coffee-break, Dr Pabrekar took up another session on *Assessment and Accreditation*. He warned that KLEF, having awarded A++ grade must continue to put in enormous effort to sustain such excellent grading. He stressed the importance of academics and good quality research, including creation of intellectual properties, such as patents, trademarks, etc. He also explained in detail the rudiments of *Management and 3-'A's: Accreditation, Academic and Administrative Audits*.

Dr Pabrekar also explained the latest NAAC process of Accreditation. He outlined the importance of proper documentation. He informed the audience that: *A large number of institutions came down on CGPA and the Grade (A++ to A, A+ to B+ etc) under the 2017 Framework, largely due to failure of Data Validation & Verification process*. He concluded with listing some of the desirable qualities of the present day teacher.

After lunch break, the Guest of Honour and second Resource person, Dr K V S Sarma took the stage. Dr P. Issac Prasad, Associate Dean-Quality introduced Dr K V S Sarma to the audience.



Dr Sarma spoke elaborately on "Internal Quality Assurance – Roll of IQAC". He defined quality in simple terms as...Fitness for use. Quality is Applicable to products, processes and services. According to the German Society for Quality–1979: All those characteristics of a product or service that are related to its fitness to fulfill given requirements.

Dr Sarma spoke of quality standards and quality assurance. He also gave examples of maintaining quality in manufacturing sector, service sector and also on the current topic of quality in higher education. He briefly explained the seven NAAC Criteria. He also emphasized the importance of Extension activities and contributing to the societal needs. Dr Sarma concluded with the following:

"A strong IQAC reflects the potential of the University"

After tea-break, the participants assembled back for the Panel discussion.

Upon the request of Dr K. Ramakrishna, the Chief Guest and Resource person, Dr Pabrekar, chaired the Panel Discussion on Quality Assurance and assurance in Higher Education Institutions. The panel also included Dr K V S Sarma, Dr K. Koteswara Rao, Director, KLEF-Hyderabad campus and Dr K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality, KLEF.

Each of the panel members gave their views and suggestions for achieving Quality in Higher Education Institutions. The panel also discussed the very hot and relevant topic of drop in engineering admissions across the country and apparent increase in the admissions of the degree courses in various states of the country.



The link between the industry performance, the GDP growth rate and the placements, which is one of the driving forces of students opting for higher education, especially engineering and technology, have been discussed.

The panel felt that the Role of Teacher has become more and more pronounced in the current scenario. Teaching well alone is not adequate and the faculty members are expected to contribute lot more in terms of quality research, mentoring students and extension activities, leading to 360⁰ development of the student.

In the valedictory function followed, both the Resource persons were felicitated by the Dean-Quality and Director, KLEF-Hyderabad campus.



The Seminar was attended by 35 participants from KLEF and 4 participants from outside colleges, Bhimavaram.

The Seminar concluded with Mr V. Shanmukha Prasad, Associate Dean-Quality proposing a vote of thanks.

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