

Minutes of the 36th Meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Council of CHRIST (Deemed to be University) held at 11:00 am, Saturday, 12 April 2025, at Room No. 802, Ground Floor, Auditorium Block, Bangalore Central Campus.

In the Chair: Dr Fr Joseph C C, Vice Chancellor

Secretary: Dr Alex P Joseph, Director, IQAC

Members Present: Members and Invitees were present as per the attendance list.

Leave of Absence:

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:

- Dr Kennedy Andrew Thomas
- Mr Vijayan M S
- Amb Venu Rajamony
- Dr Fr Lijo Thomas

Declaration of Quorum: The meeting commenced after the Secretary confirmed that the required quorum was met.

Opening Remarks

Dr Fr Joseph C C, Chairperson, welcomed all the members and invitees to the meeting. He spoke of two major highlights, one of which was the UGC recognition for seven online degree programmes.

Progress in the teaching-learning process was also noted by the Chairperson, including the phased implementation of learner-centric andragogy in which Phase 1 was completed this year, and the implementation of digital evaluation process for MBA, BBA and BHM programmes at the Bangalore campuses.

Agenda

1. **To consider and approve the minutes of the 35th Meeting of the IQAC Council held on 03rd January 2025, and to consider matters arising thereon**

The meeting began with the formal review of the minutes of the 35th IQAC Council Meeting held on 3 January 2025. The minutes had been shared with the council members in advance. After a thorough evaluation, the minutes were approved without any modifications.

2. **To consider and approve the action taken report**

Following the suggestions made by members during the previous meeting, several initiatives were taken to enhance industry collaborations and alumni engagement. Brig. Jagadeesh B G briefed the Council on initiatives undertaken by the Centre for Placements and Career Guidance. These included training programs for students on hardware and software applications in organisations such as Deloitte, EY, and Capgemini. Mr Jugnu Uberoi emphasised the importance of reaching out to the University's extensive alumni network to establish industry connections and cited the effective practices followed by the School of Commerce as a model for other departments. Mr Tanvir Singh discussed the growing relevance of gig roles in the evolving job market and recommended the establishment of a

University-level platform to facilitate gig-work opportunities for students. Dr Kervin Nigil Savio shared exemplary alumni engagement practices from the BHM department, highlighting consistent alumni involvement in advisory roles, mentoring, events, and funding. The Vice Chancellor commended the BHM model and encouraged other departments to adopt similar approaches, particularly to improve internship and placement outcomes.

3. To take note of the activities of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell for the year 2024-25

Dr Alex P Joseph, Director of IQAC, presented a comprehensive report on the activities carried out by the Cell during the academic year 2024-25. The report covered key achievements under various verticals, including Rankings and Awards, Audits, Data Management, Training and Development, Publications, and Strategic Initiatives. He also informed the Council of the appointment of eminent professionals as Professors of Practice and the increased emphasis on research funding and external collaborations.

4. To take note of the Quality Initiatives and Achievements

a. Academics: Dr Arun Kumar N, Assistant Registrar (Academics), spoke about the implementation of a long-duration internship programme aligned with UGC and AICTE guidelines. Undergraduate students are required to complete 240 hours of internship, while postgraduate students must complete 360 hours. Measures such as structured internship supervision, evaluation mechanisms, department-level databases, and skill development workshops have been introduced to strengthen alignment with industry requirements.

b. Students: Dr Fr Viju P D, Pro Vice Chancellor and Director of Student Services, presented the findings of the Student Satisfaction Survey (SSS) conducted between 18 March and 3 April 2025. The survey targeted students with at least 85% attendance and invited voluntary participation via a Google Form linked to the ERP system. A total of 4,111 unique responses were recorded, representing approximately 15% of the student population. The survey, comprising 128 questions, covered academic and campus life along with demographic data. The overall satisfaction index was 3.69, indicating steady improvement. The library received the highest rating at 3.92, followed by campus facilities, extracurricular activities, and the overall ambience of the University. The lowest ratings were for Wi-Fi connectivity and academic life expectations. In response, the Council recommended evaluating the effectiveness of the current orientation process to ensure that students gain adequate clarity on the survey questions.

- c. **Research:** Dr Anil Joseph Pinto reported that the University is nearing the milestone of 10,000 Scopus-indexed publications, marking significant growth from just 199 publications in 2014. This achievement was attributed to faculty engagement, the efforts of research offices, and leadership support. In the current calendar year, 61 patents have been published and 21 have been granted. He also noted the introduction of new research fellowships, faculty development initiatives, and efforts to enhance visibility and commercialisation of research outcomes.
- d. **Governance Initiatives:** Dr Anson K J, Assistant Registrar, presented governance-related initiatives, including the reorganisation of the Human Resources office into functional verticals and the restructuring of academic departments. The Department of Social Work was re-established, and new departments such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Data Science were formed. Advisory boards were introduced at both University and department levels to enhance institutional governance. A strategic plan to boost the performance of University Centres was implemented, with encouragement given to apply for supplemental funding.
- e. **Infrastructure Development:** Dr Fr Varghese detailed major infrastructure projects undertaken or planned for 2025. These include the construction and renovation of faculty rooms, hostels, sports complexes, seminar halls, lifts, and auditoriums, along with sustainability efforts such as STP expansion and the installation of solar panels across campuses. A total budget of ₹171 crores was allocated for infrastructure development, with special focus on research instrumentation labs and new sports facilities, including an athletics track.
- f. **Social Responsibility Activities:** Dr Leena James spoke about the University's social responsibility initiatives. Highlights included recognition under SDG 5 by the UN Economic Impact, receipt of the IGPN Green Day Award, and the organisation of a University-wide Sustainability Week featuring over 100 industry speakers and collaborations with institutions like TERI. Additionally, Dr Biju Toms discussed the Gram Panchayat insurance initiative in Jharkhand, where a full insurance survey was completed in record time across tribal villages. The SDG Cell also enhanced its corporate and governmental engagements with organisations such as Infosys, TCS, and various government bodies, reinforcing the University's commitment to sustainability and outreach.

5. Other Matters:

During the discussion of other matters, Dr Anil Joseph Pinto, the Registrar, highlighted the importance of developing interdisciplinary research clusters that enable holistic approaches to complex societal, scientific, and technological challenges. They enhance innovation, attract competitive funding, and strengthen the institution's research impact and academic reputation. The Vice Chancellor acknowledged the suggestion and reaffirmed the University's proactive approach to meeting emerging educational needs.

The Council extended its congratulations to the Internal Quality Assurance Cell for its structured and efficient approach to quality assurance, regulatory compliance, and institutional development. Dr Fr Joseph C C, Vice Chancellor, recognised the continuous improvements in IQAC's operations.

Vote of Thanks:

Dr Alex P Joseph expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Deans, IQAC Coordinators, and the IQAC Office staff for their consistent support throughout the academic year. The meeting concluded with an invitation extended to all members to join a fellowship lunch hosted by the Chair. In his closing remarks, the Chairperson thanked the IQAC Advisors—Prof. Joseph Injodey, Prof. Chandrasekharan K. A., and Dr Nithila Vincent—along with all Council members, for their valuable contributions and support.



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