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GENERAL STAFF ORIENTATION

Outcome-Based Education

The academic year, 2019-20 began with the General Staff Orientation Program conducted by IQAC on 14th June 2019 and 15th June 2019 on the theme: "Outcome Based Education".

Dr. M.G. Sethuraman, Professor of Chemistry & Director (R&D), and Dr. Sushil Mary Mathew, Head, Department of English, PSGR Krishnammal college of Arts and Science, Coimbatore served as Resource Persons. All 364 teaching faculty benefitted from the training.



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INAUGURATION OF QUALITY CIRCLE & SPRINGBOARD LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

For young leaders of Loyola

The Inauguration of Quality Circle and the launch of the Springboard Leadership Program was organized on 16th July 2019 at YD Hall between 11.30 a.m. and 01.00 p.m. Rev. Dr. John Peter, S.D.B., Principal, Don Bosco Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Red Hills, Chennai served as the Resource Person and delivered his special address on "Discover a Leader in You".

The Second Session of Springboard on "Decision Making Skills" was organized on 20th August 2019 at 11.30 in YD Hall, Loyola College. The session was animated by Mr. Unni Nair, Management Consultant.

The IQAC conducted the 3rd Session of Springboard - Leadership Program for Quality Circle Members on 5th February 2020 on "Team Building Skills for Effective Teamwork", animated by Ms.R Sujitha, CEO of Pupil Rhythm.

REVISED ACCREDITATION FRAMEWORK

Conference to enlighten on RAF

A conference on "Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) Opportunities and Challenges" was organized by the IQAC on 5th October 2019 for Shift I and Shift II faculty. The session was led by Mr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Deputy Advisor, NAAC.

SMART BOARD TECHNOLOGIES TRAINING

Conference to enlighten on RAF

Training on the Use of SmartBoard Technologies was conducted on 4th February 2020 for all the faculty members of the college. The faculty from the Shift II stream participated in the training from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. shift-II, and the faculty from Shift I stream participated in the training from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.



"Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of intelligent effort." - John Ruskin

OPEN FORUM FOR STUDENTS

Voice of the students

An interface between students and officials of the college was organized by the IQAC on 22nd August 2019 at 11:20 am for the Shift I students and at 4:35 p.m. for the Shift II students at LS Hall. The floor was left open for the students to raise their queries and concerns.

The second session of Open Forum was conducted on 6th February 2020 at 11:20 am for the Shift 1 students and at 4:35 pm for the Shift II students. Action taken report was presented regarding the resolution of various academic and administrative queries that were raised in the previous Open Forum.



NIRF RANKING 2020

Data submission

A report was submitted to the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for India Ranking 2020 in November 2019. The college was placed 6th in the Category of Colleges.

AISHE

Data submission

All India Survey of Higher Education, (AISHE) was submitted on 4th March 2020.

THE WEEK 2020 SURVEY

Participation

The essential documents and the questionnaire for The Week Survey 2019-2020 were submitted on 12th March 2020.

INDIA TODAY 2020

Survey submission

The MDRA India Today Survey was submitted on 22nd January 2020

NAAC 4TH CYCLE OF A & A PREPARATION

Facutly representatives from departments

A special meeting for officials and representatives of IQAC was organized on 16th August 2019 in preparation for NAAC and also a few other internal meetings were conducted for Heads/Coordinators and related Committees to equip the college for NAAC 4th cycle of Accreditation and Assessment.

To evaluate the preparedness of the college for NAAC special meetings were organized on 11th December 2019, and 22nd & 23rd February 2020 respectively. These meetings were chaired by Dr. A. Lourdusamy, Associate Professor, Mathematics, St.Xavier's College, Palayamkottai and Dr S. Alfred Cecil, Associate Professor, Physics, St. Joseph's College, Trichy.

STAFF ASSESSMENT AND EXIT POLLS

Feedback sessions

Staff Assessment by Students was organized by IQAC between 26th September and 4th October 2019, and Exit Poll and Staff Assessment were organized from 6th to 14th March 2020 for students. Out of 395 staff of both Shift I and Shift II, 319 staff have been ranked with scores more than 80% which accounts for 80.75% of the staff who have been recognized by students with greater scores, and another 16.70% of the staff are placed with scores 70 to 80%. Overall, 99% of the staff of Loyola College has been recognized for their committed service with greater scores. The staff who have got less than 70% of scores in Staff Assessment are especially asked and followed up by Rev. Fr. Principal to improve upon their methodology appropriately. The Overall Response to the staff assessment was good.



STAKEHOLDERS FEEDBACK ON CURRICULUM

Faculty representatives from departments

Due to the unexpected pandemic situation, IQAC was able to collect feedback on curriculum from all the stakeholders: alumni, employer, parents, staff and students on 17th July 2020.

EXTENDED IQAC MEETING

Faculty representatives from departments

The IQAC regularly meets with the External IQAC members of each department every academic year. Three Extended IQAC Meetings were conducted. The meetings were held on 24th June 2019, 5th August 2019, and 25th February 2020 for the academic year. of Higher Education, (AISHE) was submitted on 4th March 2020.

PARAMARSH

A UGC Scheme to guide mentee HEIs for NAAC

Loyola College was awarded with a “UGC Scheme for Mentoring NAAC Accreditation Aspirant Institutions to promote Quality Assurance in Higher Education”. Under this scheme, an MoU was signed with Christ Arts and Science College, Don Bosco College of Arts and Science, Mar Gregorios College of Arts & Science, Shri Krishnaswamy College for Women, and St. Louis College for the Deaf as part of PARAMARSH on 18th September 2019 at J D Hall.

A one-day workshop on “Building Quality Culture in Our Approaches of Teaching and Learning Methodologies” was organized on 18th December 2019. The first session was on “NAAC Assessment - Quality Assurance & Enhancement” and it was led by Rev.Dr.F.Andrew, S.J. - Accreditation Ambassador, Campus Treasurer, Loyola College, Chennai. The second session was on “Building Quality Culture in Our Approaches of Teaching and Learning Methodologies”. Dr. G. Gladston Xavier, Associate Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Loyola College, Chennai was the resource person.

A one-day workshop was organized on 7th February 2020. The first session on Accreditation and Quality: A Strategic Enhancement of Quality in Higher Education in India was led by Dr. Bernard D Samy, Director, LISSTAR while the second session on Understanding the Parameters and Standard Operating Procedures for Quality Assessment and Accreditation was led by Dr. Joe Jesu Durai, Former Dean of Sciences, Loyola College & Parmarsh Ambassador of Auxilium College, Vellore.

A one-day seminar on “Quality Enhancement in Higher Education Institutes” was organized on 29th February 2020 in YD Hall, Loyola College with erudite sharing from Dr. N. Jayasankaran, Fmr. Vice-Chancellor Kanchi University, Advisor to Chancellor, NMIMS University (A Category 1 University) and VIT University (An Institution of Eminence-IOE declared by MHRD) on the topic, “Quality Enhancement Through Self-Evaluation and Cross Sparring”, Dr. B. S. Madhukar, Ex-Advisor, Executive Committee Member and General Council Member NAAC and Member of YCB, Ministry of AYUSH on the topic, “The Institutional Challenges In The NAAC’s Revised Accreditation Framework”, and Dr. Trichy Krishnan, Vice Dean and Distinguished Professor of Marketing, NUS-National University of Singapore on the topic, “A Search For Research In Affiliated Colleges – How To Create A Research Ambience in HEIs”. All faculty members of the five mentee colleges benefited from the seminar.

“Excellence is not an exception; it is a prevailing attitude.” –Colin Powell



NOTE FROM IQAC COORDINATOR

Roles and responsibilities

Internal Quality Assurance System aims at progressing towards Excellence. As a measure regularly IQAC of Loyola organizes orientation programs for faculty, administrative staff, and quality circle members. Also, it organizes open-forums to provide an interface between students and officials of the college. With the aim of providing invaluable feedback and suggestions for quality sustenance and improvement in teaching, learning and research in the college, IQAC conducts staff assessment and exit poll. It documents and reports various activities of the college for various higher education requirements. Constantly, the follow ups are made on infrastructural resources of the college to assure adequate, appropriate and better facilities to assure encouraging ambience for teaching, learning and research. Through all these measures and activities, IQAC functions as one of the important components of the college ensuring quality and continuous improvement in all the units/aspects of the college. IQAC places it on record its gratitude to the management, staff, students, funding agencies and parents for their support in fulfilling quality sustenance and maintenance at Loyola. We immensely appreciate and thank Mr.ShaneAurel D'Rozario, Assistant and Mr.A.AnthonySamy, Record Clerk in IQAC for their dedicated service to the office.

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"Excellence is the unlimited ability to improve the quality of what you have to offer." –Rick Pitino