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External Academic Audit

Name of the Institution: Jesus and Mary College

Affiliating University: University of Delhi

Head of the Institution: Prof. Sandra Joseph

Date: 26th November 2024 and 27th February 2025

Venue: Jesus and Mary College, New Delhi

Experts:

1. Prof. Amitava Chakraborty, Department of Modern Indian Languages & Literary Studies, University of Delhi
2. Prof. Manisha Priyam, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration

The Academic Audit was an initiative led by the IQAC of the College in order to emphasize self-reflection and self-improvement rather than compliance with predetermined standards. The purpose of the academic audit was to encourage departments to evaluate their "education quality processes" — the key faculty activities required to produce, assure, and regularly improve the quality of teaching and learning. The external experts attempted to know how faculty approach educational decision-making and how they organize their work, using the resources available to them and working collegially to provide quality education in the best interests of the discipline and student learning.

The main areas of focus of the Audit were to study the processes pertaining to:

- Determining Learning Objectives
- Designing Curriculum and Co-curriculum
- Designing Teaching and Learning Methods
- Developing Student Learning Assessment
- Assuring Implementation of Quality Education and research

The experts visited the College and interacted with faculty of all departments of the College. A template of presentation was shared in advance and the same was used by all departments to present before the team. The Experts also visited the administrative offices, departments, laboratories, library, classrooms, sports facilities etc. The College has beautiful and aesthetically curated green cover which adds to the exuberance of the campus.

The report was shared with the Principal.

Qualitative report of the Audit is Annexed:

Jesus and Mary College, established in 1968, is a prestigious College affiliated to the University of Delhi. The College is run by the Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary, an organisation founded by St. Claudine Thevenet which is committed to transforming students into women of competence, compassion and conscience.

The College imparts higher education in the fields of liberal Arts, Commerce, Vocational Studies and Elementary Education. It was recognized by the University Grants Commission under 2(f) and 12(b),

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and is accredited 'A +'Grade by UGC-NAAC in 2021. The College also runs Post Graduate courses affiliated to Delhi University in English and Hindi.

The College has 13+ departments with highly qualified faculty members offering various courses in regular and self-finance mode. The College also offers state-of-the-art infrastructure for teaching, learning and research which include a well-stocked library, laboratories, sports facilities, and auditorium besides others.

The experts observed that most of the departments were doing remarkable work in terms of organising curricular and co-curricular activities for the students. The presentations were also commendable. It was observed that all departments should work towards organising National and International Seminars/Conferences. The following pertinent observations may be useful for departments to further enhance the quality of educational processes provided by them.

Elementary Education

- The College has been a pioneer in establishing the Elementary Education department in the University.
- The resource room created by fourth year students was highly appreciated, with suggestions to explore its role in transforming school spaces and conducting research to assess its impact on educational outcomes.
- The discussion focused upon NAAC evaluation criteria, where the importance of research and publications was highlighted. It was noted that more focus is required on publishing in Scopus-indexed journals and enhancing the institution's research output.
- Components of research methodology should be incorporated in the programme.
- Strengthening collegiality in research and planning collaborative projects were suggested as key strategies.
- Additionally, the meeting underscored the need for international collaborations and exchange programs to boost global exposure and partnerships.
- Mobilization of funds was another critical area touched upon. The department was encouraged to explore opportunities from agencies like ICSSR for research grants.
- It was advised to look at NIEPA's Pariprekshya as a resource.
- In terms of library resources, the importance of connecting with the Delhi University Library was stressed. A review of the library's existing e-resources was recommended to identify gaps and ensure the availability of essential materials for students and faculty.

English

- The department was highly appreciated for their presentation.
- Strengthening collegiality in research and planning collaborative projects were suggested as key strategies along with the idea of work Sabbatical for young faculty researchers.
- Faculty members were encouraged to get training in digital tools.
- In order to make the publications visible, experts suggested that cover pages of the publications should be displayed on digital display boards in college and copies of the same should be kept in the staff room.

Hindi

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- Making use of theatre and other important mediums of communication of other languages literature.
- Making use of digital tools to present professional papers like SEC, VAC, AEC.
- Focusing on various competitions at an international level like Indian Constitution Quiz Competition.
- Look for research opportunities in other disciplines in comparative study with Hindi literature. Also include areas like sociology, economics and other relevant contemporary issues.
- The department should explore if the number of invited talks can be increased, taking advantage of Hybrid modes of interaction made possible by technology.
- Use of English language should be applicable and taking reference from literature in Indian languages, which can be a support system for the upliftment of Hindi literature
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Vocational Studies

- The department is a pioneer in the University of Delhi in offering two industry-based courses in Healthcare Management as well as Retail Management and IT. Its emphasis on dual certification greatly improves the employability of the graduates.
- The presentation focused on the challenges posed by the National Education Policy (NEP) guidelines and decreased student intake. The department should organize brain-storming sessions both with industry and academia to develop strategies and/or policies to overcome the dilution of its vocational focus and leverage the provisions of NEP to its advantage.
- Faculty members were encouraged to focus more on their research publications.

Psychology

- The department showcased impressive initiatives such as Mental Health Awareness Week, and Alumni Connect.
- Experts congratulated the department for adapting themselves well to the National Education Policy (NEP). Also, research plans of the department were appreciated.
- The department was also encouraged to spend more time in research related academic discussions amongst the faculty itself and display more work related to publication of academic articles in journals.
- The department addressed the challenges being faced by the faculty members due to more students being added to their course by the University. This has resulted in the department dropping the SEC and VAC courses they earlier used to offer. Also, faculty members find it difficult to establish interpersonal relationships with students due to excessive student strength.
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Sociology

- Institutionalise events that celebrate the career of women sociologists and social anthropologists and make it an annual event or celebrate the life of a woman sociologist. Prof. Priyam, commended on the department's lecture of Dr. Madhumala Chattopadhyaya, the first woman Indian anthropologist to contact the Sentinelese Indigenous tribes of the Andaman and Nicobar

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Islands. She praised the event, saying such events should be converted into a lecture series or celebration of women academicians who have made a mark on the scholarly field and invite guests such as the Chief Secretary of a state such as of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Vice Chancellor of the University etc, so that it may not just be a college event but gain exposure for the university and the students.

- Faculty should focus on research publications, they should be of Q1, Q2 and Scopus lists of journals and bring out edited volumes by the department. Dr. Chakraborty asked for detailed information on international publications and conferences done by the faculty and further advised for working on it in the coming future.
- Faculty should strive to publish books. The experts advised that their respective theses should be a book or at the most made into chapters to be published in edited books.
- Faculty should strive to be part of various academic associations and join more international memberships in the field of research.
- The experts also commended the participation of the department's faculty members in syllabus revision committees, being part of syllabus making at the university level.
- In the power point presentations, important events and achievements should be highlighted and given a focus, such as the lectures, panels of eminent scholars on the department day, visit to the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), research conducted by the students as part of their research course and students' publications in forums such as UNICEF.
- The research done by the department for the students, while important, could be amplified for a longer duration and more intensive field work engagements for the students than already practiced. The example given was, the students went to Jaipur only for 4 days, the experts stressed it could be at least a week or more and in places which are not always frequented and sociologically relevant.
- The experts encouraged the teachers to take up research projects and invite students to intern with them as research assistants.
- The experts also encouraged the podcast on sociology that was planned by Dr. Amrita Shastri.
- The sociology department could become a centre of excellence for an area of expertise, say for example, urban sociology, sociology of everyday life, or any other aspect of sociology; guide the students, publish papers with them and conduct projects associated with the theme. It could set an example for other departments in the University of Delhi.

Economics

- The department was appreciated for their publications.
- It was suggested to improve the quality of peer-reviewed journals.
- The department elaborated upon their department cells and the surveys conducted by them.
- Contrarian - The Department Magazine was launched dedicatedly for students to publish their writings.
- Prof. Manisha suggested the following:
 - The faculty members have a great strength in research. They are well-versed with various research methods using Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index and Principal Component Analysis which will be an asset in hosting a research method training by JMC for other departments of the college as well as for other colleges. Prof. Amitava Chakraborty and Prof. Manisha Priyam will be happy to host this training session.

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- JMC can also become a centre for global south engagement to showcase the world of its faculties in areas of socio-economic relevance.

History

- The department highlighted their academic work.
- Faculty members elaborated upon their publications individually.
- Pandemic Perspectives is great collegial achievement.
- Faculties have strength to publish in international journals about Indian Oceanic Viewpoints such as Indian Ocean Studies Journal.
- The department showcased their society named Oral History Archive (OHA) where interviews of various people are taken from which they create archives
- Prof. Manisha suggested the following:
 - Full archives should be built such that there is uniqueness
 - History of institutions; history of UG colleges should be written because people don't understand its worth; the strength of Undergraduate Colleges. JMC has high chances of leading because of the domination of the departments.
 - Tie up with Hindu College to expand resources for conducting interviews
 - Curating visuals of Indian Oceans Trade and Exhibition
 - Encouraged Inter-Disciplinary collaborations such as Departments of History and Economics
 - Faculty members should take up collaborative projects with International Universities
 - Setting up centres for learning
- Dr. Amita Paliwal was appreciated for her knowledge of Persian.
- Appreciation for studying trade from the point-of-view of policies.

Political Science

- Experts encouraged publications from all the faculty members
- Great visibility of Jesus and Mary College in Indian Express was seen as a commendable job.
- Faculties were encouraged to publish in international journals which will leverage the strength of their work and connect with Internal University.
- Prof. Manisha suggested the following:
 - Connecting with indigenous studies department as the department has a great strength in ethnicity
 - Journals on ethnicity can be utilised.
 - Consolidating the focus on collaboration with IIT Guwahati.
 - Collaborate with Sociology department on Urban water and take advantage of the community links that the department has.
 - Building a hub and publishing deeply.
 - Faculties were encouraged to publish in Studies in Indian Politics and Economic and Political Weekly (EPW).
 - Jesus and Mary College can become the centre for studies in the Global South.
 - A departmental vision plan should be chalked out for every academic year since they have a great strength in research methods.
 - A faculty member should specialise in Political Theory.

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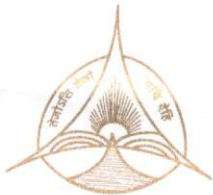
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Commerce

- The department was appreciated for their publications and young faculty members were encouraged to take the publications forward.
- Jesus and Mary College has a great scope of becoming a centre for Studies in the Global South.

Mathematics

- The department should collaborate with the Economics department for research and conduct training programmes for the students.
- The department highlighted that the student intake is gradually declining after the NEP 2020.
- The department has a great strength in research methodology.
- It was suggested that a mandatory workshop should be conducted for the Fourth Year for faculty as well as the students.
- Academic Writing workshop in collaboration with Prof. Amitava Chakraborty will be conducted.
- A session on Artificial Intelligence.
- Technology integration suggested by Mathematics department using Python, R, etc.
- Introduction of RCTs in teaching.

B.A. (Multidisciplinary)

- Introduction to NEP 2020 had led to introduction of new combinations in the department.
- Physical Education department was much appreciated for their achievements.
- French department was advised to connect with more French Universities. Scope of research enhancement through languages such as Portuguese, German, etc.
- Film-making can be taken up as a Certificate Course.
- Philosophy department can be of great help in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS).

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