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THE ANNUAL QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT (AQAR) OF THE IQAC

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Year of Report : 2008-2009

Section-A

The plan of action chalked out by the IQAC in the beginning of the year towards quality enhancement and the outcome achieved by the end of the year

The following action plan is envisaged for the year 2008-09.

- To disseminate the knowledge in various fields by conducting symposia, seminars etc.
- To improve infrastructure facilities at Tamil University Campus
- To publish books on various subjects in Tamil.
- To revamp syllabi by introducing skill based subjects
- To introduce E-governance in teaching and administration

Section-B

1. Activities reflecting the goals and objectives of the Institution:

- Organization of Conferences, Workshops and Seminars in various disciplines.
- Improving infrastructure facilities.
- Facilitation of Teaching – Learning Process
- Conducting research in frontier areas

2. New academic programmes initiated (UG and PG):

NIL

3. Innovations in curricular design and transaction:

For the first time in Tamil Nadu, Board of Studies for B.E., and M.B.B.S., Programmes in Tamil medium conducted and syllabi framed through Dept. of Scientific Tamil & Tamil Development.

4. Interdisciplinary programmes started:

For M.Phil. Students, an inter-disciplinary paper on general skills and translation has been introduced and coordinated by the Department of Translation.

Inter-disciplinary papers on Toxicology introduced in M.Sc. Programme on Environmental Sciences.

5. Examination reforms implemented:

Issuance of certificate (for P.G. Courses) using software is introduced.

6. Candidates qualified: NET/SLET/GATE etc.

Candidates cleared NET Exams - 2

7. Initiative towards faculty development programme:

- 9 Faculty members attended Refresher Course
- 3 Faculty members attended Orientation Course
- Tamil University conducted one Refresher course for Translation (All India Level).
- Advanced Teaching course in Tamil for Foreign (Malaysian) Teachers was conducted on 24.11.2008.

8. Total number of Conferences /Seminars/Workshops conducted:

20 Conferences were conducted and 7 Workshops were arranged at Tamil University.

9. Research projects a) Ongoing b) Completed:

Ongoing : 31

Completed : 25

10. Patents Generated (if any):

NIL

11. New collaborative research programmes:

An MoU with M/s Mustafa Trust, Singapore was signed on 15-10-2008 for creation of Sarangapani Tamil Chair at Tamil University at a cost of Rs.20 lakhs.

MoU with Malaya University for collaborative research in Tamil for student exchange programme was signed.

12. Research grants received from various agencies:

Rs. 62,14,913/- was received as research grants from various funding agencies from UGC., ICHR, MoES etc. The breakup is (in Rs.)

Funding Agencies	Grant (in Rs.)
UGC	171,8060
ICHR	46,823
CIL	2,94,750
INCOIS	5,00,000
Earth Science Ministry	3,67,080
ONGC	50,000
ASI	10,000
TNAgri University	6,75,000
IIPA	1,53,200
TN Govt.	24,00,000
Total in Rs.	62,14,913

13. Details of Research Scholars:

Ph.D. : 56
M.Phil. : 374

14. Citation Index of faculty members and Impact Factor:

Faculty members of the Faculty of science have published research papers in Journals with impact factor and citation index ranging from 10-13.

15. Honours/ Awards to the faculty (National and International) :

Dr. Karpagam of Music Department was awarded with *Natya Visharatha* award for Bharatha Natyam.

16. Internal Resources Generated:

Rs. 3,76,17,739/- generated by way of Book sales. As this is the Unitary type of University mainly focusing its objectives on high level research mostly in Humanities and Social Sciences which is mainly funded by State Government and the various funding Agencies in India, the internal resource could be generated through sales of books only.

17. Details of Departments Getting Assistance/ recognition under SAP/ COSIST (ASSIST) ST etc.

Dept. of Industries and Earth Sciences, Tamil University has been recognized at a Nodal Agency in the field of Oceanography and Atmospheric Science by Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India.

18. Community Services:

Free Siddha medical outpatient hospital functions in the Palace Campus of Tamil University. Public make use of this service every month. Siddha medicine is also distributed to them at a nominal cost.

Tamil University National Service Scheme organized 7 days camp at Pillaiyarpatti village and Nilagiri Village; Cleaning of Temples, streets and schools; awareness programmes on hygiene, environmental protection, National integration, social harmony etc.

Tamil university students have major role in organising World Mother's tongue day celebration and procession and dispatching notices to public on the importance of mother tongue.

Blood donation and Blood Group testing were conducted for the public and the staff with the help of Red Cross Society.

19. Teachers and officers newly recruited:

NIL

20. Teaching Non-teaching staff ratio:

1:2.6 (85:223)

21. Improvements in the Library services:

Children books section opened for school children to spend their summer vacation resourcefully.

Audio cassettes for language skills and health improvement have been produced.

22. New books/ Journals subscribed and their value:

Books	:	3421	at a cost of	Rs.11,75,963
Reference Books	:	250		
Journals	:	96	at a cost of	Rs.33,995

23. Courses in which student assessment of teachers is introduced and the action taken on student feedback:

For all the PG courses student assessments of teachers have been recorded and actions were taken to rectify the problems and teaching system.

24. Feedback from stakeholders:

The advices from the general public and parents have been taken into account and necessary actions have been taken.

The University has a **Statutory Planning Board** comprising of members from various field of knowledge who has interest in the development of the University. This committee meets periodically and gives recommendation on the developmental activities of the University and same is being monitored by the administration.

25. Unit cost of education:

Rs. 2,013/-

26. Computerization of administration and the process of admissions and examination results, issue of certificates:

- Workshop on e-governance for Teaching and non-teaching staff was arranged.
- Database created on Thesis titles on Tamilology from Indian Universities submitted from the year of 1957

27. Increase in the infrastructural facilities:

- Rs. 15.38 lakhs have been spent on Campus Development and Maintenance.
- Guest House is maintained at a cost of 12.00 lakhs.

28. Technology upgradation:

- Upgrading the old computers in Tamil University with new computers (Rs. 20.00 lakhs)

29. Computer and internet access and training to teachers, non-teaching staff and Students:

All the Department and the administrative sections are connected with internet facilities and Separate Browsing centre for the Students in the administrative building and Library is provided besides the students themselves can access the internet in the Department computers. As the number of users are less the in-charge of the internet centre gives individual training to the new user. 280 research students utilized 1600 hours of Internet access in this period at the internet centre alone.

30. Financial aid to students:

Tamil University students of regular stream are provided with financial aid from private Endowment, and Govt. Scholarships.

During 2008-2009 financial aid provided to regular students is as follows.

Sl.No	Financial Aid Detail	No. of Students	Amount
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		benefited	(Rs.)
1.	A.T. Panneerselvam Endowment	541	366200
2.	Govt. BC and MBC Educational Assistance	231	980655
3.	Govt. Adi-Dravidar and Tribes Educational Assistance	430	30,10,331
4.	State Govt.HR.Educational Scholarship	243	17,01,300
5.	Gurusamy Endowment	5	7,500
6.	B.Ed. College	43	1,50,740

Ph.D., students also received the following fellowships from various funding agencies.

ICHR Fellowship	Rs. 46,823/-
UGC Rajiv Gandhi Research Fellowship	Rs. 80,09,300/-

31. Activities and support from alumni association:

Awards for the rank holders of UG and PG courses by the Alumni Association were proposed for next convocation.

32. Activities and support from the Parent-Teacher Association:

No Parent-Teacher association is in existence. However, during admission, students and their parents are given counseling and are appraised about educational environs of Tamil University and future prospects.

33. Health Services:

Tamil University has a moderate health facility headed by a part-time physician and assisted by a nursing assistant. Emergency and first-aid services to students and staff are attended to.

34. Performance in sports activities:

Annual sports day was meet conducted during January for Teachers and students. Internal Sports for Kapadi Students between departments was conducted and winners awarded with prizes.

35. Incentives to outstanding sports persons: NIL

36. Student achievements and awards: NIL

37. Activities of the Guidance and Counseling Cell:

There is no separate Guidance and Counseling Cell. However, each department faculties interact with the students and take care of their necessities and advices them on various issues and problems. Assistance is also provided to them for their career development.

One day workshop for Tamil University students for personality development was organized on 22.1.2009.

38. Placement services provided to students:

Placement services were provided to the students by the Placement Cell. 147 students have got appointment orders for various posts.

39. Development programmes for non-teaching staff:

- A lecture on administrative measures was conducted through the endowment created for the improving the services of the administrative section.
- The non-teaching staff members were given tailor-made training in internet accessing and office automation through the Dept. of Computer Science.

40. Good Practices of the Institution:

- Free in-campus transport to students and staff members.
- Monthly meeting of Research Forum 'Aayvu Vattam' was organised for faculty members and research scholars for presentation of research papers and delivering of lectures on various topics.
- Local artisans and craftsmen were given training in bronze making and painting.
- Tamil University's teaching and non-teaching staff members who have put more than 25 years of flawless dedicated service in the University were honoured during Republic Day.
- Honoring Social legends of Thanjavur region for dedicated service to the Society through their writings, health service, social service etc... This is done also on every Republic day and Independence Day.
- Mother tongue day (Feb 21st) is celebrated and the awareness on mother tongue is created among public through procession. Participation includes the University staff, Students and School children and NGOs.
- The activities like Seminars, conferences within the University are propagated through daily news papers and mass media.
- Arranging for *Tamil Ula*, (Tour to historically and religiously important places in Tamil Nadu)
- Participated as publisher in all major Book exhibitions conducted at various parts of Tamil Nadu
- Library is opened on all the days and publics are allowed to access the library
- UGC funded classes for Remedial Coaching/ Entry into service/ NET is conducted to the SC/ST/OBC students

41. Linkages developed with national / international, academic /research bodies:

Following Library access linkages have been developed for this year to assist the faculty and students

- Linkage with National Journal through HRD Times, Chennai
- Linkage with International Journals through Easwar Publications, Chennai
- Linkage with IEEE Publications for Papers Presentation with Chettinad College of Engineering and Technology Karur [IEEE eXplore]
- MoU with Nine Stars Information Technologies Ltd., Chennai for development and promotion of digitization of Palm leaf manuscripts.

42. Action taken report on AQAR of previous year

- Organised National and International Conferences/seminars in various disciplines to disseminate and strengthen knowledge.
- Infrastructure facilities improved at Tamil University like relaying of road and maintenance of buildings and Guest House.
- Published books on medical science and engineering science in Tamil and Board of Studies in these disciplines organized with subject experts and syllabi framed.
- A paper on general skill introduced for M.Phil. programme and an interdisciplinary subject (Taxicology and Ornithology) introduced in M.Sc. Environmental Science Programme.

43. Any other relevant information:

Nil

Section – C**Outcomes achieved by the end of the year**

- Organised national and international conferences/seminars in various disciplines.
- Infrastructure facilities increased.
- Syllabi for two courses were revised.
- Training Programmes on e-governance for teaching and non-teaching staff.
- Placement service provided to 147 students
- Linkage developed with national and international institutions.
- Many research projects completed.

Section D

Detail the plans of the Tamil University for the next year

- To introduce flexibility in syllabi so as to enable students select their subjects of choice.
- To revamp the examination system and to publish results quickly and minimize subjective disparity.
- To equip the teaching and non-teaching staff of Tamil University with e-governance.
- To collaborate and interact with National and International Institutions and scholars to update and strengthen knowledge in specific disciplines.



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