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## **THE ANNUAL QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT (AQAR) OF THE IQAC**

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### **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**

- To introduce flexibility in syllabi so as to enable students select their subjects of choice.
- To carry out examination reforms 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.

### **Section -B**

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

- Revision and revamp syllabi of courses to meet recent challenges and scenario
- Introduction of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) for providing flexibility to students in selecting subjects.
- Introduction of examination reformation
- Strengthening research by arranging interaction among scholars in various disciplines through conferences and seminars
- Improvement of the infrastructure facilities

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

NIL

**3. Innovations in curricular design and transaction:**

- The curriculum of various study programmes in the departments is designed such a manner that the students learn sufficient number of basic and advanced level courses.
- The syllabi of some courses were revised

**4. Interdisciplinary programmes started:**

NIL

**5. Examination reforms implemented:**

- Double value system was eliminated for PG and M.Phil., courses.
- Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) was introduced in all PG Courses.

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

NET	-	2	
SLET	-	7	Total = 9

**7. Initiatives towards faculty development programme:**

Faculty members participated in Orientation and refresher courses conducted by Academic Staff College of other universities.

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

Seminars	-	25
Workshops	-	6

**9. Research projects a) Ongoing b) Completed:**

Ongoing	-	67
Completed	-	32

**10. Patents Generated:**

1 patent applied for herbal based drug by Dept. of Environmental and Herbal Science.

**11. New collaborative research programmes:**

Collaborated with Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Govt. of India and Saraswathi Mahal Library, Thanjavur.

**12. Research grants received from various agencies:**

UGC	-	29,61,320
CICT	-	2,74,625
ICHR	-	1,00,000
Total		Rs. <b>33,35,945</b>

**13. Details of Research Scholars:**

Ph.D.,	-	61
M.Phil.,	-	284

**14. Citation Index of faculty members and Impact factor:**

Teacher of Faculty of Science have published journals with impact factor and citation index ranging from 10-13.

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

Dr. M. M. Bavani received **Indian President Award** for Young Research Scholar through CICT.

**16. Internal resources generated:**

On sale of books **Rs. 32,65,620/-** have been generated. 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 only through sale of books.

**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. Several people make use of this service every month. Siddha medicine is also distributed to them at nominal cost.

Tamil University National Service Scheme organized 7 days camp at Pillaiyarpatti village; Cleaning of Temples, streets and schools undertaken, awareness programmes on hygiene, Environmental Protection. National integration, social harmony conducted.

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.

NSS Awareness camp on Anemia and Cancer was conducted

Free Eye Camp was conducted with help of Aravind eye hospital Madurai

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

Red Ribbon Club was inaugurated and awareness programme on AIDS was conducted.

Yoga Awareness Programme on Yoga was also conducted for the public and Staff

**19. Teachers and officers newly recruited:**

NIL

**20. Teaching Non-teaching staff ratio:**

**1:2.7** (81:224)

**21. Improvements in the Library services:**

Automation of library work has been carried out with the provision of 'AutoLib' software. Nearly 1.6 lakhs of books have been entered, besides entering 800 of Ph.D. thesis.

**22. New books/ journals subscribed and their cost:**

Reference books	-	945	Value	Rs.4,21,624/- .
Journals	-	100		Rs. 43,841/-

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

For all the PG courses student assessments have been made 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 fields of Knowledge who has interest in the development of the University. This committee meets periodically and gives recommendations on the developmental activities of the University and same is being monitored by the administration.

**25. Unit cost of education:**

Rs. 3,493/-

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

E-Governance demonstration programme for teaching and non teaching staff arranged.



**27. Increase in the infrastructural facilities:**

- Replenishing the Street lights of the entire campus
- Repair and Maintenance of Men and Women hostel toilets
- Changing the floor of Language Faculty Building
- Air conditioning of First Floor rooms of the Guest House
- 5 – Bus Shelters have been made.
- Falls-ceiling of Senate hall

**28. Technology upgradation:**

- Conference addressing system installed for Senate and Syndicate Conference halls.
- Installation of LCD, OHP and Visualiser for University seminars, conferences.
- Analogue to Digital Conversion facility installed at Audio-Visual centre.

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

All the Departments 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.

**30. Financial aid to students:**

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

During 2009-2010 financial aid provided to regular students is as follows.

Sl.No	Financial Aid Detail	No. of Students benefited	Amount (Rs.)
1.	A.T. Panneerselvam Endowment	328	3,66,200
2.	Govt. BC and MBC Educational Assistance	237	4,14,380
3.	Govt. Adi-Dravidar and Tribes Educational Assistance	252	16,41,780
4.	State Govt.HR.Educational Scholarship	133	9,31,000

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

ICHR Fellowship	-	20,000
UGC Post Doctoral fellowship	-	2,28,000
UGC Rajiv Gandhi Research Fellowship	-	90,90,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs.</b>	<b>1,25,47,260</b>

**31. Activities and support from Alumni Association:**

- Endowment was established by Alumni Association at cost of Rs. 1,00,000/- to give a medal and certificate to the Rank holders.
- Career counseling Lecture was arranged

**32. Activities and support from 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:**

- Mr. Tholkappian, First year M.Sc. was sent for mountaineering in Himalayas training conducted by the Ministry for Youth Welfare and Sports.
- Annual sports meet was 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 takes care of their necessities and advices them on various issues and problems. Assistants are also provided to them for their career development.

**38. Placement services provided to students:**

This Campus interview facility has been extended to the local communities too. So, students have been placed as teachers in schools and other Institutions.

**39. Development programmes for non-teaching staff:**

- A lecture on administration was conducted through the endowment created for administrative section.
- The non-teaching staff were given tailor made trainings in internet accessing and office software through the Dept. of Computer Science.
- Workshop on E-governance conducted for teaching and non-teaching staff.



#### **40. Good Practices of the Institution**

- Honoring by rewarding the staff who has put more than 25 years of flawless dedicated service in the University. This is done on every Republic day and Independence Day.
- Honoring distinguished citizen of Thanjavur region for dedicated service to the Society through their writings, health service, social service etc. This is done also on every Independence Day.
- Mother tongue day (Feb 21<sup>st</sup>) is celebrated and the awareness on mother tongue is created among public through procession which 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.
- Free in-campus Transport to students and staff
- Conducting monthly Research Forum for faculty members and research scholars for presentation of research papers
- Organizing Book Exhibitions and participated as publisher in all major Book exhibitions conducted at various parts of Tamil Nadu
- Library is opened on all 7 days of a week 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:**

MoU signed with following Institutions

- Yuvanda University, Cameron
- University of Tor Vergata, Rome
- Casino University, Italy
- Tamil Heritage Foundation, England

#### **42. Action taken report on AQAR of previous year**

- Revision and revamping of Syllabi.
- Introduction of Choice Based Credit System.
- Imparting E-governance to Teaching and non-teaching staff.

#### **43. Any other relevant information:**

- Red Ribbon club of Tamil University as an Extension of Tamilnadu AIDS control board was inaugurated.

- As part of conservation and documentation of ancient Tamil language and culture, a project on Collection and Digitization of Palm leaf manuscripts started.
- Digitization of 290 books of Tamil University publications commenced in co-ordination with M/s. S.V. Infosys Ltd. Tirupati.

### **Section – C**

#### **Outcome achieved by the end of the year**

- Revision and revamping of Syllabi.
- Introduction of Choice Based Credit System.
- Imparting E-governance to Teaching and non-teaching staff.
- Inclusiveness and equal opportunity adopted by arranging Remedial Coaching, Coaching for Entry into Services and NET to SC/ST Students.
- Linkage developed with National and International Research and Academic Institutions to strengthen knowledge in specific disciplines.

### **Section D**

#### **Detail the plans of the Tamil University for the next year**

- To organize national and international conferences
- To make change in curriculum
- To improve infrastructure facilities
- To initiate ICT enabled teaching and learning

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