

GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE SANTIRBAZAR SANTIRBAZAR, SOUTH TRIPURA

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To
The Principal(I/C)
Government Degree College Santirbazar
Santirbazar, South Tripura.

Subject: Submission of brief report of IQAC for the Academic Year 2023-24.

Respected Sir,

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Government Degree College Santirbazar, is committed to ensure and enhance internal quality in various aspects of academic and institutional development. IQAC strives to improve the teaching-learning process by organizing seminars, workshops, and training programmes for both teaching and non-teaching staff as well as students. It facilitates special lectures by experts and promotes participative learning through wall magazines, study tours, and interactive sessions.

Furthermore, IQAC actively encourages **faculty members** to engage in both online and offline training programmes, participate in faculty development initiatives, and contribute to academia by publishing research articles in reputed journals and authoring book chapters. Faculty members are also motivated to pursue higher studies to enhance their knowledge and professional growth.

In addition to faculty development, IQAC is dedicated to student empowerment by motivating students to pursue higher education after graduation and preparing them to face competitive examinations with confidence. It also promotes co-curricular and extracurricular activities by encouraging student participation in NSS, NCC, Prahari Club, Eco-Club, sports and games, Electoral Literacy Club, and cultural activities.

IQAC also plays a crucial role in promoting environmental sustainability on campus. It actively supports green campus initiatives, including tree plantation drives, water harvesting for gardening, and vermicomposting by utilizing organic waste materials such as fallen leaves and biodegradable waste.

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Through these initiatives, IQAC continuously works towards fostering a holistic educational environment that nurtures academic excellence, skill development, and environmental responsibility among students and faculty members.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) is dedicated to promoting nationalism and fostering communal harmony by organizing various national and international commemorative events that highlight the values of unity, democracy, and cultural inclusivity.

IQAC encourages observing significant national events such as Constitution Day, National Voters' Day, Ambedkar Jayanti, Republic Day, and Independence Day, which serve to instill a sense of civic responsibility, patriotism, and respect for constitutional values among students and faculty members. These celebrations include flag hoisting ceremonies, awareness programmes, lectures, debates, and cultural activities that emphasize the importance of democracy, equality, and social justice.

In addition, IQAC commemorates important international days such as International Mother Language Day and Kokborok Day, which celebrate linguistic diversity and promote cultural heritage. The institution also pays homage to freedom fighters and national leaders, remembering their sacrifices and contributions to India's independence and progress. These activities help cultivate a deep sense of respect for the nation's history, diverse cultural traditions, and the spirit of unity in diversity.

Through these initiatives, IQAC strives to nurture responsible citizens who appreciate India's pluralistic society and work towards peace, harmony, and national integration.

# IQAC Activities of Government Degree College Santirbazar (Academic Year 2023-24)

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Government Degree College, Santirbazar, has been actively engaged in enhancing the academic and infrastructural framework of the institution during the academic year 2023-24. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the records and activities undertaken by IQAC, including academic planning, faculty development, student support initiatives, infrastructural developments, research contributions, and other significant engagements.

## Academic Planning and Student Enrollment

At the outset of the academic year 2023-24, the academic calendar was meticulously prepared to ensure smooth curricular and co-curricular activities.

## **Key Academic Statistics:**

1. Total Number of Programmes Offered: 10

2. Total Number of Courses Offered: 136

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3. Total Number of Students Enrolled: 967

#### **Semester-wise Student Distribution:**

I. 1<sup>st</sup> Semester: 565

II. 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester: 244

III. 5<sup>th</sup> Semester: 158

### Statistics of final year or outgoing students:

1. Total Number of Outgoing/Final Year Students who appeared in the final semester examination: 149

2. Total Number of Outgoing/Final Year Students who passed university examination: 63

3. A total of 13 passed-out students are pursuing higher studies during the academic year 2023-24.

### **Faculty Details**

1. Total Number of Full-time Teachers: 18 (Including 3 PGTs)

2. Total Number of Guest Lecturer: 11

3. Total Number of Mentors: 15

#### **Faculty Engagement in University Activities**

All regular faculty members are engaged in academic responsibilities beyond classroom teaching. They contribute to university-level academic processes such as answer script evaluation, question paper setting, and participation in the College Development Council (CDC) under Tripura University.

#### Feedback Mechanism

IQAC has developed a systematic feedback mechanism to assess and improve academic and administrative processes. Feedback is collected from students, teachers, and alumni, analyzed, and appropriate actions are taken to address concerns and enhance institutional performance.

#### **Academic and Research Initiatives**

IQAC conducted and facilitated various academic events to foster intellectual growth and research aptitude among students and faculty members:

1. **Periodic Lecture Programme:** Organized a lecture on "Basic Values Embodied in Indian Culture and Their Relevance to National Reconstruction" on January 25, 2024.

- 2. Workshop on Research Methodologies: Conducted a workshop on "Understanding Research Methodologies in Social Sciences" on March 20, 2024.
- 3. **Library Awareness Programme:** Organized an awareness and orientation programme on "Awareness and Utilization of Library Resources" on September 19, 2023.
- 4. **Environmental Awareness Seminar:** Collaborated with the Tripura State Pollution Control Board to conduct an awareness seminar on "Wetlands and Human Well-being" on March 15, 2024.
- 5. **Faculty Training Programmes:** A total of 9 (nine) regular faculty members participated in faculty development programmes such as the Faculty Induction Programme, Faculty Development Programme, and Refresher Courses.
- 6. **Faculty Qualifications**: Besides qualifying NET/SET a total of eight faculty members hold Ph.D. degrees, while two more are currently pursuing their Ph.D.
- 7. **Research Contributions:** Faculty members published five research papers in UGC-listed and peer-reviewed journals and contributed three book chapters with ISBN.

### **Student-Centric Initiatives**

IQAC remains committed to enhancing the academic experience and overall development of students:

- 1. Internal Assessments: Ensured timely and effective internal assessments.
- 2. **Student Satisfaction Survey:** Conducted an online survey to identify areas requiring improvement and took necessary actions based on student feedback.
- 3. **Student Support Programmes:** Implemented remedial classes for slow learners and organized special lectures, quizzes, and seminars for advanced learners.

## **Extracurricular and Community Engagement**

The institution actively encourages participation in extracurricular and social responsibility programmes:

- NSS and NCC Activities: Numerous programmes, such as Kargil Vijay Diwas, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, drug awareness campaigns, and HIV/AIDS awareness initiatives, Environment Awareness Programme, Breast Cancer Awareness, were conducted throughout the year. Sensitization programmes were also organized in neighborhood communities and adopted villages.
- 2. Sports Committee Initiatives: Organized the annual sports event with a focus on physical fitness awareness.

## Digital and Infrastructure Development

IQAC has taken significant steps to modernize infrastructure and enhance digital learning resources:

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- 1. **Installation of Digital Smart Panels:** Seven digital smart panel boards have been installed for effective teaching-learning processes, with two more on order.
- 2. **Social Media Presence:** A Facebook page named "Govt. Degree College Santirbazar" was created to share college activities, with a dedicated committee formed to manage it.
- 3. **Expansion of Wi-Fi Facilities:** Extended seamless internet access across the campus to support online courses under NEP 2020.
- 4. Dedicated Classrooms for New Courses: Established classrooms for newly introduced courses under NEP 2020, including "Foundation of Yoga and Meditation" (Value Added Course), NCC as a Minor Course, "Physical Education," and "Vermiculture and Vermicomposting" as skill enhancement courses. Currently, classes are being conducted in Academic Block I until the underconstruction building is completed.
- 5. **Iron Removal Plant Installation:** Initiated and completed the installation of an Iron Removal Plant (IRP) to provide clean drinking water to students, faculty, and staff.
- 6. RUSA Contribution: RUSA has made significant contributions to the infrastructural development of the college. Its core objectives—equity, quality, and excellence—have been effectively implemented. As part of this initiative, a new library and fitness center are under construction. Additionally, various enhancements such as the installation of computers, smart digital panel boards, and CCTV cameras across the campus have been implemented to ensure safety, security, and the advancement of digital learning.

## **Quality Assurance and Audits**

- Submission of AQAR Reports: IQAC successfully submitted the AQAR for the academic year 2021-22. However, the AQAR for 2022-23 could not be submitted due to the closure of the submission window, as the institution is a year behind in submission due to its NAAC accreditation timeline.
- 2. **Internal Financial Audit:** Conducted by the Internal Audit Committee to ensure transparency, accountability, and compliance with institutional financial policies.
- 3. **Internal Academic Audit:** Evaluated teaching-learning effectiveness, curriculum implementation, faculty performance, and student outcomes to identify areas of improvement and enhance the quality of education.

## **Library and Academic Resources**

Procurement of Books under NEP 2020: In response to the implementation of NEP 2020, IQAC initiated the procurement of new books. Heads of Departments (HODs) submitted lists of required books, most of which have already been delivered to the college library.

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2. **Access to E-Resources:** Faculty members and students are encouraged to take full advantage of the extensive range of e-resources available through the college's N-LIST subscription. These resources provide access to a vast collection of academic journals, e-books, and research materials that can support teaching, learning, and scholarly activities.

### **Challenges and Future Plans**

Despite numerous achievements, IQAC acknowledges the need for improvement in certain areas:

- 1. **Alumni Engagement:** Efforts are being made to strengthen alumni relations and collaboration with external institutions and industries.
- 2. Collaboration with Other Institutions, Communities, and NGOs: The IQAC of the college is committed to strengthening partnerships with various institutions, communities, and NGOs. This collaboration aims to provide students with enhanced exposure, diverse learning experiences, and greater opportunities for academic, professional, and personal growth.
- 3. **Enhanced Research Culture:** Encouraging more faculty members and students to engage in research and publication activities.
- 4. **Updating the College Website**: The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) is committed to overseeing and facilitating the regular updating of the college website in a systematic and organized manner, ensuring that all information is accurate, up-to-date, and easily accessible to stakeholders.
- 5. **Improvement in ICT Usage:** Increasing digital literacy and the integration of ICT tools in teaching-learning processes.
- 6. **Focusing on sports and fitness culture:** Focusing on promoting sports and fitness culture, the IQAC is committed to enhancing these aspects within the college. To this end, a fitness center has been set up, and its equipment is regularly updated. In addition, dedicated rooms for Yoga and Meditation will be provided in the newly constructed building, which is nearing completion. Furthermore, Physical Education has been introduced as a Value Added Course under the NEP 2020, starting from the academic year 2023-24.
- 7. Scientific Temperament: The IQAC will focus on cultivating a scientific temperament both within the college and the local community. This initiative comes in response to the introduction of Science programs such as Botany, Zoology, and Human Physiology under NEP 2020, starting from the academic year 2023-24.
- 8. Skill Enhancement: The IQAC of the college will also focus on enhancing students' skills through the introduction of Skill Enhancement Courses such as *Vermiculture and Vermicomposting* and *Desktop Publishing* under NEP 2020, starting from the academic year 2023-24.

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The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Government Degree College, Santirbazar, has played a pivotal role in ensuring academic excellence, faculty development, student support, and infrastructural advancements during the academic year 2023-24. Moving forward, IQAC aims to focus on strengthening alumni engagement, expanding industry collaborations, and further enhancing research culture. Through continuous efforts and strategic planning, the institution aspires to uphold quality education standards and holistic development for its students and faculty.

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