

Shivaji University, Kolhapur

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Minutes of the Meeting

Date: 29th May 2025

Time: 4.00 PM onwards

Place: Management Council Hall

Chairperson: Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) D.T. Shirke

Following Members Present

- Prof. (Dr.) D.T. Shirke, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor – Chairman
 - Prof. (Dr.) P.S. Patil, Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor
 - Dr. V.N. Shinde, Registrar
 - Dr. (Smt) S. S. Patil, Finance & Accounts Officer
 - Prof. (Dr.) M. S. Deshmukh, Dean
 - Prof. (Dr.) S.D. Delekar, Director, IQAC –Member Secretary
 - Prof. (Dr.) S.S. Panhalkar (Attribute 8)
 - Dr. Avanish Patil (Attribute 6)
 - Dr. (Smt.) Deepa Ingawale (Attribute 4)
 - Dr. N.L. Tarwal (Attribute 3)
 - Dr. S.D. Pawar (Attribute 9)
 - Dr. Pankaj Pawar (Attribute 5)
 - Dr. S.V. Bansode
 - Dr. D.B. Sutar
 - Dr. (Smt) P. B. Desai
 - Shri A.A. Redekar
 - Dr. Shivajirao Deshmukh
 - Dr. Nilesh Pawar
 - Dr. Styajeet Patil
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Agenda for the Meeting

1. To confirm the minutes of the IQAC meeting held on 29th March 2025.
 2. To review the Quality Initiatives undertaken by IQAC during the last four years and discuss new Quality initiatives proposed by IQAC including
 - a. Copyrights of University Policies/ manual/ SoP
 - b. Implementation of Twinning programs
 - c. Starting of more number of AEDP from year 2025-26
 3. To discuss Action Plan and Strategies for the forthcoming 5th NAAC Cycle.
 4. To overview and inaugurate the IQAC Single Dashboard integrated with other essential portals.
 5. Any other item/s with the permission of the Chair.
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Proceedings

Item 1: To confirm the minutes of IQAC meeting held on 29th March 2025

Resolution: The minutes of the IQAC meeting held on 29th March 2025 were read and confirmed unanimously.

Item 2: To Review Quality Initiatives undertaken by IQAC during the last four years

Prof. (Dr.) S.D. Delekar, Director, IQAC, presented the major initiatives undertaken by IQAC over the past four years. The initiatives can be grouped under the following domains:

(i) Quality Assurance & Rankings

- Completion of **Academic & Administrative Audits (AAA)** till 2023–24.
- Regular **submissions for AQAR, NIRF (Overall & Innovation), QS, THE Rankings (Impact Rankings)**.
- **ISO audits** (comprehensive + annual surveillance).
- **Budget mapping** aligned with NAAC and NIRF sub-metrics.
- Development of **institutional policies, manuals, SoPs, and copyrighting them**.

(ii) Academic Excellence & NEP-2020 Implementation

- Systematic **implementation of NEP-2020** across UG, PG, and Ph.D. programmes (2022–till date).
- **Introduction of new academic programmes** at UG/PG level, along with new centres and clubs.
- **BT Level & CO mapping** in question papers across UG and PG courses.
- **Revised examination reforms**, including 60:40 weightage structure and automation for faster results (within 30 days).
- **Formulation and periodic review** of Academic Calendar, Institutional Development Plan (IDP), and Perspective Plan (aligned with UGC and SDGs).

(iii) Digital Transformation

- Establishment of a **Single Integrated Dashboard System**, connected with:
 - Teacher Profile Portal, Departmental Profile Portal, Placement and Internship Databases, Feedback Systems, and NAAC/NIRF/Ranking data modules.
- Development of **customized softwares** for academic, administrative, finance, and examination sections.
- Creation of **e-content and online programmes, Student enrolment for Swayam/NPTEL Courses** in line with NEP-2020.
- Support for **digital CV generation, ASR/CAS/PBAS formats**, and teacher promotion systems.

(iv) **Research, Innovation & Entrepreneurship**

- Strengthening of **research, incubation, and startup ecosystem** through:
 - Establishment of **Incubation Centre / Section-8 Company**.
 - Pre-incubation facilities at departments.
 - Innovation & Startup Cells in university departments and affiliated colleges.
 - Technology transfer and faculty-led startups.
 - Outside Startups incubated from Section-8 company
- **Incentive policy** to promote faculty research and publications.
- Organization of **conferences, seminars, and workshops** (national annually, international biennially).
- Promotion of **book publishing, editing, and copyrighting academic/research works**.

(v) **Internationalization & Collaborations**

- Expansion of **MoUs with national and international institutions, industries, and NGOs** (each department to sign 2–3 per year).
- **Exchange programmes** for student/teachers with reputed foreign universities.
- Joint **research projects, publications, and faculty/student exchange programmes**.

(vi) **Student Support & Development**

- Comprehensive **student support schemes**: scholarships, earn-and-learn, work-on-demand, hostel facilities, health care, accident/medical aid.
- Establishment of a **Reading & Study Centre for students** and a **Holistic Student Development & Computer Facilitation Centre (In-process)**.
- Development of **placement and internship portals** for tracking progression and opportunities.
- Organization of **student skill-building initiatives** (e.g., “Photo of the Week” competition, Integration of skill components into curriculum).
- Strong focus on **sports, cultural, and community engagement**.

(vii) **Faculty & Staff Development**

- **Capacity building programmes** (FDPs, MDPs, EDPs, trainings, conclaves, innovation programmes, value added, and other soft component activities).
- Awareness and brainstorming sessions on **AI-ML, NAAC 2024 Reforms, and innovative pedagogies**.
- Quality Circle and other sessions for non-teaching, supportive staff
- Medical and other supportive schemes for the staff of the University
- **Promotion of Bharatiya Bhasha** in teaching, learning, and evaluation.

(viii) **Community Engagement & Sustainability**

- Outreach through **industry consultancy, school/community partnerships, and social engagement programmes**.

- Support to affiliated colleges through **Lead College, Paris Sparsh, Kalyan Nidhi, Weaker College Support, and Research Strengthening schemes.**
- Adoption of **sustainability practices:**
 - Solar rooftop PV systems
 - Water conservation/recycling
 - Biogas plant
 - Botanical gardens/tree plantations
 - E-waste management

Suggestions by Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Hon’ble Pro Vice Chancellor and Members:

- Strengthen e-content development.
- Introduce twinning programmes with reputed overseas universities.
- Enhance consultancy services to industry and society.
- Launch apprenticeship-embedded UG programmes with industries.
- Expand green campus initiatives (solar PV installation, waste management, plantations) and complete the required green, energy audits timely.

Resolution: The initiatives were noted and resolved that representative initiatives to be further strengthened.

Prof. Dr. Delekar then proposed the following new quality initiatives

- a. Copyrights of University Policies/ manual/ SoP
- b. Implementation of Twinning programs
- c. Starting of more number of AEDP from year 2025-26

It was resolved that these quality initiatives be taken up by implementation

Item 3: To discuss Action plan and strategies for the forthcoming 5th NAAC Cycle

The Director, IQAC, presented the **Action Plan** with timelines covering:

- Target: *Level 5 – Institution of Global Excellence through MBGL (as per NAAC 2024).*
- Data capturing via Single portal.
- Monthly review meetings under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Vice Chancellor.
- Drafting of IIQA, SSR, DVV and other reports under Pro-Vice Chancellor and Deans every 1st Saturday and 3rd Saturday
- Departmental visits and reviews every 3rd Saturday.
- Continuous data uploading by departments/faculty/center/sections/etc.
- **Submission timelines:**
 - IIQA: 1st Oct 2025 – 30th November 2025
 - SSR: 1st Oct 2025 – 31th December 2025
 - DVV & SSS: 1st Jan 2026 – 31th March 2026
 - Mock Visits of the Experts: Jan. – Feb. 2026 and April–May 2026
 - Peer Team Visit: April–July 2026

Key Strategies:

- Formation of a jumbo committee for planning, execution, data monitoring, validation, and reporting.
- Clear action points with targets for all stakeholders.
- Full activation of data submission portals.
- Drafting of revised policies, SoPs, and manuals by attribute committees.

Resolution: Action plan with strategies was unanimously approved. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor suggested that IQA, SSR and other necessary writing should begin from July-August 2025 for timely submission. After release of final guidelines about NAAC Reforms 2024 from NAAC office, the action plan to be refined accordingly and then finalize the key strategies, data-fields templates (online portal) with the timelines.

Item 4: To overview and inaugurate the IQAC Single Dashboard integrated with other essential portals.

- Shri A.A. Redekar (In-charge Director, Computer Centre) presented the University Information Management System (UIMS) portal with IQAC-integrated dashboard.
- Portal to collect data from departments, centres, faculty, and stakeholders for accreditation, rankings, and quality monitoring.
- Officially inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in presence of Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar, and members.
- Efforts of IQAC and Computer Centre were appreciated by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor.

Resolution:

- The UIMS portal will be made available to all departments/center/chairs/ administrative sections, faculty members, and others for data entry (from AY 2020-21 onwards).
 - Departments as well as faculty members to ensure accurate and timely data entry.
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Item 5: Any Other Item/s with permission of the Chair

- Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Pro Vice Chancellor suggested that **all departments, centres, chairs, and administrative sections should complete data entry for the last five years by August 2025** to prepare for the forthcoming 5th NAAC cycle.
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Conclusion

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Prof. (Dr.) S.D. Delekar, Director, IQAC.

S. Delekar
25/8/2025
Director, IQAC
Member Secretary

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Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
Chairman

Minutes were read & Confirmed

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