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Minutes of 24th IQAC Meeting

of

JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research

held on

20th January 2025 at 2.30 pm at Board Room, JSS Medical College, JSS AHER, Mysuru-570015

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Members Present

- 1. Dr. Basavanagowdappa H, Vice Chancellor, JSS AHER, Mysuru- Chairman
- 2. Dr. B Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS AHER, Mysuru- Member
- 3. Dr. Sudheendra Bhat, COE, JSS AHER, Mysuru-Member
- 4. Dr. Madhusudan N Purohit, JSS AHER, Mysuru Member Secretary
- Dr. Rama Kondapalli, Former Advisor, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore – External Member
- Dr. Arun Kumar Khanna, Director, VIVALDIS Health & Foods Pvt Ltd, (Sun Pharma Holding), Pune

 – External Member
- 7. Dr. Rajiv Desai, Technical Advisor IPA, Former Executive VP Global Head Lupin Ltd., Mumbai– External Member
- 8. Dr. Pratosh Bansal, Professor (IT), Institute of Engineering & Technology, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore– External Member
- 9. Dr. Dhakshaini M R, Principal, JSS Dental College & Hospital, Mysuru Member
- 10. Dr. Prashant M Vishwanath, Dean (Research), JSS AHER, Mysuru Member
- 11. Dr. Mamatha H.K, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Head, Dept. of Health System Management Studies, JSS AHER, Mysuru Member
- 12. Dr. Pushpalatha K, Professor, Department of Anatomy, JSS Medical College, Mysuru. (IQAC coordinator, JSS MC, Mysuru)- Member
- 13. Dr. N Raghunath, Professor, Department of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics, JSS DCH, Mysuru. (IQAC coordinator, JSS DCH, Mysuru)-Member
- Dr. Gangadharappa H V, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru. (IQAC Coordinator, JSS CPM, Mysuru) - Member
- 15. Ms. Priyadarshini, Lecturer, Dept. of Pharmacognosy, JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty. (IQAC Coordinator, JSS CPO, Ooty)- Member
- 16. Dr. Kiran Kumar M.N, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics, JSS AHER, Mysuru. (IQAC coordinator, SLS, Mysuru)-Member
- Dr. Vijaya Vageesh Y, Associate Professor, Department of Physiology, JSS Medical College, Mysuru - Member
- Mrs. Shilpa Palaksha, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, JSS
 College of Pharmacy, Mysuru Member
- Dr. Jeyaprakash M.R, Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Analysis, JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty.

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- 20. Dr. Divya A Kurthukoti, Associate Professor, Dept. of Health System Management Studies, JSS AHER, Mysuru- Member
- 21. Dr. Bhagyalakshmi A, Reader, Department of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics, JSS Dental College & Hospital, Mysuru Member
- 22. Dr. Premalatha B R, Reader, Department of Oral Pathology & Microbiology, JSS Dental College & Hospital, Mysuru.
- 23. Dr. V V S Narayana Reddy Karri, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty- Member
- 24. Dr. Shanmukhappa B R, Associate Professor, Division of Medical Physics, SLS Mysuru.

Officers in attendance

- 1. Dr. B R Chandrashekhar, Associate Dean (Academics), JSS AHER, Mysuru
- 2. Dr. Prashanth S, Deputy Dean (Academics), JSS AHER, Mysuru
- 3. Dr. Balamuralidhara V, Associate Professor & HOD, JSS CPM, Mysuru
- 4. Mr. Mukunda H S, Deputy CIO, JSS AHER, Mysuru
- 5. Mr. Dhananjaya A N, System Analyst, JSS AHER, Mysuru
- 6. Dr. Sheeba Pakkan, Bibliometrician, JSS AHER, Mysuru
- 7. Dr. Raghu Ram Achar, Assistant Dean (IQAC), JSS AHER, Mysuru
- 8. Dr. Supreeth M, Assistant Dean (IQAC), JSS AHER, Mysuru

Student Representative

 Ms Arunima Prakash, Final year Pharm D Student, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru.

Leave of Absence

- 1. Dr. K S Rangappa, Former VC University of Mysuru- External Member
- 2. Dr. Vishal Kumar Gupta, Dean (Academics), JSS AHER, Mysuru- Member
- 3. Dr. T. M. Pramod Kumar, Principal, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru Member
- 4. Dr. K A Raveesha, Head, School of Life Sciences, Mysuru Member
- 5. Ms. Deeptha Raghuram, Final year MBBS, JSS Medical College, Mysuru- Student Representative
- 6. Mr. Dhrish Paresh Vasa, Final year MBBS, JSS Medical College, Mysuru- Student Representative

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Minutes of the meeting

At the outset, the external members congratulated Dr. Basavanagowdappa H on his appointment as Vice Chancellor of JSS AHER, Mysuru.

Dr. Basavanagowdappa H, as Chairman, sought the blessings of His Holiness Swamiji, the Hon'ble Chancellor of JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru, and welcomed everyone to the 24th IQAC meeting. He provided an update on NAAC Accreditation, commended IQAC's efforts in achieving the A++ grade, and thanked the members for their contributions during the Self-Study Report (SSR) submission and Peer Team Visit (PTV). He encouraged active participation in IQAC's quality initiatives and requested the Member Secretary to proceed with the agenda.

Agenda No. 01

To place for the information results and recommendations of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accreditation 3rd Cycle of JSS AHER.

The Dean (IQAC) presented the progress and milestones of the third NAAC Accreditation cycle. The JSS AHER NAAC Assessment (3rd Cycle) Self-Study Report (SSR) was submitted on 30/03/2024. Following this, the Data Validation and Verification (DVV) team from the NAAC office sought clarifications, to which JSS AHER provided detailed responses on 29/05/2024. Upon satisfactory verification and approval by the DVV, NAAC proposed a Peer Team Visit (PTV), scheduling the onsite evaluation from 03/10/2024 to 05/10/2024.

The Peer Team consisted of:

- 1. Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu (Former Director NAAC), Vice Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab. (Chairperson)
- 2. Dr. Mayashree Syiem, Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Northeastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya. (Member Coordinator)
- 3. Dr. Romesh Soni, Professor, Faculty of Dental Science, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. (Member)

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- 4. Dr. Dhiraj Malhotra, Professor, Medical Officer, In charge AAMC Project, Delhi Pharmaceutical Science and Research University, New Delhi, Delhi. (Member)
- 5. Dr. Nisar Ahmed Mulla, Professor, Department of Commerce and Management, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, Telangana. (Member)
- 6. Dr. Neeru Vasudeva Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar, Haryana. (Member)

The visit took place from 03/10/2024 to 05/10/2024. The NAAC accreditation status was released on 18/10/2024. JSS AHER is proud to submit that, NAAC has accredited JSS AHER with the highest grade of **A++** with a CGPA of **3.61** on a four-point scale. The certificate and quality profile are placed in pages 126-127.

The criteria wise score is as below:

Number	Criteria	Criteria wise grade point average	
l			
1	Curricular Aspects	3.80	
2	Teaching-Learning & Evaluation 3.49		
3	Research, Innovation & Extension	3.50	
4	Infrastructure & Learning Resources	3.84	
5	Student Support & Progression	3.73	
6	Governance, Leadership & Management	3.44	
7	Institutional Values & Best Practises	3.65	
	Final CGPA	3.61	

All the external members congratulated JSS AHER for NAAC A++ grade and conveyed best wishes of New Year 2025 and Makara Sankranthi Festival. The members suggested keeping pace with forthcoming reforms in accreditation proposed by NAAC like Binary Accreditation and Maturity level accreditation.

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Agenda No. 02

To place for the information NAAC PTV Recommendation

The criteria-wise report of the NAAC peer team during the exit meeting along with the recommendations for quality improvements were placed for information and discussed as follows:

1. All colleges may be brought under the ambit of university to promote inter disciplinary research.

The Chairman informed the members that JSS AHER has already initiated to incorporate other colleges to bring under the ambit of JSS AHER to become multidisciplinary research-intensive university. In this regard, JSS Academy of Technical Education, Bengaluru which is offering various programmes in Engineering domain will be incorporated into JSS AHER and start functioning from academic year 2025-26.

Further efforts are underway to internalize health sciences colleges like JSS College of Ayurveda, Mysuru; JSS College of Nursing, Mysuru; JSS College of Speech & Hearing, Mysuru; and JSS College of Physiotherapy under JSS AHER. The inputs of the Former Chief Justice of India (CJI), D.Y. Chandrachud during the recently held convocation were put forward by the Chairman. The suggestion to start unique programs of Law as per the directions of the former CJI may be considered to diversify the interdisciplinary nature of curriculum and research.

2. H-index of the University needs to be improved

The university's H-index has seen remarkable growth, currently standing at 117, a significant improvement from 33 in the previous cycle. This achievement has been made possible through substantial progress over the past five years. The chairman expressed gratitude to all faculty members for their invaluable contributions towards this accomplishment. He also urged the Dean (Research) to devise a comprehensive strategy to further enhance the university's H-index and importantly the citations in the coming years.

3. Centre for Capacity building and Entrepreneurship be set up

The suggestion was noted with an intent to expand the existing services of SPARKLECINE.

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4. Alumni contributions be increased after getting foreign exchange approvals

Dr. Rama K suggested to activate FCRA account immediately to enable foreign exchange contributions of Alumni associations. Also, she opined that tax exemptions may be sought by collaborating with the US bodies to take advantage of such contributions under appropriate applicable clauses.

5. Library should be accessible to all students across the board

JSS AHER has implemented remote access system through which online resource material is accessible to the students, research scholars and faculty of all the constituent colleges and university departments of JSS AHER through their official email id. However, the chairman advised bibliometrician and the librarians to organize more awareness programmes on library services regularly to ensure improved utilization of library resources.

6. Professors of Practice scheme be introduced

JSS AHER has already empanelled four Professor of Practice as detailed.

- Dr. Shruthi Gadgil, Clinical Specialist, Health Al Research & Innovation, Google Health, USA
- 2) Dr. Asha Mahesh M.S, Senior Director, Janssen R & D Data Science and Digital Health Dayton, NJ 08810, USA
- 3) Dr. Arun Kumar Khanna, Director, VIVALDIS Health & Foods Pvt Ltd, (Sun Pharma Holding), Pune
- 4) Dr. Jitendra Sharma, Managing Director, Founder CEO of Andhra Pradesh, Medtech Zone, India, (AMTZ)

However, The Chairman and Registrar have directed all constituent colleges and university departments to propose domain experts to be empanelled as professor of practice.

Dr Arun Kumar Khanna suggested to start a programme on supply chain finance. The Dean (Academics) is advised to coordinate with Dr Arun Kumar Khana to design the curriculum for the said programme.

7. All stake holders need to be members of the statutory bodies

The Chairman and Registrar have directed Dean Academics to include students' representatives to all Statutory bodies.

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8. The GOI and UGC regulations may be preferably followed in letter and principle

The external members advised the officials of JSS AHER to introspect the subtleness of this suggestion. The Chairman placed the scenario before the committee the plausible reason of this recommendation as an after effect of students' interaction with PTV regarding student council and adoption of Lyngdoh Committee suggestions, while the external members asked to refer to further amendments which have been made in the recent years.

9. All administrative decisions be taken online to move towards paperless university

JSS AHER has already implemented various digital initiatives to reduce the paper usage in administration. Examples include e-tapal, leave management, pay roll, admissions, Performance based appraisal system (PBAS) and examination management system. The chairman further suggested Principals and the Head's of the institution and IT Team to further enhance the utilization and successful implementation of such digital initiatives in toto.

10. All students be trained towards being market ready

The members Dr. Rama K and Dr Arun Kumar Khanna suggested revising the curriculum and involve the industry experts in the curriculum design so that the students will be trained to suit the market needs. The chairman also suggested to introduce value added programmes with industry partnership. Domains/Topics such as Supply Chain Finance (SCF), Life coaching involving stress management and mindfulness, Health care quality, and medicolegal issues to be integrated with the market-ready curriculum. It was recommended to have Value Added Courses from external experts to break the monotony of learning experience from the regular teachers'.

11. Dedicated rooms for duty staff with adequate security in each department be set up

The chairman opined that the needful measures will be taken to meet the needs of duty staff alongside the existing facilities which are in place.

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12. Sports infrastructure needs upgrade

The Chairman has instructed that the existing sports facilities be upgraded based on feedback gathered from the students. The members suggested to consider students feedback of their requirements. The Dean (Student's welfare) is advised to seek feedback from students and appraise the leadership. This measure of student engagement to be considered as important move towards stakeholder engagement in practice.

13. Department of vernacular and foreign languages maybe set up Dean (Academics) is advised to take necessary steps in this matter.

14. Soft skills should be taught to students to make them ready for current Al era

The members discussed about the nuances of usage of AI tools and also integrate an approach to train students with soft skills.

15. Faculty should increase visibility by applying for national and international academies

The chairman suggested all the heads of institution to encourage eligible faculty members to engage in active membership and to obtain fellowship/membership of reputed national and international academics.

16. Department of Wellness (Department of Mindfulness) be set up

The external members considered it as an important point to be executed in line with the existing Yoga Faculty and Clinical Psychology.

17. Student mentors for slow learners

The external members suggested that the existing mechanism must include intensification and implementation of near-peer mentoring approaches.

18. The income from the hospital be enhanced to off set the financial burden on the students.

Dr. Rama K reemphasized to increase alumni and philanthropist contribution by incorporating tax exemption measures and other fund rising initiatives. The chairman appreciated the suggestion and mentioned suitable action will be initiated. The chairman also placed on record that the Hospital's philosophy is to provide health services at affordable cost to the society and inface the intension is to bring

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down the health care expenses to reach maximum beneficiaries and increase footfall.

19. The university may endeavour to implement 7th Pay Commission recommendations.

The chairman informed all the members that the representation is submitted to the University authorities for kind consideration

20. Clinical Psychologist maybe present throughout the day as per the recommendations of UGC.

The recommendation was considered and acknowledged that a helpline service already exists to support the students alongside the dedicated Student Support Center.

Agenda No. 03

To place for the information the key highlights of Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) 2023-24

The Dean IQAC presented details of AQAR 2023-24. The members reviewed and approved for the submission of AQAR. Dr Rama K suggested to involve graphical comparisons with previous years to identify and address the gap if any.

Agenda No. 04

To place for Information, the details of the JSS AHER Post Doctoral Fellowship by JSS AHER (JSS AHER PDF).

Dr Prashanth M Vishwanath, Dean (Research) presented the initiatives taken by JSSAHER to promote research activities at the University.

JSS AHER has been supporting talented young researchers to foster excellence in research. After successful implementation of Overseas Research Fellowship, JSS AHER has initiated the Post Doctoral Fellowship program that helps young researchers to develop their careers, gain experience, and acquire new skills. JSS AHER Post Doctoral Fellowship serves as a bridge between the student experience and a full-time professional experience.



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The JSS AHER Post Doctoral Fellows along with carrying out cutting edge research will be a part of Research Support Team (RST) of Research Division.

The JSS AHER authorities have approved to provide 10 (Ten) Post Doctoral Fellowship every year with fellowship amount of:

- Rs. 40,000/- in the 1st year
- Rs. 45,000/- in the 2nd year
- Rs. 50,000/- in the 3rd year
- Contingency amount of Rs. 2,00,000/- Per Annum

The matter is placed before the IQAC for information.

Dr. Khanna, the external member, recommended implementing a strong Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) for research activities conducted both within the institution and overseas. This would ensure that student beneficiaries responsibly handle and safeguard the data obtained during their fellowship tenure as Institution's data.

Agenda No. 05

To place for Information, the various Research Projects submitted/sanctioned to the Constituent Colleges and Departments from different funding agencies from July 2024 to November 2024

In accordance with Clause 5a (vii) of MoA, the JSS AHER has been continuously striving for and encouraging Research and Development initiatives at its Constituent Colleges and University Departments. JSS AHER has encouraged the faculty to submit Research Project Proposals to various funding agencies.

The Dean (Research) presented the statistics of the submitted proposals by faculty to various agencies has been worth INR. 4344.23 Lakhs (equivalent to 52.04 million USD) and sanctioned Grants from different Funding agencies amounting to INR. 72.28 Lakhs (equivalent to 0.87 million USD) from July 2024 to November 2024.

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Agenda No. 06

To place for Information, the patent statistics of JSS AHER for the year 2024-25.

The details of the patents filed/published and granted by the faculty of JSS AHER Departments and constituent Colleges was presented by Dean (Research) during the meeting. The external members introspected the existence of revenue sharing policies in case of technology transfer and commercialization.

Agenda No. 07

To place for the information Bibliometric Analysis of JSS AHER for 2023-24

The bibliometric analysis for the year 2023 and 2024 was presented by Dr Sheeba Pakkan, Bibliometrician, JSS AHER., showcasing research trends, publication metrics, citation impact, and other key indicators of academic and research performance. She highlighted that there were 852 publications with 4998 citation in the year 2023 and 942 publications with 2352 citations for the year 2024. Similarly, the number of publications in the year 2023 in Quartile 1, 2, 3 & 4 was 29.1%, 26.9%, 27.8 % & 16.3% respectively. For 2024 it was 32.6%, 25.3%, 26.6% & 15.5% respectively. The Rama K Suggested the data to compare with peers for benchmarking. Also, the external members suggested to take measures in increasing citations.

Agenda No.08

To enhance student participation in SWAYAM MOOCs courses

Dr Prashant S, Deputy Dean (Academics) JSS AHER, Mysuru, presented the initiation taken by JSS AHER to enhance participation of students in SWAYAM MOOCs courses.

He briefed about list of courses and co-ordinators from constituent colleges and university departments identified to look after students' participation in the courses.

- Dr Rama K suggested to look beyond Swayam and NPTEL Courses.
- To encourage the faculty members with MOOCs for its own students and others
- Suggested CDOE to coordinate

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Students enrolled in Swayam courses if unable to attend the examination or not successful in completion do not have resit examination which is one of the hindering factors to students to take up Swayam courses. Dr. Rama suggested the COE to develop suitable models in consultation with respective subject experts and conduct the examination of such students.

Agenda No. 09

To place for the information various Digital Initiatives undertaken in 2023-24

- a. Various Digital initiatives implemented in the Examination Section was presented by Dr. Sudheendra Bhat, Controller of Examinations of JSS AHER in the meeting. All the members appreciated initiatives of exam section implemented at JSS AHER.
- b. Feedback on curriculum and teaching learning process was presented by Mr. Dhanjay A N, System Analyst, IT Section, JSS AHER. Feedback was initially collected physically from stakeholders (students, teachers, alumni, parents, and professionals). To streamline the process, IQAC, CCLP, and the IT Section developed an online module, demonstrated by Mr. Dhanjay A.N., System Analyst. Members appreciated the effort and suggested collecting student feedback before term-end exams, ensuring timely analysis, and presenting the report to the Governing Body for appropriate action.

The chairman advised all the IQAC coordinators of all the constituent college and university departments to start using the feedback module.

Agenda No. 10

National and international ranking Updates

The Dean IQAC highlighted various rankings achieved by JSS AHER

National and International Ranking of JSSAHER 2023-24

1. QS World University Rankings 2024 by Subject

The QS Subject Rankings 2024, announced on April 10, 2024, place JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER) in the 101-150 rank band

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globally for the Pharmacy & Pharmacology subject category, making it the 3rd highest ranked institution in India in this field. Also, JSS AHER is ranked in the 701-720 band globally in the Medicine subject category, reflecting its strong international and national standing in these disciplines.

2. Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2024- Results

Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2024 ranking result was announced on 12.07.2024. JSS AHER has participated in 9 SDGs out of 17 and has improved its global rank from the 301-400 band in 2023 to the 101-200 rank band among 1,963 institutions from 125 countries. JSS AHER has demonstrated significant rankings for many SDGS in 2024, notably achieving the top 1 in global rank in SDG 3 – Good Health and Well Being and made significant strides in SDG 1 – No Poverty, SDG 6-Clean Water and Sanitation, SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy, SDG 12- Responsible consumption and production, and SDG 15- life on land.

JSS AHER has been positioned in the following ranks in individual SDGs:

SDG Goals	Rank Band	Rank in	Score
	Globally	India	
Overall	101-200	2 nd	84.5
SDG 1 – No Poverty	21	1 st	81.4
SDG 2 – Zero Hunger	101-200	4 th	63.1
SDG 3 – Good Health & Well Being	1	1 st	96.1
SDG 6 – Clean water and sanitation	60	6 th	77.1
SDG 7 – Affordable and clean energy	12	3rd	78.2
SDG 9 – Industry, innovation and infrastructure	401-600	24 th	43.7
SDG 12 – Responsible consumption and production	78	4 th	83.3
SDG 15 – life on land	49	2 nd	84.6
SDG 17 – Partnerships for the goals	101-200	4 th	85.7

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3. National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2024-Results

The results of the NIRF-2024 were officially announced on August 12th, 2024, by the Honourable Union Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

- a) Rankings of JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER): JSS AHER has achieved remarkable progress in both the universities and overall categories, competing against a large number of institutions nationwide.
 - Universities Category:

Secured the 24th rank amongst the participating universities, including public, private, and deemed universities. This is a significant leap from its previous rank of 34th, which JSS AHER has held for the last three years.

Overall Category:

Achieved an impressive 36th rank, advancing from 55th rank in 2023, out of 2,781 participating institutions.

b) Rankings of Constituent Colleges:

The constituent colleges of JSS AHER have demonstrated exceptional performance in their respective categories:

Pharmacy Category:

- JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty: Retained its 4th rank among 467 participants, making it the only private institution in the top 5 and the leading pharmacy college in Tamil Nadu.
- JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru: Improved to the 6th rank, up from 7th in 2023, and continues to be the top-ranked pharmacy institution in Karnataka.

Dental and Medical Categories:

- JSS Dental College: Secured the 12th rank among 184 participants.
- JSS Medical College: Achieved the 39th rank among 182 participants.

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Agenda No. 11

Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

The draft of UGC's New Regulation regarding grading of Higher Education Institutions (HEI) based on the implementation of NEP 2020 was discussed before the committee.

The proposed evaluation system includes two levels: eligibility qualifiers and quantifiers, which will determine privileges such as Category I status. UGC has invited feedback and suggestions on the draft document.

The Dean explained the detailed guidelines, noting that the quantifiers section lists 49 parameters, with 30 applicable to colleges and 43 to autonomous institutions. Universities must achieve at least 90% of applicable parameters to qualify for Category I status. As NAAC transitions to a binary accreditation system, previous privileges linked to NAAC scores or grades will be replaced with new benchmarks.

External members emphasized the need to craft responses carefully from a Health Sciences University perspective to provide stakeholder feedback on UGC's draft grading system for HEIs.

The Dean (IQAC) proposed vote of thanks.

CHAIRMAN

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