

Agenda for the meeting of the IQAC held online on August 27, 2021

- 1) Minutes of the Meeting of the IQAC held online on May 8, 2021 and action taken thereon**
- 2) NAAC exclusive manuals for Legal Education Universities and Colleges**
- 3) New Scholarship Regulations**
- 4) Implementation of EWS Reservation in regular programmes**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IQAC HELD ONLINE ON AUGUST 27, 2021

The Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the Members of the IQAC and thanked the Members for attending the meeting of the IQAC to decide on various academic issues. The following items were placed before the IQAC. After detailed deliberations the following recommendations were made:

1) Minutes of the Meeting of the IQAC held online on May 08, 2021 and action taken thereon

The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members that for the first time the university received a very good response for admissions to LL.M programme under the Foreign National category through ICCR portal. As many as 56 applications were received against 4 seats allotted for ICCR nominees. He further informed the members that university received total 64 applications (36 from ICCR + 28 Non-SAARC + 4 SAARC) for B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) Programme against the 24 seats and 58 applications (56 from ICCR + 2 SAARC) against the 12 seats for LL.M. programme. As per the recommendations of the Admission Committee in the academic year 2021-22, all the 24 seats of B.A.LL.B (Hons.) programme and 10 seats of LL.M. programme were filled under the Foreign National category. Students from the following countries - Nepal, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Germany, USA and Tanzania were admitted.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the Programme Project Reports and the Self Learning Materials for the 17 programmes as recommended by the CIQA and IQAC for the courses offered through Directorate of Distance Education (DDE) were approved by the Academic Council and the Executive Council at their meetings held on June 19, 2021 and June 20, 2021 respectively.

Further, the attendance rules for the MA Programmes as recommended by the CIQA and IQAC were approved by the Academic Council and the Executive Council at their meetings held on June 19, 2021 and June 20, 2021 respectively.

He further informed the members that the University issued Admission Notification offering 22 programmes in distance mode through DDE during the academic year 2021-22 and is receiving a very good response.

The IQAC approved the action taken on the decisions taken in the meeting held on May 8, 2021.

2) NAAC exclusive manuals for Legal Education Universities and Colleges

The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members that Consequent to the Stake-holders meeting and the resultant decision to have an exclusive NAAC assessment and Accreditation manual for Legal Education Institutions (universities and Colleges), the competent authority at NAAC has approved the Core-working Group and he was nominated as one of the member for preparation of a separate manual for Legal Education Institutions in July. Series of meeting were held to incorporate the relevant provisions relating to Law universities in the criteria of assessment under

NAAC. He further informed the members that the draft manual was placed on NAAC website for feedback from the stakeholders on July 31, 2021. The Final draft is now almost ready and after approval of the committee members the same would be placed on the NAAC website. He placed before the members the draft manual and the comparative chart of differences between the Legal Education – University Manual and General University Manual for the member's recommendations. The IQAC members after detailed deliberations on the draft manual appreciated the efforts taken by the Vice-Chancellor and other committee members in drafting a separate manual for Legal Education Institutions and Universities which will help legal institutions to further increase their grades in NAAC Accreditation.

3) New Scholarship Regulations

The Vice Chancellor briefed the members that the University Scholarship Regulations need to be reviewed and revised in view of the pandemic situation and the hardships faced by the students and parents due to Covid-19. The IQAC members deliberated on the same and recommended to revise the regulations to benefit the student community who are in need of financial assistance to continue their studies at NALSAR and to ensure that the financial aid shall be mainly based on the means so that no one is denied access to education at NALSAR on account of lack of means. They further recommended enhancing the scholarship funds and trying to accommodate all the needy students including students from new programmes like BBA MBA. They further recommended to simplify the process and provided for the speedy disbursement of scholarships. The Vice-Chancellor assured the members that soon he will initiate the process of revision of Scholarship regulations in consultation with the student bodies and place them before the Finance Committee and the Executive Council for approval.

4) Implementation of EWS Reservation in regular programmes

The Vice Chancellor briefed the members that the Government of Telangana vide G.O.Ms.No.33 dated 08-02-2021 has also decided to implement 10% reservation to the EWS for admissions into all educational institutions in the State like Centre and further issued guidelines for implementation of the same vide G.O.Ms.No.244 dated 24-08-2021.

As per the guidelines, every Higher Educational Institution in the State shall increase the number of seats in each branch of study or faculty to admit EWS candidates for all admission notifications issued thereafter.

He also informed the members that the Bar Council of India through its order dated 29-07-2019 has also agreed to allow all Law Colleges / Law Departments to reserve 10% seats for the EWS over and above its annual permitted strength in lines of the decision taken by the Government of India.

The members recommended taking necessary approvals from the university bodies and implementing the EWS reservation from the academic session 2022-23.

Agenda for the meeting of the IQAC held online on December 10, 2021

- 1) Minutes of the Meeting of the IQAC held online on August 8, 2021 and action taken thereon**
- 2) Offering of Masters Programmes for the Trainee Officers of National Police Academy and National Academy of Direct Taxes.**
- 3) Creation of faculty positions for Directorate of Distance Education and Department of Management Studies.**
- 4) Consideration of AQAR 2019-20 for submission.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IQAC HELD ONLINE ON DECEMBER 10, 2021

The Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the Members of the IQAC and thanked the Members for attending the meeting of the IQAC to decide on various academic issues. The following items were placed before the IQAC. After detailed deliberations the following recommendations were made:

1) Minutes of the Meeting of the IQAC held online on August 8, 2021 and action taken thereon

The Vice-Chancellor appraised the Members that NAAC has published the Manual for Legal Educational Institutions and Universities in September 2021. He further informed the members that the Academic Council and the Executive Council in their meeting held on November 3, 2021 approved the new Scholarship Regulations, 2021 which was prepared including the recommendations of the IQAC. He also informed the members that the General Council in its special meeting held on November 22, 2021 on the recommendations of the Academic Council and the Executive Council amended the Statute V - Reservation Policy and Procedure for Admission for Regular Courses offered by NALSAR and approved the implementation of the EWS and OBC (Non Creamy Layer) reservation from the academic session 2022-23 in addition to existing reservation policy and also enhanced the intake of admission under resident quota from 20% to 25%.

The IQAC approved the action taken on the decisions taken in the meeting held on August 27, 2021.

2) Offering of Masters Programmes for the Trainee Officers of National Police Academy and National Academy of Direct Taxes

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Members that the University through NALSAR Pro was awarding the degree of Masters in Taxation and Business Laws to the IRS Trainee Officers of NADT, Nagpur. The said programme was started in the year 2006 with the approval of the university bodies and was offered till the MOU was active with NADT, Nagpur i.e. till 2015. He informed that the Officers of NADT approached the University again for the award of Masters Degree to the Trainee Officers. A meeting was held with the NADT who visited NALSAR on November 8, 2021 to detail out the possibilities for the award of Degree to the IRS Trainee Officers. The IQAC recommended reviving the MOU and drafting new regulations with revised curriculum as per the UGC Regulations and Guidelines and place it before the University bodies for approval before signing the MOU and starting the programme.

The Vice-Chancellor assured that the University will discuss with the NADT officials and may derive some plan of action for the award of the Masters Degree for the IRS Trainee Officers and the same will be placed before the University Bodies for their consideration and approval.

The Vice-Chancellor further informed the Members that the officials from The Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA) also approached the University for the Award of Masters Degree to the IPS Trainee Officers undergoing rigorous training at SVPNPA. He further informed the Members that the University had prepared the draft Regulations and curriculum considering some of the subjects taught in the SVPNPA training programmes and by adding some additional subjects to be taught by the University for the award of the Masters Degree. Further, due to Covid-19, the finalization of said proposal got delayed. During this year, the SVPNPA has revised its basic course training modules and forwarded the same with a request to relook into the same and revise the curriculum for the award of the Masters Degree. The University is in the process of preparation of course curriculum, programme structure and modalities, rules and responsibilities of both the parties. IQAC members

3) Creation of faculty positions for Directorate of Distance Education and Department of Management Studies.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the General Council in its meeting held on November 22, 2021 has recommended that the University should recruit more faculty members to ensure that the academic standards are not diluted due to the increase in the number and the intake in the regular programmes. The IQAC members deliberated and recommended that the university should fill in the current vacant faculty positions in the university and should also create new position for the Directorate of Distance Education as mandated in the UGC regulations and for Department of Management Studies to maintain the student-teacher ratio.

4) Consideration of AQAR 2019-20 for submission.

The Annual Quality Assurance Report for the 2019-20 was placed before the IQAC for consideration and approval to submit on the NAAC portal.

The members approved the same and recommended to upload before the deadline.

Agenda for the meeting of the IQAC held online on March 9, 2022

- 1) Minutes of the Meeting of the IQAC held online on December 10, 2021 and action taken thereon**
- 2) Amendments to Regulations for Ph.D. Programme**
- 3) Establishment of hybrid class rooms for academic purpose**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IQAC HELD ONLINE ON MARCH 9, 2022

The Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the Members of the IQAC and thanked the Members for attending the meeting of the IQAC to decide on various academic issues. The following items were placed before the IQAC. After detailed deliberations the following recommendations were made:

1) Minutes of the Meeting of the IQAC held online on December 10, 2021 and action taken thereon

The Vice-Chancellor apprised the members that the draft MOU and the Draft Regulations for offering a course on M.A.(Criminal Justice System) were prepared and sent to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA) for their consideration and feedback in January, 2022. He also informed the members that Draft MOU and draft Regulations for M.A.(Taxation Laws) was also sent to National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur in February, 2022 for their feedback. After receiving the feedback from the respective institutions the university will offer the programmes with necessary approvals of the university bodies.

He further informed the members that proposal for creation of positions was placed before the Academic Council in its meeting held on January 10, 2022 and the same was approved. The recommendation of the Academic Council would be placed in the next Executive Council for its approval.

He also informed the members that the AQAR 2019-20 was submitted as per the deadline on December 31, 2021 on the NAAC portal.

The IQAC approved the action taken on the decisions taken in the meeting held on December 10, 2021.

2) Amendments to Regulations for Ph.D. Programme

The Vice-Chancellor informed the IQAC members that for the NIRF Ranking purpose the Ph.D. awarded in part time mode were not being considered even though the UGC Regulations provide for registration to the doctoral program in both part time and full time. He further informed the members that NALSAR follows one course work and other study requirements for all its doctoral candidates and the same degree is awarded to all of them. Yet, this categorization has resulted in the unintended consequence of devaluing the degree of the University. The IQAC members deliberated on the same and recommended to modify the NALSAR Ph.D. Regulations and remove the categorization in enrolments as the intensity of the course is same for both the full time and part time scholars.

3) Establishment of hybrid class rooms for academic purpose

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the Executive Council at its meeting held on November 3, 2021 had approved installation of interactive digital touch screen LED panel 86"+ and integrating with digital podium in all class rooms(15

No's), with an approximate budget of Rs.1.5 Crores and also approved assigning the job of establishment of e-studios to Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL), Government of India enterprise. When BECIL came to the University to conduct a survey for e-studios, the University requested them to conduct the survey and make suggestions for hybrid classrooms also. BECIL conducted a survey and submitted a proposal to the University about the hybrid class rooms. BECIL in its proposal has suggested that each classroom should have digital Podium, Audio equipment & Interactive display setup with virtual classroom facility connecting around 100 remote users with minimal acoustic treatments (false ceiling, acoustic wall paneling, lecture table). The cost of the same would be approximately Rs.5.25 Crores for 15 class rooms.

Due to the new wave of Covid-19, the University again decided to go for online teaching as physical classes which were planned from January 6, 2022 had to be called off. The students who in view of Covid-19 uncertainty also requested for hybrid classes and technological upgradation of the classrooms, therefore the proposal was placed before the Academic Council in its meeting held on January 10, 2022. The recommendation of the Academic Council will be placed before the Executive Council for its approval in its next meeting.

The IQAC members appreciated the idea of the up gradation of the existing classrooms as hybrid classrooms with new technology as it would be very useful in the present situation of uncertainty in opening of the university campus completely in physical mode.

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE IQAC HELD ON MAY 23, 2022

- 1) IMPLEMENTATION OF ACADEMIC BANK OF CREDITS AS PER UGC GUIDELINES**
- 2) ESTABLISHMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CELL AT NALSAR**
- 3) OFFERING TWINNING, JOINT DEGREE AND DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMMES WITH FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**
- 4) ESTABLISHMENT OF JUSTICE B.P.JEEVAN REDDY CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND BUSINESS LAWS**
- 5) PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023**
- 6) RENEWAL OF NAAC ACCREDITATION CYCLE 2**
- 7) APPROVAL OF AQAR 2020-2021**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IQAC HELD ON MAY 23, 2022

The Vice-Chancellor extended a warm welcome to the Members of the IQAC specially the external members Hon'ble Shri Justice G. Chandraiah, Shri A. Narasimha Reddy. He specially thanked Mr. N. Narsing Rao for taking out time for NALSAR and for attending the meeting from his busy schedule as he took charge as the Law Secretary on the same day. He appraised the members that after the outbreak of the pandemic Covid-19 in March 2020 the university smoothly moved on with the online mode of teaching and organising meetings online, but has till now has not been able to resume its activities completely in physical mode. The Vice-Chancellor thanked all the Members for attending the meetings of the IQAC online and for supporting the university by recommending on various academic issues. He informed the members that as recommended by IQAC the Executive Council in its meeting held on March 26, 2022 amended the Ph.D. Regulations and as per the revised regulations there will be no categorization of enrolments for Ph.D. programme as part-time and full-time. He further informed the members that the university had signed the MoU with Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL), Government of India enterprise for the establishment of hybrid classrooms and as per the MoU they have floated tenders and would be starting the work soon. Thereafter the following items were placed before the IQAC. After detailed deliberations the following recommendations were made:

Item No.1

IMPLEMENTATION OF ACADEMIC BANK OF CREDITS AS PER UGC GUIDELINES

The Vice-Chancellor informed the IQAC members that the Academic Council and the Executive Council at their meetings held on 14-03-2021 and 23-03-2021 respectively had in principle approved the Draft Regulations 'UGC (Establishment and Operationalization of Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) Scheme in Higher Education) Regulations, 2021' wherein the UGC has proposed creation of the Academic Bank of Credits to facilitate the transfer of credits obtained by the candidates among the Higher Education Institutions. He also informed that the Executive Council considering the recommendations of the Academic Council authorized the Vice-Chancellor to adopt the said Regulations once the same are notified by the UGC.

He further informed that the UGC has requested all the Universities to implement the scheme by registering the University on the portal and upload the data of the student's credits obtained during or after the academic year 2021-2022 on the portal and also to insist all the students to fill up the ABC id.

The IQAC Members suggested that to start with the university can offer some courses exclusively for the purpose of the Academic Bank of Credits Scheme. They also recommended the Academic Committees of the university to study the scheme

and present the proposal for adoption and implementation of the Academic Bank of Credits Scheme in a full-fledged way with the approval of the university bodies. The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the university will further discuss the proposal of offering around six (06) courses exclusively for the purpose of the Academic Bank of Credits Scheme either in physical / online / hybrid mode in the faculty meeting and would present the Course curriculum and other details in the next meeting of the IQAC.

Item No.2

ESTABLISHMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CELL AT NALSAR

The Vice-Chancellor informed the IQAC Members that the UGC has framed guidelines for establishment of Research and Development Cell in Higher Educational Institutions in March 2022 in tune with National Educational Policy, 2020 for promotion of quality research within the Higher Educational system and requested the Universities to establish the Research and Development Cells as per the guidelines. The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the universities are lagging behind in research activities as the Higher education institutions are grossly underfunded and overly regulated. He also told the members that research fund of the Government of India for universities are meagre compared to foreign universities. Further he stated that the UGC has also stopped funding for the minor research projects and unless funding is given to the universities, the university research centres they will be largely under rated due to lack of funds. On the suggestion of Prof. K.Vidyullatha Reddy the IQAC recommended to appoint the Research Associates to improve the research activities of the 20 Research Centres currently available at NALSAR. The IQAC also recommended that in view of the urgency, the Vice-Chancellor may also think of invoking his powers as per the NALSAR University Act and on behalf of the Academic Council and the Executive Council approve the establishment of Research and Development Cell at NALSAR.

Item No.3

OFFERING OF TWINNING, JOINT DEGREE AND DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMMES WITH FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The Vice-Chancellor informed the IQAC that UGC has come out with new Regulations for offering Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes in collaboration with Foreign Higher Educational Institutions with a motto to bring mobility of students and faculty and promote joint research. He also informed that the UGC vide its email dated May 12, 2022 has requested the University to adopt these Regulations and establish contacts with the Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer the above said programmes in the larger interest of the students.

He further informed the members that the university already has MoUs with many foreign and Indian universities and has a Student and Faculty Exchange programme in place. Therefore he would instruct the Student Exchange Committee to modify the existing regulations and suggest changes in line with the new UGC Regulations.

The IQAC after detailed deliberations suggested writing to all the existing MoU having foreign universities to associate with NALSAR as per the new UGC Regulations. IQAC further recommended constituting a committee to work out on identifying other foreign universities as well for signing the new MoUs. IQAC recommended the Academic Council and the Executive Council for their consideration of adoption of the UGC's new Regulations for offering Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes in collaboration with Foreign Higher Educational Institutions.

Item No.4

ESTABLISHMENT OF JUSTICE B.P.JEEVAN REDDY CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND BUSINESS LAWS

The Vice-Chancellor appraised the members of the IQAC that Hon'ble Sri Justice B.P. Jeevan Reddy donated an amount of Rs. 1.5 Crores for establishing 'Justice B.P. Jeevan Reddy Centre for International Trade and Business Laws' at NALSAR. He further informed that the establishment of the Centre was brought to the notice of the Executive Council and General Council at their meeting held on March 26, 2022 and May 6, 2022 respectively. The General Council and the Executive Council appreciated the efforts of the Registrar, Prof. V. Balakista Reddy in getting the endowment for establishment of the Centre and placed on recorded its appreciation for Hon'ble Sri Justice B.P. Jeevan Reddy for his generous endowment to the University. He further informed that the University is looking for some internationally known expert for appointment as Director of the Centre.

IQAC also appreciated the efforts of the university in establishing new research centres and recommended to make appointment of the Director and also the Research Associate for the centre at the earliest to start the research activities.

Item No.5

PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

IQAC recommended the following Plan of Action for the year 2022-23:

- To register with National Academic Depository for implementation of Academic Back of Credits scheme.
- To explore the possibilities of offering at least six (06) courses under Academic Back of Credits scheme either in physical/online/hybrid mode.
- To complete the task of establishment of digital classrooms to operate in hybrid mode.
- To establish the Research & Development Cell as per UGC guidelines.
- To appoint Research Associates for the Research Centres of the university and to undertake more number of research projects.
- To encourage faculty to come out with more quality publications.
- To increase the number of Ph.D. awardees.
- To frame regulations for offering Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes in collaboration with Foreign Higher Educational Institutions
- To explore the possibility of signing more MoUs with foreign and Indian universities.

- To reopen the university in the physical mode at the earliest possible
- To plan for the NAAC Second Cycle under Legal Education Universities manual
- To finish the Academic Review of the regular programmes.

Item No.6

RENEWAL OF NAAC ACCREDITATION CYCLE 2

The Vice-Chancellor informed the IQAC members that the University was accredited by NAAC with 3.6 out of 4.00 in the year 2016 which is the highest amongst all the National Law Universities. The validity period of the accreditation ended during the Covid-19 period in 2021. He further informed that NAAC had extended the existing validity period the University till the completion of the 2nd Cycle Assessment and Accreditation process subject to NAAC notification dated 09-07-2020 which says that HEIs should submit the online institutional information for quality assessment (IIQA) within three months from the Government / University notification to resume the normal academic activities by the HEI.

He further informed that the University has not completely resumed its academic activities physically after the outbreak of the pandemic Covid-19 in March, 2020. If the conditions permit, the University would resume its regular full-fledged functioning in physical mode from the next Academic session starting in Mid-June, 2022.

IQAC recommended reopening the university in the physical mode completely in the next academic session and initiating the process of applying for NAAC Accreditation Cycle 2 under new manual on Legal Educational Institutions at the earliest possible. They further recommended revamping the university website to accommodate all the requirements stipulated by NAAC for easy display before applying for the NAAC Second Cycle.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that the university website was developed in 2012 and soon university will initiate process for re-vamp of the website as per NAAC requirement.

Item No.7

APPROVAL OF AQAR 2020-2021

The Vice-Chancellor placed before the IQAC members the draft AQAR for the year 2020-2021 for approval and informed them that it will be submitted to NAAC through online by July 31, 2022 after incorporating the recommended changes by the IQAC.

The IQAC approved the AQAR 2020-21 for submission.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.