



Minutes of the IQAC meeting held on 17th April 2026

Review Meeting of IQAC was held on Friday, 17th April 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Members present:

Principal Prof. Vinita Pimpale
Mr. Vivek Nayak, Chairman
Vice Principal Kapildeo Indurkar
Dr. (Mrs.) Vrushali V. Bhosale-Kaneri
Dr. Sunita Panja
Dr. Karishma Khadiwala
Mr. Subramaniam Vutha
Mr. S. U. Patil, Librarian
Mr Ravi Kadam
Ms. Nishihi Mehta
Ms. Sudarshana Saikia

Following members were granted leave of absence:

Mrs. Kavita Jajoo
Ms. Ruta Vyas

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

- 1) To confirm the minutes of the last meeting
- 2) To review plans and action taken
- 3) To plan for the next academic year
- 4) Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

The IQAC Convener welcomed the Chairperson and other committee members.

The following points were discussed and accepted in the meeting:

Agenda 1: The minutes of the previous IQAC meeting were read out by Dr. Sunita Panja and were confirmed by the members.

Agenda 2: Review plans and progress of planned activities.

The following items were discussed and resolved:

No.	Plans	Action Taken
1.	Introduce a new undergraduate program to cater to the evolving academic and professional interests of learners.	B.Com. (Accounting and Finance) was introduced during AY 2025-26, running satisfactorily in its first semester.
2.	Organize capacity-building sessions and workshops for faculty and students to promote innovation, research, and inclusivity.	The following initiatives were organised: • 20/12/2025 - Knowledge Exchange Programme for faculty members • 17-24/01/2026 - Avhaan Camp: Disaster Management Training (with NDRF) • 27/01-06/02/2026 - WRC-ICSSR sponsored 10-Days Capacity Building Programme: "AI Foundation for Educators" • 06/02/2026 - Clash of Minds Debate Summit (public speaking & critical thinking) • 11/02/2026 - Photowalk: Streets of Matunga - Photography Club
3.	Evaluate and refine existing quality manuals and SOPs to align with NEP 2020 and NAAC guidelines.	Examination-related SOPs reviewed and revised to strengthen efficiency, transparency and standardisation.
4.	To enhance the community outreach program for promoting mental well-being among stakeholders.	Initiatives focusing on student development, well-being, skills, engagement and holistic development organised throughout the year. The following initiatives were organised: • 05–11/01/2026 – 7-Day Rural Residential Camp, Barhanpur (Palghar): free medical camp, gender sensitisation, sanitation-item distribution, veterinary camp, school renovation • 07/03/2026 – Barhanpur Visit 5: Book Reading Activity (Parhadpada School)
5.	Enhance student learning outcomes and ensure career readiness in partnership with industry professionals.	• PLAT-II has been completed for all UG students. • 27/02/2026 – Career Guidance Forum: "Build Your Future as a Global Auditor" (with IIA India) – 75 attendees

6.	Implementation of On-Screen Marking (OSM) system for efficient and transparent assessment	On-Screen Marking (OSM) system has been successfully implemented for the Odd Semester examinations across UG and PG programmes. OSM implementation to be continued for Even semester examinations across UG and PG
7.	Organize an international conference on ESG to foster dialogue on sustainability, ethics, and industry collaboration.	The international conference on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) was successfully organised on 27 th September 2025.
8.	To conduct academic audit for 2023-24 and 2024-25	Successfully implemented all the recommendations provided by the peer team.
9.	To continue with previous IQAC initiatives	More than 270 events organised during the academic year across departments, cells and student forums; over 130 NSS activities reflected extensive community engagement. The following initiatives were organised: • 19/12/2025 – Barhanpur Visit 4: Community Survey & Green Care • 22/12/2025 – Sankalp Fest (Lala Lajpatrai College) – 1st Prize, Debate • 17/01/2026 – UTTUNG 2025-26 (Intercollegiate NSS Fest) • 21/01/2026 – Vasudev Kutumbakam Ki Oar Exhibition • 23/01/2026 – Voter's Pledge – "My India My Vote" • 23/01/2026 – Balasaheb Thackeray Birth Centenary Programme • 26/01/2026 – Republic Day Flag Hoisting (77th Republic Day) • 30/01/2026 – Martyrs' Day Observance • 03/02/2026 – Sphurti Fest (M.D. College) – multiple prizes • 18/02/2026 – Shiv Jayanti Utsav • 19/02/2026 – Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti Padyatra • 27/02/2026 – Marathi Bhasha Din Quiz & Reel Making • 03/03/2026 – Barhanpur Agriculture Seminar (Perepatil)

		• Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti (mid-April 2026) – Jai Bhim Padyatra
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Agenda 3: To plan for the next academic year

The IQAC discussed the following plans and priorities for the academic year 2026–27:

1. Academic Programmes and NEP 2020

- To focus on implementation of the Fourth Year/Level 6 in accordance with NEP 2020.
- To ensure faculty preparedness and orientation for the implementation of the Fourth Year.
- To introduce new UG/PG programmes in emerging and interdisciplinary areas.
- To ensure timely curriculum finalisation and necessary academic approvals.

2. Faculty Development

- To organise FDPs with emphasis on PO–CO mapping, innovative pedagogy and contemporary teaching-learning practices.
- To promote faculty participation, institutional collaborations and measurable learning outcomes.

3. Research Ecosystem

- To strengthen the research ecosystem through funded research projects, publications, student research and interdisciplinary collaborations.
- To encourage participation in external research activities and research collaborations.

4. National Seminar and Academic Collaboration

- To organise a National Seminar in collaboration with an Institute of National Importance.
- To establish formal academic collaboration/MOU and promote external participation and publication outcomes.

5. Alumni Engagement

- To strengthen the “Podar Alumni Impact Series”.
- To engage alumni as mentors, resource persons and contributors to student development.
- To strengthen the alumni database and establish demonstrable student career outcomes.

6. Holistic Well-being

- To strengthen mental health support for students.
- To promote financial health awareness among staff.
- To strengthen expert engagement, feedback and support/referral mechanisms.

7. Institutional Brand Promotion

- To develop a strategic approach towards institutional visibility and brand promotion.

- To promote student-driven outreach, media engagement and visibility through relevant platforms.
 - To strengthen institutional presence on rankings and accreditation-related platforms and increase prospective student enquiries.
8. **Event Documentation and Accountability**
- To institutionalise the Pre-Event and Post-Event documentation mechanism across all departments, cells and committees.
 - To standardise activity reporting and ensure timely submission of reports and supporting evidence.
 - To undertake compliance tracking and an annual documentation audit.
9. **Academic Audit and AQAR**
- To conduct the Academic Audit for AY 2025–26.
 - To prepare and implement an Action Taken Report (ATR) based on audit observations.
 - To systematically compile quantitative and documentary evidence for AQAR preparation and submission.
10. **Continuation of Previous IQAC Initiatives**
- To continue and strengthen successful IQAC initiatives.
 - To review the status and outcomes of previous initiatives.
 - To document institutional best practices and ensure continuity of recurring programmes.

The IQAC emphasised that each plan should have clearly defined Key Result Areas (KRAs)/Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and identified responsibility to ensure measurable progress and accountability.

Agenda 4: Any Other Matter with the Permission of the Chair

The members emphasised the importance of moving from activity-based reporting to outcome-based and evidence-driven quality management. It was agreed that greater emphasis would be placed on quantifiable progress, systematic documentation, defined responsibility, timely reporting and continuous follow-up. Accordingly, the Committee planned and approved the following initiatives for implementation during AY 2026–27:

Institutionalisation of Pre-Event and Post-Event Documentation Mechanism : In view of the large number of institutional activities conducted during the year, the IQAC initiated a structured Pre-Event and Post-Event Form mechanism. The **Pre-Event Form** will capture essential activity details, objectives, planning, organisers and expected outcomes. The **Post-Event Form** will record participation, outcomes, feedback, photographs and supporting documents/evidence. The mechanism will ensure timely and systematic documentation of institutional activities and minimise the possibility of missing important evidence. Departments, Cells and Committees will complete the prescribed forms within the stipulated timeline. The process will facilitate evidence-based reporting, compliance tracking, annual documentation audit and AQAR preparation.

Quantitative and Evidence-Based Reporting : The IQAC emphasised that institutional progress should increasingly be presented through quantitative and measurable data, wherever applicable, rather than only through descriptive reporting. Departments and institutional units will be encouraged to maintain appropriate documentary and quantitative evidence of activities and outcomes.

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair and all the members present.