

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Activity Report

Institution: NSS College, Nilamel

Academic Year: 2023-24

1. Introduction

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of NSS College, Nilamel, aims to promote and enhance quality benchmarks in academic and administrative functions. Through continuous internal assessments, the IQAC facilitates practices that align with the institution's goals of maintaining high academic standards and a vibrant campus environment. This report presents key activities organized by the IQAC, focusing on induction programs for students and orientation sessions for teachers concerning the new Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP).

Induction Programmes for Students

To ensure a smooth transition into college life, NSS College, Nilamel, conducted comprehensive induction programs for all newly admitted students, tailored separately for the Arts, Science, and Commerce streams. The objective was to familiarize students with the campus, academic expectations, and extracurricular opportunities.

- **Date:** 14 & 15 September 2023
- **Participants:** First-year Undergraduate Students

Program Highlights:

- **Introduction to Campus Facilities:** Guided tours were conducted to acquaint students with essential areas such as the library, laboratories, sports facilities, and student support services.
- **Session on Academic and Examination Guidelines:** Faculty members provided insights into the academic curriculum, examination patterns, and grading systems, setting clear expectations for academic success.
- **Awareness Sessions on Student Support Services:** Representatives from the Counseling Cell, Anti-Ragging Cell, and Grievance Redressal Cell presented their services, ensuring students were aware of available support.
- **Workshops on Soft Skills and Digital Literacy:** Focused sessions on communication skills, time management, and digital literacy helped students develop competencies essential for academic life.
- **Interactive Session with Senior Students and Alumni:** Senior students and alumni shared valuable tips on academic success and engagement in campus activities.

Separate Induction Sessions:

- **Science Stream:** Conducted collectively for all science batches, incorporating general program highlights.
- **Arts Stream:** Resource Person – Prof. (Dr.) Gopakumar N., Controller of Examinations, Kerala University.
- **Commerce Stream:** Resource Person – Dr. Arun Lawrence, Assistant Professor, Mar Ivanios College.
- **Arts Stream:** Resource Person – Jayakrishnan R., Assistant Professor of English, MMNSS College, Kottiyam.

Feedback Mechanism: An online feedback form was shared with participants post-program to gather their insights. Feedback highlighted that the induction program was effective in reducing anxiety and fostering familiarity with the college's facilities and resources.





The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 offers a comprehensive framework for reimagining higher education in India, focusing on flexibility, multidisciplinary learning, skill development, and inclusivity. With the university set to introduce NEP from 2024 onwards, NSS College Nilamel is preparing to implement NEP guidelines starting in the academic year 2023-24 to ensure a smooth transition.

1. Curriculum Structure and Multidisciplinary Learning:

- **Current Status:** The UG and PG syllabuses at NSS College Nilamel already emphasize themes such as environmental protection, pollution control, technology use, and gender equality, aligning with NEP's focus on holistic and multidisciplinary education.
- **Preparatory Steps:** The college is developing cross-disciplinary programs and skill-based courses to align with NEP standards in anticipation of the university's 2024 rollout.

2. Infrastructure and Technological Readiness:

- **Existing Facilities:** The college is equipped with modern classrooms and laboratories that support a flexible educational environment.
- **Security Measures:** Comprehensive CCTV surveillance and 24/7 security ensure a safe learning space.

- **Enhancements Required:** Upgrades to digital tools and resources are underway to support blended learning and align with NEP's emphasis on technology-driven education.

3. Faculty Development and Training:

- **Current Capabilities:** Faculty members have been actively participating in workshops to stay current with educational advancements.
- **Preparatory Initiatives:** NEP-focused training sessions are planned to familiarize faculty with new teaching methodologies and innovative assessment practices.

4. Inclusive Education and Student Support:

- **Current Initiatives:** The college fosters a supportive and inclusive environment through programs promoting gender equality and mental health awareness. The Women Study Unit plays a key role in these efforts.
- **Enhancements:** Additional support programs are being developed to assist students from economically and socially disadvantaged backgrounds, in line with NEP's inclusivity goals.

5. Skill Development and Entrepreneurship:

- **Present Initiatives:** The college's Entrepreneurship Development Club organizes workshops and awareness programs to promote entrepreneurial thinking among students.
- **Future Plans:** Expand project-based learning and strengthen partnerships with industries for hands-on skill development, preparing students for future job markets.

6. Extracurricular and Cultural Integration:

- **Current Activities:** NSS College Nilamel hosts various cultural and arts events, supporting students' overall development. These events are in alignment with NEP's vision of nurturing creativity.
- **Upcoming Initiatives:** Establish clubs and activities focusing on NEP-based multidisciplinary projects and arts integration to enhance student engagement.

7. Environmental Sustainability:

- **Current Practices:** The college follows sustainable waste management practices, including the use of biogas fuel and well-organized waste disposal systems.
- **Next Steps:** Expand eco-friendly initiatives and incorporate sustainability-focused projects into the curriculum to foster environmental responsibility among students.

8. Research and Innovation:

- **Present State:** The college encourages participation in university-level and inter-college competitions, fostering innovation and creativity.

- **NEP Preparation:** Plans are in place to establish a research cell aimed at interdisciplinary projects and real-world problem-solving.

Conclusion: With the university preparing to roll out NEP from 2024, NSS College Nilamel is setting the groundwork to implement NEP starting in the 2023-24 academic year. The college's existing strengths in curriculum structure, student support, and extracurricular engagement provide a solid foundation for NEP adoption. Strategic improvements in course offerings, faculty training, and infrastructure will further support this transition.

Orientation Programme conducted by IQAC for Teachers on Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) which is going to be introduced by Kerala University from 2024-25 onwards.

With the introduction of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP), the IQAC organized a teacher orientation program aimed at equipping faculty with knowledge of the curriculum, teaching methodologies, and assessment strategies.

- **Date:** 8 Feb 2024
- **Participants:** Faculty Members from All Departments
- **Program Highlights:**
 - **Overview of FYUGP Structure and Curriculum Changes:** Experts from the university presented the key components and distinctive structure of the FYUGP, emphasizing flexible exit options, skill-based electives, and research-based learning in the final year.
 - **Assessment and Evaluation Mechanisms:** Sessions provided insights into the revamped assessment pattern, including continuous internal evaluation, project work, and interdisciplinary assignments. Teachers were trained on new grading criteria to ensure fair and effective evaluation.
 - **Implementation of Skill-based and Interdisciplinary Courses:** Sessions focused on innovative teaching techniques to facilitate interdisciplinary and skill-based courses, aiming to foster a holistic understanding and practical approach among students.
 - **Session on Mentorship and Student Support:** Faculty were trained in mentorship approaches to guide students through academic challenges, mental health issues, and career advice within the new curriculum framework.
- **Resource Material:** A handbook outlining the FYUGP curriculum, assessment strategies, and grading rubrics was distributed to each faculty member.
- **Feedback and Follow-Up:** An interactive feedback session allowed teachers to express their views and concerns regarding the new structure. Their suggestions were noted for future training and support sessions.

4. Outcomes and Impact

- **Enhanced Student Awareness and Confidence:** The induction programs facilitated a smooth transition into college life, with positive feedback indicating students felt well-prepared and supported.
- **Faculty Preparedness for FYUGP Implementation:** The orientation program helped faculty adapt to the new undergraduate structure, enhancing their teaching methodologies to align with updated academic goals.

5. Conclusion

The IQAC activities at NSS College, Nilamel, reflect a commitment to fostering an environment of continuous improvement in education. The successful execution of student and teacher programs has laid a strong foundation for the academic year, contributing to overall institutional growth and quality enhancement.

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FEBRUARY 2024

NSS COLLEGE NILAMEL

**ORIENTATION CLASS ON FYUGP
FOR TEACHERS**
Organized by IQAC



Resource Person
DR SHEFQUEE V
Research Officer on Special Duty
Kerala State Higher Education
Reforms Implementation Cell

MINI SEMINAR HALL 1 : 30 PM

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

• Prayer & Acharya Anusmaranam	Dr Soumya S Assistant Professor & Head, Dept of History
• Welcome Speech	Ms Vineetha Krishnan Coordinator IQAC
• Presidential Address	Prof (Dr) Rajesh R Principal, NSS College Nilamel
• Orientation Class	Dr Shefquee V Research Officer on Special Duty Kerala State Higher Education Reforms Implementation Cell
• Vote of Thanks	Dr Pramod N Senate Member, University of Kerala

NSS COLLEGE NILAMEL

COLLEGE LEVEL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON CURRICULUM
FRAMEWORK AND REGULATIONS OF THE FYUGP

Organised by : University of Kerala , Thiruvananthapuram

Venue : Conference Hall

On
26/02/2024 ,
10 am

Programme schedule

Prayer , Acharyanusmaranam

Welcome - **Dr Mydhill Kurup**
Academic Co-ordinator FYUGP

Inaugural Address -
Prof . Dr.R. Rajesh
Principal

Technical Session -
Dr Anitha P
Assistant Professor, Dept of
Psychology, BVM Govt. College,
Chennai

Dr Ajesh SR
Assistant Professor, KNCB College,
Bharanveli

Felicitations -
Dr. R Rajesh
Principal

K Benji Kumar
Chief Guest

Vote of thanks -
Ms. Vineetha Krishnan
NCC Coordinator





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Date: 8 Feb 2024

Club Inauguration Report

Institution: NSS College, Nilamel

Academic Year: 23-24

Introduction

As part of its mission to encourage holistic development, NSS College, Nilamel, inaugurated several student clubs during the academic year. These clubs are designed to promote a range of interests, from academics and sports to arts and environmental activism. The inauguration event introduced students to each club's objectives, activities, and membership process, and it marked the beginning of a vibrant co-curricular calendar for the year.

2. Details of Club Inauguration Event

- **Date:** 19Jan 2024
- **Venue:** College Auditorium
- **Attendees:** College Principal, Faculty Advisors, Club Coordinator, Invited Guests, and approximately 60 students from various departments
- **Chief Guest:** Prof(Dr.) B. Gopakumar, Principal, SVRNSS College, Vazhoor

3. Clubs Introduced and Key Objectives

1. **Science Club:**
 - **Objective:** To foster scientific inquiry and innovation among students.
 - **Planned Activities:** Workshops, science fairs, field visits, and collaborative research projects with faculty mentors.
2. **Literary Club:**
 - **Objective:** To encourage creative expression, critical thinking, and a love for literature.
 - **Planned Activities:** Book discussions, poetry recitations, creative writing contests, and guest lectures by authors.
3. **Eco Club:**
 - **Objective:** To promote environmental awareness and sustainable practices on campus.
 - **Planned Activities:** Tree-planting drives, waste management workshops, awareness campaigns, and eco-friendly projects.
4. **Sports Club:**
 - **Objective:** To support physical fitness, team spirit, and participation in sports.
 - **Planned Activities:** Regular sports training, intercollegiate competitions, and fitness workshops.
5. **Music and Dance Club:**

- **Objective:** To provide a platform for students to explore their talents in performing arts.
 - **Planned Activities:** Dance and music competitions, talent showcases, and training sessions with professionals.
6. **NSS and Social Welfare Club:**
- **Objective:** To cultivate a sense of social responsibility and community engagement.
 - **Planned Activities:** Community service projects, health camps, blood donation drives, and outreach programs.

4. Inauguration Program Highlights

- **Welcome Address:** The Principal welcomed attendees and emphasized the importance of extracurricular engagement in personal growth and career development.
- **Club Introductions by Faculty Advisors:** Faculty advisors of each club presented an overview of their club's goals and activities, encouraging students to participate actively and make the most of the learning opportunities.
- **Chief Guest Speech:** Prof(Dr)B.Gopakumar highlighted the role of clubs in building leadership skills, teamwork, and holistic development and motivated students to explore interests beyond academics.
- **Cultural Performances:** The inauguration event featured a few short performances by club members from the Music and Dance Club, showcasing their talent and setting an inspiring tone for the year's activities.
- **Membership Registration:** After the event, membership desks were set up where students could sign up for the clubs of their choice. Each desk provided information pamphlets about club activities and upcoming events.



Certificate program in Banking ,Finance and insurance (CPFI)

Financial literacy club in association with IQAC conducted a certificate program on Banking ,Finance and insurance (CPBI) and is a customized training programme conducted by Bajaj Finserv for final year students to create employment opportunities .It is a 100 hour programme .The main objective of this

programme is to equip our students the right attitude, skill and industry knowledge and these students can apply for different roles in banks, finance companies and insurance companies .Final year B.Com ,M.com and final year economics students participated in the program. This program was started on March 2024 and seventy students participated in the pgm.

Benefits to students

Course completion certificate from Bajaj

Workshop participation certificate from Bajaj

Workshop completion certificate

Mock interviews

Placement Assistance

