

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Report Summary

2017-18

As a quality enhancement and sustenance measure prescribed by the NAAC, the college established the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of The American College in 2001. Right from the inception, IQAC has been an integral part in developing a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic improvement in the overall performance of the College. The IQAC is committed towards internalization and institutionalization of quality enhancement initiatives in higher education. It helps the institution in planning and monitoring. IQAC also gives stakeholders including Students, Teachers, Parents, Alumni, funding agencies and Community, a cross-sectional participation in the institution's quality enhancement activities.

QUALITY INITIATIVES OF IQAC

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- **All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE)**
- **IQAC Meetings**

Faculty Induction Programme:

IQAC conducted a Faculty Induction Programme for the newly recruited faculty members of the college. IQAC facilitated the following faculty members to attend refresher courses conducted by UGC- HRDC of Universities.

Faculty Development Programme	Name of Faculty Member
Refresher Course	Dr. N. Vasaanthakumar, Librarian
	Dr, P. Velladurai, Zoology
	Mrs. D. Lourdu Immaculate, Maths
	Mrs. D.Anandha Selvam, Maths
	Dr.D.Stephen, Botany
	Mr. C. Joel Gnanados Timothy, English
	Dr. G. Kanabiran, Economics
	Dr. S. Jeyarani, Economics
	Dr. M. Rajendra Pandiyan, English
	Mrs. Sengol Mary, Tamil

Student Induction Programme:

The Students Service Committee conducted the Student Induction Programme from 19th of June to 22nd of June, 2017, which included Orientation for Fresher's, Parent Teacher Meeting, Parent Warden Meeting, meeting with College Officials, Campus Tour, visit to departments, CBCS course orientation and course registration, Part V courses orientation and selection viz., NSS, SLP, PED NCC, Dean – Students Meet and Talent Tapping.

Curriculum development:

The Dean for Curriculum Development & Research encouraged the Faculty and Students to get actively involved in the process of Curriculum development. The Programme Structure and Curriculum for all PG courses were revised and approved by the Academic Council. Programme Structure and Curriculum for Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses under Community College Programmes were also introduced and approved by Academic Council.

Examination Reforms:

The IQAC initiated the examination reforms as a post accreditation measure. Recommendations of the Sub-committee on Examination Reforms were approved in the Academic Council and implemented.

National Conference:

Many departments conducted National Conferences. A National Conference on Modern Mathematics and its applications on 22nd and 23rd January 2018 was organised. National Conference on Impact of Pollution on Health and Restoration of Quality Environment through Biotechnology Applications was organised on 2nd and 3rd February 2018. National Conference on prospects of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Indian scenario and a National workshop on Mental Health of Young Adults were conducted successfully.

International Conference:

The IQAC organised an International Conference on Emerging Trends in Multidisciplinary research at Singapore in Association with Singapore Tamil Teachers Association from 27 to 29 December, 2017. One day International Conference on English Language, Literature and Linguistics was conducted by English Department on 26 July 2017. 611 research papers were published in 20 volumes in Bodhi, an International Journal approved by UGC.

Panel Discussion:

The Economics Department organised a Panel Discussion on Union Budget 2017 to create awareness about budget among students.

Research Development:

The Dean for Curriculum Development & Research was instrumental in encouraging the research activities of faculty. Faculty members took active part in research and published articles in peer reviewed journals.

IQAC Bulletin:

IQAC bulletin was published biannually, highlighting the college activities in the first and second half of the academic year respectively (June and December). The bulletin serves as the source of information to all stakeholders thereby enhancing the academic progress.

Training Programmes:

Training Programme on usage of E Library facility through INFLIBNET, NLIST for students and faculty members was conducted through Daniel Poor Memorial Library. National level Human Rights Defenders Training Program was conducted by Religion, Philosophy and Sociology Department on 19th and 20th September 2017. IQAC organised competition for students on the theme, 'My Vision - Corruption Free India'.

Feedback Analysis:

Dean for Curriculum Development & Research collected the feedback for Curriculum. Dean for Policies & Administration collected and processed students' feedback on academic and infrastructural facilities. Based on the feedback analysis, IQAC organised subject specific seminars and initiated to start new academic programs.

Special Lecture on Teachers Day:

IQAC organized a Special Lecture on "Quality Higher Education in Changing times" by Dr. K. Koodalingam, Joint Director of Collegiate Education,

Madurai Region, on 5th September 2017. A special interaction session was arranged with around hundred faculty members from City colleges. All Faculty members attended the lecture and the followed interactive sessions.

Infrastructural Facilities:

Based on the feedback analysis, Dean for Policies & Administration recommended construction of classrooms, lab and studio, which in turn was implemented by the College. The College had constructed new science lab, Tissue Culture Lab, new classrooms in the ground and first floor of Saunders Hall, audio video recording studio, new classrooms in the first floor of Jeevana Jyothi extension building. The construction of Amphitheater extension and an aesthetically designed entrance at satellite campus were completed. Solar lamps were installed in the campus.

Special Talk:

Community College organised a special talk on “Heart and Sound Life” by Dr. Vivek Bose, M.D., DM., Senior Consultant, Intervention Cardiologist, Apollo Speciality Hospitals on 28th September 2017 for the wellbeing of the staff members of the College. Medical Health check-up was conducted at the College Auditorium, 8 am on 11th October 2017. A Special talk to highlight the achievements of Nobel Laureates 2017 was arranged on the Nobel day 2017

Visa Process for Students:

The Dean for International Exchange & Study Abroad of The American College, Madurai & U.S Consulate General, Chennai Jointly organized an interactive meeting between students and Ms. NURIT EINIK (Consular Officer, US Consulate General, Chennai) on 27 June 2017 regarding Student Visa Process & Applying to American Universities.

Academic Networking:

The Dean for International Exchange & Study Abroad facilitated the consistent academic networking with Foreign Universities including Concordia College, USA and Ateneo de Manila University.

Awareness Programmes:

National Service Scheme, Service Learning Programme and Green Club conducted Ozone Day and Dengue awareness program for Students. Rallies, Seminar, Workshops, Blood donation camps were conducted to instil Institutional Social responsibilities among students.

AQAR Submission:

AQAR for the year 2016-2017 was submitted to NAAC, Bangalore.

National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF):

IQAC submitted the report for National Institutional Ranking Process of MHRD under College category. American College was ranked 90 under NIRF ranking, 2018.

All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE):

The IQAC submitted the College report to AISHE.

IQAC Meetings:

The IQAC had regular meetings with the members of each department. IQAC meetings with its internal and external members were held twice on 06.07.2017 and 01.02.2018.