

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) once again as a team worked and carried out the following programmes in the academic year 2009-10.

ORIENTATION/SEMINAR/WORKSHOP CONDUCTED FOR THE STAFF

The IQAC organized an Orientation Programme on the theme 'Towards Effective Teaching and Leadership' for the newly recruited staff and for those who are put in service up to five years. It was conducted between June 8-12th 2009.

As in the past all the aided and self- supporting staff had an Orientation Programme between 15-16th of June 2009.

P.K.Doraiswamy IAS, Retd Chief Secretary of the AP Government .spoke on the 'Professional Accountability of Teachers' and on 'Channeling youth/Student power'- Fr. Joe Andrew, SDB, Vice-Provincial, Salesian Province of Chennai, spoke. At the departmental level the staff discussed the report on the 'Academic Audit' and provided a road map to address the issues raised in the audit.

IQAC and Department of Foundation Studies organized a lecture on 'Wither Communal Politics in India: A Post Election Analysis' by Prof. Ram Puniyani, (retd) IIT Mumbai and Secretary, Committee for Communal Amity, Mumbai, on 25th June 2009.

IQAC conducted a Staff Seminar on 'Loyola College's Response to the Yaspal Committee Report'. Dr. Anandhakrishnan, Member of the Committee spoke and two senior staff members also shared their views of the report on 3rd July 2009.

IQAC and Department of Foundation Studies co-hosted a lecture with Prakriti Foundation on 'Environmental Concerns' with Ms.Vandana Siva a well known environmental activist as the resource person on 17th Aug 2010.

IQAC and Department of Foundation Studies organized Workshop on Nov 7, 2009, on the theme 'Education for Peace and Sustainable Development' (ESD)-for the faculty members from other colleges. There were 25 teachers who attended the workshop with a view to introduce 'Peace and Education for Sustainable Development' in the curriculum.

Mr. Lawrence Surendra, UNESCO consultant on ESD was the resource person.

OPEN FORUM

The First Open Forum was conducted on August 04th 2009. An action taken report was presented by the officials and it was followed by the interaction between officials and students. It was a good mix of suggestions and good things that are seen in the college

by students. The Second Open Forum was conducted on 16th December 2010, where the suggestions received from the students were forwarded to the officials.

DEPARTMENT OPEN FORUM

For the first time in the history of the college the 'Open Forum' was extended to the department level and all the departments conducted a departmental level 'open forum' on August 7, 2009. All the departments felt it was a useful exercise to identify the problems at the departmental level and to address the same.

EXTENDED IQAC MEETING

IQAC conducted an Extended IQAC Meeting on 25th August 2009. HoDs with an additional member the department attended the meeting. The annual newsletter of the IQAC was released. The members evaluated and planned for the academic year 2009-2010.

Enhancing the capacity of 'Digital Library' and 'Language Lab' was taken up as priority issues for the academic year.

NATIONAL SEMINAR

The IQAC organized a National Seminar between 15th and 16th September 2009 on : Internally Displaced People" - (IDP's) with the following as Resource Persons:

1. Dr. J. Madhan Mohan, Assistant Professor, Centre for International Politics, Organization & Disarmament (CIPOD), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University,
2. Fr. Prakash Louis SJ, Director of South Asia, Jesuit Refugee Service,
3. Prof Dr. Sudhir Jacob George, Former Professor, Dept of Political Science, University of Hyderabad.

QUALITY CIRCLE

There were three Quality Circle meetings with the students who are selected as members of the QC. They played a major role in the conduct of the departmental level 'open forum'. Though they agreed to conduct an inter-collegiate seminar on the 'role of the students in the sustenance of quality', that could not materialize.

NON-TEACHING STAFF - CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

A capacity building workshop for the non-teaching staff was conducted between 16-17 November 2009 and the theme was 'Inter -Personal Relationship and Time Management' Mr. Kamaraj of the Department of Social Work with two others conducted the workshop. The non-teaching staff greatly benefited by this programme. The same was conducted separately for the staff of the Controller of Examinations on 06th February 2010.

'SPRINGBOARD' LEADERS FOR TOMORROW:

IQAC coordinated the 'Springboard' leaders for tomorrow' programme for the college. This is a programme for college students (particularly for Loyola and Stella Maris college). Those who registered for this programme attended a three hour programme either in Loyola or Stella alternatively every month. The resource persons are drawn from corporate sectors as well as from Human Rights practitioners.

EVALUATIONS:

IQAC conducted several assessments in the year in review. Student assessment of staff, parent's assessment of the college, the outgoing student's view on college, teacher's views on autonomy are all done by the cell.

CONSULTANCY:

Several other college personnel approached IQAC for staff training and discussed with us the 'Loyola Model'. The coordinator and the team members offered their services by being resource persons for their seminars/workshops on matters related to quality assurance cell.