

IQAC

Annual Report 2018-2019



MEENAKSHI
ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
(Deemed to be University under section 3 of UGC act 1956)

Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) was declared as a Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 on 31.03.2004. The institution was started with the noble cause of providing quality education to students belonging to the weaker section, thereby uplifting the entire society.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research (MAHER) remains committed to its mandate of promoting quality consciousness among the stakeholders of the institution and ensuring that the institution meets the standards of excellence in higher education.

The annual report of IQAC for the academic year 2018 – 2019 showcase the progress made in ensuring and enhancing the quality and outlines the activities, initiatives, and achievements in fulfilling its mandate to maintain and enhance the quality of education and research in the institution. The report highlights the efforts made by the IQAC in promoting a culture of quality consciousness among the stakeholders of the institution and in institutionalizing the quality assurance processes.

IQAC Meetings

The IQAC meeting for the academic year 2018 – 2019 was conducted to discuss the progress made towards the implementation of the quality assurance measures and the assessment of the institutional performance. The objective is to focus on identifying areas of improvement, developing action plans, and monitoring the progress of the implementation of the plans. This meeting is an opportunity to review our progress and identify areas where we need to focus our efforts.

S. No.	Date of Meeting
1.	27.08.2018
2.	28.11.2018
3.	27.03.2019
4.	19.06.2019

The quality initiatives implemented by the IQAC include implementing a comprehensive system for the assessment and accreditation of our academic programs, a robust system for monitoring the quality of our research activities, development of research protocols, ethical guidelines, and the establishment of a research oversight committee to ensure that all research activities meet ethical and quality standards. Furthermore, the IQAC has initiated several measures to enhance the quality of our teaching and learning activities. These measures include providing faculty development programs, adopting innovative teaching methodologies, and implementing student feedback mechanisms to improve the quality of our teaching.

Finally, the IQAC has implemented several community engagement initiatives, including community service programs, outreach programs, and community-based research projects. These initiatives aim to promote social responsibility and community engagement among our students, faculty, and staff.

Initiatives and Outcomes

i. Academics

- CBCS/elective course system has been introduced for 8 programmes in the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.
- 3 new degree programmes was introduced in the Faculty of Physiotherapy (Neurology, Pediatrics & Obstetrics and Gynaecology).
- 18 value added programs were offered in this year across all the programmes benefitting 90% of the students.
- 100% of faculty members were trained for development and delivery of e-contents/e-courses.

- 13 faculty members received awards and recognitions for excellence in teaching, student mentoring, scholarships, professional achievements and academic leadership.
- The overall pass percentage of 90.91% has been achieved.

ii. Research

- Seed money grant of Rs.53.58 Lakhs have been provided to faculty members to promote research.
- Research grants worth of Rs.2.94 Crores from non-government and 10 lakhs from government agencies have been received to promote research activities.
- 46 awards were received for innovation by the faculty members and students
- 46 IPRs, 76 indexed publications and 90 Book / Book Chapters were published in the year as an outcome of the quality initiatives of research activities.
- Generated Rs.1.3 Crores through R&D and consultancy services.
- 44 collaborative activities for research, faculty exchange and student exchange have been done during the year.

iii. Faculty Development

- Financial support has been provided for 63 faculty members to support their advanced studies/collaborative research.
- 263 teachers were provided with financial support to attend conferences / workshops and towards membership fee of professional bodies during the year.
- 49 professional development / administrative training programmes were organized by for teaching and non-teaching staff members and 376 faculty members undergone Faculty Development Programmes (FDP) including online programmes.

iv. Student Development

- 2077 students were provided with training and guidance for competitive examinations and career advancement programs, 354 students were placed /self-employed and 25 students were qualified in competitive examinations among the 896 graduated students.
- 9 sports and cultural activities were organized by MAHER to enhance student's extra-curricular activities.
- Students received 38 awards/medals for outstanding performance in sports/cultural activities.
- MAHER conducted 125 extension and outreach activities involving 3593 students conducted in collaboration with industry, community, Government and Non-Government Organizations.

v. Infrastructure

- Books and journals (including e-resources) worth of Rs.1.10 Crores have been purchased for the benefit of students and faculty members.
- Internet bandwidth has been upgraded to 100 Mbps to enhance the IT infrastructure.

vi. Recognitions

- Department of Pathology, Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute recognized for Histopathological procedures by Rakshith Hospital, Chinna Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu
- Department of Pathology, Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute recognized for Histopathological procedures by Manohar General Hospital, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu
- Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Microbiology, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital recognized for Histopathological procedures for a period of 5 years by Kothai Face and Dental Care Centre, Vellore

- Department of Pathology, Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute recognized for Histopathological procedures for a period of 5 years by Sri Ne Medical Foundation, Kanchipuram
- Department of Pathology, Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute recognized for Histopathological procedures for a period of 5 years by Narbhavi Multispecialty Hospitals, Kanchipuram
- Department of Pathology, Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute recognized for Histopathological procedures for a period of 5 years by Kumaran Nursing Home, Arakkonam
- Department of Pathology, Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute recognized for Histopathological procedures for a period of 5 years by MSD Hospital (Super Speciality Surgical Centre), Kanchipuram
- Department of Pathology, Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute recognized for Histopathological procedures for a period of 5 years by Gayathri Nursing Home, Arni, Tiruvannamalai.