

IQAC

**Annual Report
2019-2020**



MEENAKSHI

ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESERCH

(Deemed to be University under section 3 of UGC act 1956)

Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) was granted the status of a Deemed University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 on 31.03.2004. The institution's primary objective is to offer high-quality education to students from disadvantaged backgrounds, thus contributing to the overall advancement of society.

MAHER IQAC is dedicated to its mission of fostering a culture of quality awareness among all members of the institution and guaranteeing that the institution attains the benchmarks of excellence in higher education.

The IQAC's annual report for the academic year 2019-2020 illustrates the advancements achieved in upholding and improving the quality of education and research in the institution. The report details the initiatives, activities, and accomplishments undertaken to satisfy its mission. It also emphasizes the IQAC's endeavors in fostering a quality-conscious culture among the institution's stakeholders and establishing a framework for quality assurance processes.

IQAC Meetings

The primary purpose of the IQAC meeting was to evaluate the implementation of quality assurance measures and assess the institution's performance. The goal is to pinpoint areas that require improvement, create action plans, and monitor the execution's progress. This meeting provides an opportunity to review the institution's progress and recognize where it needs to concentrate its efforts.

S. No.	Date of Meeting
1.	11.09.2019
2.	29.01.2020
3.	06.06.2020

The IQAC has introduced various quality initiatives, such as establishing a comprehensive assessment and accreditation system for academic programs, implementing a

strong system to monitor research quality, developing ethical guidelines and research protocols, and creating a research oversight committee to ensure adherence to ethical and quality standards.

The IQAC has also taken steps to improve teaching and learning quality, such as providing faculty development programs, adopting innovative teaching methods, and implementing student feedback mechanisms. Additionally, community engagement initiatives have been launched, including community service programs, outreach programs, and community-based research projects, to encourage social responsibility and community engagement among students, faculty, and staff.

Initiatives and Outcomes

i. Academics

- Syllabus revision was carried out for MBBS programme and 8 programmes of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.
- CBCS/elective course system has been introduced for MBBS programme and 4 programmes in the Faculty of Yoga Science and Therapy.
- 5 new degree programmes was introduced in the Faculty of Yoga Science and Therapy.
- 21 value added programs were offered in this year across all the programmes benefitting 96% of the students.
- 100% of faculty members were trained for development and delivery of e-contents/e-courses.
- 9 faculty members received awards and recognitions for excellence in teaching, student mentoring, scholarships, professional achievements and academic leadership.
- The overall pass percentage of 91% has been achieved.

ii. Research

- Seed money grant of Rs.67.9 Lakhs have been provided to faculty members to promote research.
- Research grants worth of Rs.3.65 Crores from non-government and 12 lakhs from government agencies have been received to promote research activities.
- 43 awards were received for innovation by the faculty members and students.
- 92 IPRs, 140 indexed publications and 164 Book / Book Chapters were published in the year as an outcome of the quality initiatives of research activities.
- Generated Rs.72 Lakhs through R&D and consultancy services.
- 32 collaborative activities for research, faculty exchange and student exchange have been done during the year.

iii. Faculty Development

- Financial support has been provided for 86 faculty members to support their advanced studies/collaborative research.
- 281 teachers were provided with financial support to attend conferences / workshops and towards membership fee of professional bodies during the year.
- 57 professional development / administrative training programmes were organized by for teaching and non-teaching staff members and 400 faculty members undergone Faculty Development Programmes (FDP) including online programmes.

iv. Student Development

- 2395 students were provided with training and guidance for competitive examinations and career advancement programs, 474 students were placed /self-employed and 34 students were qualified in competitive examinations among the 710 graduated students.

- 11 sports and cultural activities were organized by MAHER to enhance student's extra-curricular activities.
- Students received 67 awards/medals for outstanding performance in sports/cultural activities.
- MAHER conducted 105 extension and outreach activities involving 4035 students conducted in collaboration with industry, community, Government and Non-Government Organizations.

v. Infrastructure

- Books and journals (including e-resources) worth of Rs.2.16 Crores have been purchased for the benefit of students and faculty members.

vi. Recognitions

- Department of General Medicine, Paediatrics, OBG, Anaesthesiology, Radio Diagnosis, DVL, General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Ophthalmology, ENT, Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Pathology, Pharmacology, Community Medicine, Respiratory Medicine, Psychiatry, Biochemistry, Neurology, Gastroenterology, Urology and Cardiology, Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute recognized as COVID Care Centre for a period of 2 years by Government of Tamil Nadu, Kanchipuram District
- Department of Oral Medicine & Radiology, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital recognized as COVID 19 Quarantine Facility for a period of 1 year by Greater Chennai Corporation
- Department of Microbiology, Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute recognized as Medical Laboratories - Requirements for quality and competence for a period of 2 years by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories

- Department of Research, Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research recognized as Recognition of Facilities at Central Research Laboratory for a period of 3 years by LIFIC, Vellore, Tamil Nadu
- Department of Research, Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research recognized as Recognition of Facilities at Central Research Laboratory for a period of 3 years by SYNERGY Scientific Services, Chennai
- Department of Research, Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research recognized as Recognition of Facilities at Central Research Laboratory for a period of 3 years by Mashirr Systems, Vellore, Tamil Nadu
- Department of Pathology, Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute recognized as Histopathological procedures for a period of Perpetual by Sankara Multispecialty Hospital, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu
- Faculty of Yoga Sciences and Therapy recognized as Yoga Consultancy for a period of 3 years by Ragavendra Yogic Science Centre, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Faculty of Yoga Sciences and Therapy recognized as Yoga Consultancy for a period of Perpetual by Yogalaya Health Care Institute, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Microbiology, Meenakshi Ammal Dental College and Hospital recognized as Histopathological procedures for a period of 2 years by Dr.Eswar's Facio Dental Clinics, Tirupati