



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE VAIKOM

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Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) has contributed significantly for institutionalizing the quality assurance strategies and processes

In the academic year 2022-23, the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of St. Xavier's College undertook various strategic initiatives to enhance the overall quality of teaching, learning, and co-curricular activities within the institution. These initiatives, orchestrated by the IQAC, exemplify its pivotal role in perpetuating the institution's vision and mission. First and foremost, the IQAC meticulously monitored both academic and co-curricular endeavors, ensuring adherence to quality standards and alignment with the institution's objectives. Through a well-structured framework, the IQAC facilitated departments and supporting units in organizing sessions aimed at actively engaging students and teachers alike. One of the hallmark events orchestrated by the IQAC was the annual Academic Planning Session held prior to the commencement of each academic year. During this session, the IQAC team collaborated with stakeholders to strategize and implement new initiatives geared towards academic development and progression. Moreover, the IQAC diligently collected academic action plans from various departments, catalyzing the organization of departmental activities in alignment with overarching institutional goals.

Furthermore, the IQAC played a pivotal role in the publication of the college handbook and calendar, incorporating a tentative schedule for activities and internal examinations. This proactive approach not only ensured transparency and accountability but also provided stakeholders with a roadmap for the academic year ahead. Throughout the academic year 2022-23, the IQAC spearheaded numerous quality initiatives that left a profound impact on the institution's teaching, learning, and co-curricular landscape. These initiatives underscore the unwavering commitment of St. Xavier's College to uphold academic excellence and foster holistic development within its academic community. The following initiatives were carried out by IQAC in the academic year 2022-23:

IQAC functions to cater to the needs of the students in their academics. With this intention, it seeks to involve in fruitful collaborations with external sources of knowledge for the purpose of project works and the internships of the student community. The institution signed an MoU with CIPET - Kochi for the benefit of students, which provided opportunities of fruitful collaborative research ventures. Collaboration with CIPET fosters connections with the plastics engineering and technology industry, providing opportunities for internships, industrial visits, and collaborative research projects. Students benefit from hands-on training and exposure to cutting-edge technologies in plastics engineering, enhancing their practical skills and employability in the industry.

IQAC and P.G Department of Commerce in collaboration with Youth Employability Skill Training Co-operative Educational Society Limited is conducting an add-on course on P.G Diploma in Accounting and Taxation. The course have been sanctioned from Youth

Employability Skill Training Co-operative Educational Society Limited under 'National Youth Programme' scheme registered under Central Co-operative Registrar, Government of India. Duration of the course is 1 year and 9 students of final P.G has registered for the same. The course includes three major papers namely Basic Accounting, Income Tax Law & Practice and Business Law which comprises of Contract Act, Special Contract Act, Sale of Goods Act and Cyber Law. Internal and external subject experts were arranged for undertaking each papers. Basic Accounting were handled by Ms. Anju T.A, Income Tax by Dr. Titto Varghese and Law papers were engaged by Adv. Reni James and Adv. Mary Rinju. Marklist and Course certificates were issued from the respective authorities.

The Entrepreneurship Development Club of the College was registered with Directorate of Industries and Commerce under the Entrepreneurship Development club programme of the Development of Industries and Commerce. This provides access to industry-relevant resources, fosters partnerships with local businesses, enhances opportunities for internships and placements, and facilitates collaboration on research and development projects, thereby enriching the educational experience and improving employability prospects for students.

Placement Cell has been strengthened and Student Orientation for Placements been initiated by Career and Placement cell of the College. This enhanced employability as the students receive guidance and support in developing essential skills and qualities sought by employers, improving their chances of securing employment. Students have the chance to network with industry professionals, potentially leading to internships, mentorships, and job offers. Preparation and guidance provided during orientation sessions can boost students' confidence levels, making them more effective in interviews and other recruitment processes.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Education (MoE), the Government of India, St. Xavier's College Vaikom inaugurated the Ministry of Education's Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) in November 2021. The primary objective is to stimulate, motivate, and cultivate the creative potential of young students by providing them with resources to explore novel concepts and cultivate an environment conducive to innovation. We are pleased to announce that our college has been honoured with a 1-star rating for our exemplary activities during the 2022-23 academic year, signifying our commitment to fostering innovation as a primary mode of operation.

St. Xavier's College Library 'LibXav' and IQAC in association with 5 other college Libraries and SanBella Edutech, Kottayam celebrated National Reading Week 2022 by conducting an Online Author Talk Series from 19 to 25th of June 2022. Dr. Muse Mary George, Director of The State Institute of Encyclopaedic Publications, Kerala inaugurated the Author Talk Series. In "How to Get Published," attendees gained awareness of the publication process, receiving practical advice on manuscript preparation, submission strategies, and peer review. "Modern Reading" explored the evolving landscape of reading habits in the digital age. Participants analyzed the impact of technology on literacy. "Reading and Creative Expression" focused on how reading influences various art forms. "Varied Views on Reading" exposed participants to diverse perspectives on the value and purpose of reading. "Purpose of Reading" encouraged reflection on the multifaceted purposes of reading and

setting personal reading goals aligned with broader life aspirations. "Reading in the Digital Era" addressed digital literacy, accessibility, and ethical considerations in online reading. Overall, these seminars provided a comprehensive exploration of reading-related topics, equipping participants with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the dynamic world of reading and publishing in the modern era.

A session on "Decoding Intellectual Property Rights" by James V George was conducted by IQAC on 22-9-2022. The students could gain a deeper understanding of intellectual property rights, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets.

