

The Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) of the IQAC Year 2010-2011

Name of the Institution: Aquinas College, Edakochi.

Year of Report: 2010-2011

Part A

Plan of action for the year

- ❖ To improve infrastructure facilities of the college, especially to improve the approach road to this college.
- ❖ To encourage more teachers to get involved in research.
- ❖ Devote more funds to internet accessing facility.

Part B

1. Activities reflecting the goals and objectives of the institution:

- Like most of the colleges under M. G. University our college too found the academic year an exhausting one as the university decided to introduce the Credit and Semester system for undergraduate courses. It was difficult for the departments to find time to organize seminars and other academic work.
- A Two day State Level Seminar was organized with assistance from NAAC on 24th and 25th February 2011. The theme of the seminar was "Challenges of Quality Enhancement in Colleges of Backward Areas". Experts on quality enhancement techniques, Dr. Rajan Varghese and Dr. Kunhikrishnan were the chief resource persons. IQAC coordinators of other colleges presented papers during the seminar.
- The Department of Physics conducted a One day National Seminar on "Space and Defense" with the support of Swadeshi Science Movement on 14th of December 2010. Eminent personalities like Atomic Energy Commission PRO Mr. Hari Krishnan, ICAR Emeritus Professor Dr. N.G.K. Pillai and scientist Dr. A Unnikrishnan led the classes.
- The Department of English conducted a State Level Seminar for student and teachers on "Indian Aesthetics" on 25th January 2011. Dr. Dhanya Menon, a renowned film critic and faculty of Prajyothiniketan College Trissur was the resource person.
- The Physical education Department organized a workshop on for the coaches and students of the district
- The NSS unit of the college arranged talks for its volunteers on various topics like "Importance of NSS Volunteerism", "Employment Opportunities", "Communication Skills"
- An Eye Donation awareness Class by Dr. Sreedhar Kumar was arranged by The N.S.S. unit of

the college.

- The legal Cell of the college conducted a Legal awareness Class for the students on 5th October 2010. Advocates Peter and Paul handled the sessions.
- During summer vacation the English department of the college offered a Basic English course to the school going students of the premises. The classes were handled by the students of B.A. English
- "Summer in Aquinas" a vacation programme for the students of the locality was organized by the Physical Education Department of the college. Training in various games and health classes were conducted.
- This year the students of the Department of English went to an orphanage in the locality called S. H. Boys Home and gave English coaching to the poor students there.

2. Inter-disciplinary programmes started:

The departments of Physics and Electronics together arranged a 2 Day exhibition and demonstration programme called Open Lab. Students of +2 Higher Secondary schools of the neighbourhood attended the programme.

3. Candidates qualified: NET/SLET/GATE etc.

Commerce : 2

4. Initiative towards faculty development programme :

Ms. Bindu George of the Department of Economics submitted her Ph. D. thesis at the Cochin University of Science and Technology.

5. Total number of seminars/workshops conducted:

Department of physics organized a national seminar on 14 -12-2010

State level seminar by English Department on Indian Aesthetics with special focus on Natyasasthra on 25th Jan 2011.

6. New collaborative research programmes:

Our P.G. students in department Physics & Biotechnology and U.G. Studets of Electronics, Commerce, English doing their project in neighbouring schools and colleges and business centres.

7. Details of research scholars:

- *Department of Physics:- 1*

- *Department of Economics:-* 1 (Ph. D. submitted).

8. Community services:

Community services are done mainly under the leadership of NCC and NSS. Camps seminars workshops and extension work are done with the active involvement of volunteers and concerned faculty members.

9. Teachers and officers newly recruited:

- Department of English : 5
- Department of Economics :1
- Department of Malayalam : 1
- Department of Hindi : 1
- Department of Commerce : 1
- Department of Mathematics : 2

10. Teaching – Non-teaching staff ratio: 1:1.3

11. Improvements in the library services:

The total number of books in our Library has gone up to 17,200; UGC assistance has immensely helped the college library in its development.

12. New books/journals subscribed and their cost:

About 229 books were added this academic year.

13. Courses in which student assessment of teachers is introduced and the action taken on student feedback:

All Final year students of undergraduate level.

14. Unit cost of education:

- Without Salary: Rs. 2,716.13.
- With Salary: Rs. 47,771.76.

15. Computerization of administration and the process of admissions and examination results, issue of certificates: Upgraded the existing admission software

16. Increase in the infrastructural facilities:

- A center for coaching for entry in service under UGC XI plan is functioning in the college since October 2010.
- Started Network Resource center.

17. Financial aid to students:

Students are provided the statutory financial assistance offered by the government. Besides there are some endowments and awards given on the basis of merit.

18. Support from the Parent-Teacher Association and its Activities :

The Parent-Teacher Association offers support whenever a need arises. This academic year the PTA funded the installation of ceiling fans in the classes. The students contributed a small amount and the PTA came forward with financial assistance to make up for the deficit amount.

19. Health services:

- The institution are the open window system and a cordial student teacher relationship are the institutions best practices
- An eye donation awareness class was conducted under NSS.

20. Performance in sports activities:

In the *district level* competitions Aquinas college participated in 5 disciplines.

- Soft ball
- Hockey
- Baseball
- Wrestling
- Throw Ball

District Level competition

- 13 Students Qualified as officials in hockey in the theory and practical test conducted by hockey Alleppey
- In senior power lifting championship held at Mattancherry on 22nd November 2010
- Akbar P. A. of II B.A. Economics won Second place

State Level Competition

- In the junior state hockey championship held at Irinjalakuda on 8th January 2011, 13 students participated

- In senior state baseball championship held at fort cochin on 25th February 2011 our students Mr. Praveen M. of I B.A. Economics And Mr. Githin Jose of I B.Sc. Mathematics participated and won the first position
- In junior state boxing championship held at Adimaly on 17 July 2010 our student Akbar P a II B.A. Economics and Yesudas Martin I B.A. Economics participated and Won II Place
- In junior state handball championship held at Kasargode on 26th February our student Mr.Siyal C. of I B.A Economics participated
- In junior state wrestling held at Trissur on 11th march our students Akbar P A of II B.A. Economics and Mr.Yesudas Martin of I B.A. Economics Participated

National Level Competitions

- Savool P J of II B.A English Participated in the National Throw ball championship held at Ernakulum representing Kerala Team

Annual Sports Day

- The annual Sports Day was conducted on 18th February 2011 opening ceremony was inaugurated by principal Prof V. J. Varghese with flag hosting, march past, Olympic torch run and oath .Athletic events for students and staff were conducted closing ceremony with price distribution, lowering the flag by vice principal is organized Intramural competition
- The intramural competition in different sports event was organized from 10th January to 27th February 2011. 20 games for men and women were organized
- Green House Won the championship

21. Placement services provided to students:

The Placement Cell of the institution takes special care to find out whether the recruiters are genuinely interested in recruiting the students. Often it turns out to be a publicity step aimed at attracting our students to join the training programmes after which no job is guaranteed. A list of students is maintained which is annually updated.

22. Best practices of the institution: Open Lab and Open Window

Part C

Detail the plans of the institution for the next year.

- To increase the no of faculty improvement programs of all departments.
- To assist over all development of student and prepare them for better placement chances.
- To increase collection of books in the library