

# **RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB**

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## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE RGNUL INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)**

**held on**

**11.01.2021 through Online Mode at 11:30 a.m. onward**

**CONFERENCE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK, RGNUL CAMPUS, SIDHUWAL, PATIALA**

## LIST OF IQAC MEMBERS

1.	<b>Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar</b> <i>Vice-Chancellor RGNUL, Punjab</i>	Chairman	13.	<b>Dr. Gaganpreet</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Law RGNUL, Punjab</i>	Member
2.	<b>Professor (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats</b> <i>Registrar RGNUL, Punjab</i>	Director	14.	<b>Dr. Manoj Sharma</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Law RGNUL, Punjab</i>	Member
3.	<b>Professor (Dr.) M.S. Nijjar</b> <i>Former Registrar Punjabi University, Patiala</i>	Member	15.	<b>Dr. Vipin Kumar</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Law RGNUL, Punjab</i>	Member
4.	<b>Professor (Dr.) R.K. Singh</b> <i>Former Head and Professor of Law Punjabi University, Patiala #120, Urban Estate, Phase III</i>	Member	16.	<b>Dr. Gurmanpreet Kaur</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Law RGNUL, Punjab</i>	Member
5.	<b>Professor (Dr.) Gurpreet Pannu</b> <i>Department of Laws Punjabi University, Patiala</i>	Member	17.	<b>Dr. Honey Kumar</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Sociology RGNUL, Punjab</i>	Member
6.	<b>Advocate P.C. Markanda</b> <i>Senior Advocate, Chandigarh</i>	Member	18.	<b>Ms. Dewangna Chillar</b> <i>Student Alumni</i>	Member
7.	<b>Dr. Niraj Pasricha</b> <i>Finance Officer, RGNUL, Punjab (Sr. Administrative Officer)</i>	Member	19.	<b>Ms. Bhumika Modh</b> <i>Student Alumni</i>	Member
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10.	<b>Dr. Sharanjit</b> <i>Associate Professor of Law RGNUL, Punjab</i>	Member	22.	<b>Ms. Poornima Prabhakar</b> <i>PG Student Representative, RGNUL, Punjab</i>	Member
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12.	<b>Dr. Brindpreet Kaur</b> <i>Assistant Professor of Economics RGNUL, Punjab</i>	Member	24.	<b>Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar</b> <i>Professor of Law</i>	Member

## RGNUL IQAC MEETING

06<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

The Annual Meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) was held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 11:30 a.m. at the Conference Hall, Administrative Block, RGNUL Campus, Sidhuwal Patiala, under the Chairmanship of Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar, Vice-Chancellor, RGNUL. The following members were present:

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETINGS

The meeting started with a welcome note from the Chairman. The Chairman started the proceedings with brief introduction of the activities and purpose of IQAC to the new members of IQAC. The Chairperson also explained the reasons for delay in calling the annual meeting of the IQACE due to Covid-19 pandemic situation. The items of the agenda were taken up one by one and duly discussed and deliberated and decided as under:

ITEM (1)	<b>APPRAISAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS IQAC MEETING HELD ON 6.02.2019 AS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (ANNEXURE-1).</b>		
AGENDA NOTE	DISCUSSION	DECISION	ACTION (S) REQUIRED
Proceedings of the previous meeting of IQAC as approved by RGNUL Academic Council and RGNUL Executive Council in their respective meeting, (annexed for the perusal of the members)	The members were appraised about the proceedings and action taken by the University in compliance of the decision.	Unanimously resolved to approve the proceedings of the previous IQAC meeting held on 6.2.2019.	The relevant part of the para were circulated for implementation of the decision taken in the IQAC meeting.
ITEM (2)	<b>TO APPRISE THE MEMBERS ABOUT NAAC ACCREDITATION PROGRESS OF SECOND CYCLE</b>		
AGENDA NOTE	DISCUSSION	DECISION	ACTION (S) REQUIRED
<p>It is submitted that the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab Submitted Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQAR) on the NAAC Portal after approval of the regulatory bodies. The IIQA was also submitted on 1.7.2020, which was the prerequisite to submit the online Self Study Report (SSR).</p> <p>RGNUL authorities constituted three-member Committee for preparation of SSR. RGNUL authorities had also constituted sub-committees of faculty members as per seven criteria of SSR to coordinate for submission to the NAAC. Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, government issued notification allowing the faculties and staff to work from home. NAAC office granted extension for submission till December 2020, accordingly the online SSR was submitted in December 2020 along with SSR and IIQA fee.</p> <p>After submission of the SSR, the Data verification is in progress. The desired documents are in process of compilation for uploading at the NAAC portal before 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021.</p>	<p><b>The Chairperson apprised the members about the AQAR uploaded at the NAAC Portal after approval of the regulatory bodies. The Chairperson also explained about IIQA submitted on 1.7.2020, which was the prerequisite to submit the online Self Study Report (SSR)</b></p> <p>The criteria's of SSR were also explained. The RGNUL authorities had also constituted sub-committees of faculty members as per seven criteria of SSR to coordinate for submission to the NAAC. After submission of the SSR, the online Data verification is in progress. The desired documents are in process of compilation for uploading at the NAAC portal before 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021. <b>Professor R.K. Singh, Professor &amp; Head Department of Laws, Punjabi University Patiala put on record, appreciation for the hard work put in the preparation of AQAR &amp; SSR and also about the progress of work reflected therein.</b></p>	<p>After thoughtful discussion all the members unanimously resolved that all the stakeholders may pursue the AQARs and coordinate with the committee members in the process of data verification which is in progress to complete with in stipulated time.</p>	<p>A notice for information to all the faculty members, staff members and students is accordingly be issued to coordinate and extend cooperation for data verification process to complete the second cycle accreditation process of NAAC.</p>

ITEM (3)	<b>STUDENT SATISFACTORY SURVEY (SSS) TO BE FILLED BY THE RGNUL STUDENTS (ANNEXURE-2)</b>		
AGENDA NOTE	DISCUSSION	DECISION	ACTION (S) REQUIRED
<p>Student Satisfactory Survey (SSS) is one of the requirements of NAAC accreditation for which student data is provided to the NAAC office. The NAAC office has directly contacted the students for providing feedback on 21 point criterion of SSS. The RGNUL has received communication that the students are not responding to the SSS and till now only 2-3% of students have submitted the SSS form. We are making an effort to encourage the students to fill and submit SSS, so that process can be completed within scheduled time period.</p>	<p>The chairperson explained about the Student Satisfactory Survey (SSS) to be submitted by the students, directly to the NAAC through online SSS form.</p> <p>The SSS is an essential part of the NAAC accreditation process which makes it mandatory to submit by the students directly to the NAAC.</p> <p>The chairperson requested the members to suggest the modalities to encourage the students for submission of SSS online.</p>	<p>The members suggested measures to encourage the students to submit the SSS on time. The student representative of UG Ms. Priya Agrawal apprised the members that the students have already started submitting the SSS, the delay was perhaps because the examinations were scheduled till 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The faculty members may also encourage at their level to submit the SSS.</p>	<p>A notice of information is to be uploaded on ERP to inform and encourage the students to submit the SSS before due date.</p>
ITEM (4)	<b>ACADEMICS AT RGNUL DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC SITUATION (ANNEXURE-3).</b>		
AGENDA NOTE	DISCUSSION	DECISION	ACTION (S) REQUIRED
<p>RGNUL authorities constituted a committee to examine the holistic impact of COVID-19 lockdown on academic activities of the University and to recommend the modalities to resume the academic activities during this period. The members of the committee convened various meetings since 18.3.2020 through various means including audio and video conference to deliberate upon relevant issues and to suggest appropriate workable measures in consonance with the guidelines/directions issued by the MHRD, Govt. of India, UGC, Govt. of Punjab etc. to resume academic activities and classes in the academic interest of the students and the institution.</p> <p>University Grant Commission issued multiple notifications and also constituted committees accordingly various guidelines/suggestions, modes/measures were recommended to save the academic interest of the students. At RGNUL we are happy to share with the members that the measures suggested by the UGC were adopted and implemented at RGNUL, Punjab since very early stage of lockdown, which provided us comfort to conclude the academic session within academic schedule with certain modifications.</p> <p>The problems encountered by RGNUL during Covid-19 pandemic pertaining to academic, examination related activities were referred to the RGNUL, Covid-19 Committee and decisions are taken in the best interests of the students. Relevant decision of Covid-19 Committee are appended as Annexure - II</p>	<p>The external members enquired about the process followed by the RGNUL with reference to online classes and examination. The chairperson explained about the modalities followed by RGNUL with regard to online classes, online utilization of library resources and conduct of online examination with revised parameters.</p> <p>The Chairperson also appreciated the efforts put on by the faculty members, staff and the students to implement it successfully.</p>	<p>The members appreciated the efforts of RGNUL and RGNUL Covid-19 Committee for securing the academic interests of the institution and the students in terms of completing the academic session without delay.</p> <p>The members unanimously resolved to continue the online academic activities until the situation becomes under control.</p>	<p>The academic activities be continued online for the academic session as per academic schedule and the examination of remaining semesters be accordingly be completed as per date-sheet.</p>

<b>ITEM (5)</b>	<b>BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA NOTIFICATION DATED 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2021 REGARDING BCI LEGAL EDUCATION (POST-GRADUATE, DOCTORAL, EXECUTIVE, VOCATIONAL, CLINICAL AND OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION) RULES, 2020 (ANNEXURE-4).</b>			
	<b>AGENDA NOTE</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION (S) REQUIRED</b>
	<p>The BCI claimed that MHRD, UGC and AIU regularly referred various issues of Post Graduate Legal education especially for considering the matter of equivalence and other matters of One Year LL.M. courses run in foreign Universities and these authorities have a considered view that the Bar Council of India should also regulate the Post Graduate and other Higher education in law.</p> <p>The Education Policy 2020 also categorically carved out legal education from newly proposed umbrella apex body institution, Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) with its regulatory arm of National Higher Regulatory Council (NHERC) excluding the legal education as one of the only two legal educations for the Bar Council of India to regulate.</p> <p>There are multiple views regarding these rules to be implemented in coming years. The matter is placed for discussion and to recommend to the AC for perusal.</p>	<p>The Chairperson explained the members about the provisions of The Bar Council of India legal education (Post-graduate, Dobtoral, Executive, Vocational, Clinical and other Continuing education) Rules, 2020 and highlighted the key features for information for implementation in due course of time.</p>	<p>The members after thoughtful deliberations resolved to place the regulations before the appropriate authorities of the RGNUL for perusal and appropriate decision.</p>	<p>The matter be placed before the Academic Council of the RGNUL in its next meeting.</p>

<b>ITEM (6)</b>	<b>ONLINE FEEDBACK FORM (ANNEXURE -5)</b>			
	<b>CURRENT AGENDA NOTE</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION (S) REQUIRED</b>
	<p>RGNUL IQAC in one of its previous meetings discussed the modalities of students feedback forms to make it more appropriate. A subcommittee of IQAC members was constituted to workout the process of obtaining online feedback from. The subcommittee in consultation with the authorities prepared the online feedback form in google form and implemented obtaining online feedback form since academic session 2019-20 in End-Term Examinations.</p> <p>Accordingly, the decision of IQAC is implemented and open for further suggestions.</p>	<p>The Chairperson briefed the members about the relevance of students feedback form and the manner it was collected from them. Earlier the feedback forms were received in hardcopy during end-term examination but later on the IQAC resolved to collect it online.</p> <p>The chairperson also explained how the suggestions of students received in feedback form are processed to improve the academic components/activities at RGNUL.</p>	<p>After thoughtful consideration the members resolved to continue with the online feedback form to be collected from the students during the end term examination schedule.</p> <p>The members also resolved to encourage the students to submit the feedback form compulsorily after each examination.</p>	<p>The notice be uploaded on the ERP to encourage the students to upload the online feedback form compulsorily after each examination during End-Term Examination in every semester.</p>

ITEM (7)	<b>PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE CONSORTIUM OF NLUs DATED 8.1.2021. (ANNEXURE-6).</b>		
CURRENT AGENDA NOTE	DISCUSSION	DECISION	ACTION (S) REQUIRED
<p>The Consortium of National Law Universities was established on 19th August, 2017 with the aim of improving the standard of legal education and justice system in the country through legal education.</p> <p>The Consortium aspires to facilitate better coordination amongst National Law Schools to achieve highest standards of legal education in the country. Twenty-One National Law Universities have joined the Consortium as founder members.</p> <p>The Consortium of National Law University has issued a press release dated 8.1.2021 regarding reopening of NLUs. The relevant part of decision is as follows:</p> <p>The Governing Body of Consortium of National Law Universities considered the proposal of reopening Universities in January 2021 at its meeting held on 23rd December 2020 and 8th January 2021.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“In these circumstances, the Consortium resolved that physical classes should commence only after universal vaccination of students, faculty and staff is completed. The residential facilities may be opened on a case by case basis after February 2021 keeping in mind local conditions”.</i></p> <p>The RGNUL students of final year of UG course and LLM PG course are requesting to open the university in the month of February for the next semester physically.</p> <p>Accordingly, the matter may please be allowed to be placed before RGNUL Covid-19 Committee to discuss the modalities in the month of February subject to the decision of the CLAT consortium to be taken in the month of February as per press release.</p>	<p><b>The Chairperson briefed the members about Consortium of National Law Universities and its role in field of Legal Education. In addition to organizing CLAT the Consortium also contribute in terms of taking policy decision pertaining to academic activities and students interest at NLUs.</b></p> <p><b>The consortium released as press notification dated 8.1.2021 regarding reopening of NLUs after February 2021 and decided to open on a case by case basis after February 2021 keeping in mind local conditions.</b></p> <p><b>The students of final year UG course RGNUL also submitted a representation regarding the reopening of RGNUL.</b></p> <p><b>The members were apprised about the discussion took in the meeting of CLAT consortium and the approach adopted by RGNUL in this regard.</b></p>	<p><b>After thoughtful deliberations all the members unanimously resolved to follow the decision of the Consortium of NLUs regarding reopening of NLU after February 2021 keeping in mind the local condition. The members also resolved to consider the decision to be taken by the consortium in this regard in its next meeting scheduled in the month of February 2021.</b></p> <p><b>The matter be placed before the RGNUL Covid-19 Committee before reopening of the university to evaluate the local condition and other parameters of the SOP applicable to residential Universities.</b></p>	<p><b>The application received in this regard be placed before the RGNUL Covid -19 Committee for perusal/examination of local condition and to recommend accordingly.</b></p>

ITEM (8)	ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.		
CURRENT AGENDA NOTE	DISCUSSION	DECISION	ACTION (S) REQUIRED
<p>The Outside expert Dr. P.C. Markanda and Prof. (Dr.) M.S. Nijjar discussed some current agenda items as suggestions and query regarding certain academic activities.</p>	<p><b>The members discussed about following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>More numbers of Visiting Faculties to be invited for lectures.</i></li> <li>2. <i>RGNUL Alumni be associated for special lectures.</i></li> <li>3. <i>New Diploma on Arbitration/Mediation be proposed.</i></li> <li>4. <i>Alumni be approached for Internship and placement of the RGNUL students</i></li> <li>5. <i>At least one paper is to be published in Reputed Journal by every students</i></li> <li>6. <i>Research Scholar be associated for teaching (for one or two lecture)</i></li> </ol> <p><i>The Chairperson briefed and updated the members about how all the above mentioned items are taken care at RGNUL.</i></p> <p><b>Professor M.S. Nijjar also suggested that the Coordinator and the Chairperson of the IQAC for next meeting may be separated.</b></p>	<p>The members after thoughtful consideration resolved that the RGNUL may review the existing practices and procedures relating to these items to further strengthen the academic interest of the University.</p>	<p>The matter relating to specific committees be referred for consideration and review the present practice and to propose modalities of its implementation.</p>

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the members of their valuable suggestions.

Coordinator IQAC and  
Professor of Law

Proceeding Verified

Director IQAC and  
Registrar RGNUL

**Proceedings Confirmed to be put up before Executive Council for Approval and further necessary action.**

**Professor (Dr.) Anand Pawar**  
Chairman IQAC and  
Vice-Chancellor RGNUL