

AQAR Annual Report 2020-2021

Annual Report (20-21) of Vidyasagar College for Women could be successfully drafted owing to the unstinted determination and undaunted zeal of all faculties associated with academic and administrative activities of the college. The college had emerged as a distinct entity in 1960 when a separate wing branched out of Vidyasagar College and dedicated itself to the ennobling mission of dissemination of education for women, the college primarily caters to classified needs of young girls hailing from non-creamy layers of the society. The college has, since then, taken upon its stride, the daunting task of abiding by the noble ideals propagated by its founding father, Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar through the effectuation of the ideals of 'Gyan, Tyag, Seva' in the college has proven itself to be an enviable seat of holistic learning where students are reared to be successful, confident, determined and positive individuals with empathetic hearts. The college boasts of glorious luminaries in its oeuvre who have made a mark as successful and empathetic individuals, and the college indeed takes immense pride in stating that Miss Shramana Chattopadhyay, who graduated from this college with Political Science Hons. as the University topper, is also an acclaimed Kathak dancer, she had also been a zealous member of the N.S.S Unit of the college and is now the Assistant Secretary of Social Activism Club of RBU.

At the behest of its proactive IQAC with Madam Principal at its helm, the college has adopted a much flexible teaching learning mechanism to cater to the varying needs of slow and advanced learners. All members of teaching faculty extend their helping hands and offer suggestions, clarifications, even beyond college hours. Besides academic, overall Psychological well-being of students are well taken care of; to address any psychological issues plaguing the students, the college has arranged for Personal Counseling sessions to be rendered by a college appointed psychologist, Ms Chaitali Majumder who remains available on Tuesdays and Thursdays for counseling entirely without taking any charge from the students. The college holds its students in high esteem and tries to render services to them even after their graduations by arranging for assistance in placements through Career Counseling Cell. Support had been provided by the Personal counselor during the pandemic to students suffering from trauma due to classes in online mode. Support was also provided by her for the related to the mental distress caused by the long period of lockdown.

It is indeed a matter of immense pride that in the wake of the unforeseen and untoward scenario plaguing the entire world due to the raging corona virus

pandemic that had spread its vicious tentacles worldwide, the teaching-learning mechanism of the college functioned seamlessly owing to the unflinching dedication of all members of teaching faculty. Besides meticulously following the revised class schedule for online classes, in the wake of nation wide lockdown due to covid 19, the teachers were also engaged in research activities evident from acceptance of research proposals by Govt funding agencies.

Contribution of the IQAC

Although the IQAC had not received any funding from any of the funding agencies to support its activities during the year, it managed to achieve a few milestones to ensure a seamless rubric of Academic and administrative activities of the college with the help of the college administration.

- (i) Academic audit was conducted for the year 2020-21
- (ii) Psychological Counseling on online mode was arranged for to address any psychological or emotional issues the students might have been inflicted by on being constrained to lead lives disconnected from a throbbing Campus life.
- (iii) Administrative audit for the year 2020-21 was also successfully conducted
- (iv) The IQAC convened an online meeting with students for seeking direct feedback from them on the ongoing teaching learning mechanism being undertaken on virtual mode. Afterwards those feedback reports were redressed and actions taken on it.
- (v) To combat pandemic situation the IQAC took step to form a covid team to help out students and other stake holders in need. To provide oxygen medicine Doctor consultancy, psychological counselor consultancy and also daily food for the families were kept in consideration. Also followed all the government instructions and maintained proper sanitization procedure for Covid. Drive for vaccination of students were also taken following Govt instructions from time to time.

A few complementary measures were undertaken by the IQAC to ensure quality enhancement and protection against the raging virus :

- (i) Subscription for G-Suite was applied for (successfully subscribed) to ensure maximum participation of students and other stakeholders on online mode.
- (ii) At the behest of the Department of Health, Government of West Bengal, the college had successfully conducted an anti-covid vaccination (Covaxin)drive for its students.
- (iii) Sanitization of both the old and the new buildings were done in collaboration with K.M.C.
- (iv) Overseeing smooth running of add-on courses like Computer Training, Beautician Course and French language Courses.
- (v) The college had signed a MOU with the R.B.U, opening up opportunities for our students to apply for several job-oriented Courses.

Teaching Learning Mechanism

As afore stated the college carried on its teaching & learning on online mod, as per guidelines issued by the Government of West Bengal and the affiliating university. A centralized routine for online classes was framed and most departments formed separate class specific groups in various social platforms for easy and effective communication with students or sharing study materials with them. The evaluation of the students through the semester end examination was conducted online as per the modus operandi prescribed by the affiliating university with the marks being uploaded in the university database and all answer scripts being preserved by the college.

To address the classified needs of both slow and advanced learners the IQAC had proposed Remedial and mentoring sessions to be conducted by the departments on online mode. The college believes in the policy of inclusively and education for all, hence it strives to ensure that the students are given a learner friendly ambience wherein they blossom as confident and knowledgeable individuals. Theoretical knowledge is complemented by experimental learning and field visits; however, owing to nation-wide lockdown, such visits could not be conducted physically, however, efforts were made to show simulations, PPT presentations online for ensuring comprehensive learning experiences in lieu of practical encounters.

Seminars/webinars

Several departments and Committees had conducted Webinars during 2020-21 to enrich learning experiences of students and also to have their appetite for knowledge in trying times :

The faculty had also been engaged in extensive research work during 2020-21; 06 research papers have been published in Journals notified on UGC website and 21 book publications/chapters in books were published during the year.

Extension activities

The college, meticulously adhering to the high ideals of 'Gyan, lyag,Seva' as propagated by our founding father, Pt. Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar, makes an earnest effort to nurture its students as empathetic individuals, many students had participated in extension activities through NSS and NCC units of the college, evident from respective AQAR report.

Library facilities

The college boasts of a library highly equipped with digital library facility with reprographic, printing and scanning facilities. The college Library is committed to providing quality collections, outstanding services and excellent user-friendly education to students, faculty and staff to support the college's mission. The college manages and provides seamless access to both print and online scholarly information, offers reference seminar research consultations. To meet the mission and vision of the institution, the library utilizes different software and newer technological tools & techniques uses Cloud Services like ILMS with Web Opac platform, library blogs, Library and informed services window at Institutions website. The college has licensed Sophos firewall to protect over internet web-network from outside attack. However, keeping in view the unforeseen circumstances, teaching learning procedure was carried out online . Even in these hard times, the library had provided online resource materials to both students and staff.