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Subject: Approved Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), HBNI held on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at Council Hall, HBNI, Anushaktinagar, Mumbai

Enclosed herewith please find the approved copy of the Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the IQAC,

HBNI held on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at Council Hall, HBNI, Anushaktinagar, Mumbai.

(A.K. Dureja)

### Chairman and Members of IQAC

1. Prof. P. R. Vasudeva Rao	Vice Chancellor, HBNI	Chairman
2. Prof. P. D. Naik	Dean, HBNI	Member
3. Prof. S. Laskar	Nodal Officer, TMC	Member
4. Prof. G. Ravikumar	Head, SIRD, BARC	Member
5. Prof. D. K. Maity	Associate Dean, HBNI	Member
6. Shri A. K. Narang	Head, HRD & KM, HWB	Member
7. Prof. S. Mukhopadhyay	Head, Seismology Division, BARC	Member
8. Shri Vishnu Prasad S.	Registrar, IMSc	Member
9. Mrs. Neena Bopaiah	Principal, AECS No5, Mumbai	Member
10. Shri Sandeep K. C.	Ph.D. Student, HWD, BARC	Member
11. Prof. A. K. Dureja	Associate Dean, HBNI	Member Secretary

# Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Minutes of the third meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), HBNI held at Council Hall, HBNI, Anushaktinagar, Mumbai on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 is as follows.

### Present:

1.	Prof. P. R. Vasudeva Rao	Vice Chancellor, HBNI	Chairman
2.	Prof. P. D. Naik	Dean, HBNI	Member
3.	Prof. S. Laskar	Nodal Officer, TMC	Member
4.	Prof. G. Ravikumar	Head, SIRD, BARC	Member
5.	Prof. D. K. Maity	Associate Dean, HBNI	Member
6.	Prof. S. Mukhopadhyay	Head, Seismology Division, BARC	Member
7.	Mrs. Neena Bopaiah	Principal, AECS No5, Mumbai	Member
8.	Shri Sandeep K. C.	Ph.D. Student, HWD, BARC	Member
9.	Prof. A. K. Dureja	Associate Dean, HBNI	Member Secretary

# Members who could not attend:

1.	Shri A. K. Narang	Head, HRD & KM, HWB	Member
2.	Shri Vishnu Prasad S	Registrar, IMSc	Member

#### M.1: Welcome address and opening remarks by VC, HBNI

Vice-Chancellor, HBNI explained to all the members the important role played by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in promoting a quality culture in the institution and devising various mechanisms for quality improvement. He welcomed active participation, comments and suggestions from all the participants.

He informed the members that HBNI secured 17<sup>th</sup> place among the Universities in the NIRF 2019 exercise. He explained that this represents good improvement in the relative performance of HBNI, but there is further scope for improvement in the rank.





He informed that during the Foundation day celebration held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, awards were given to outstanding students in doctoral and post-graduate programs. Using the endowment provided by J.B.Joshi Research Foundation, awards were also given for innovative research. For the first time, a newsletter of HBNI to highlight various developments, news items, awards and honours, etc., was launched and the first issue was released during the Foundation Day Function. These represent important quality initiatives.

HBNI has plans to start and organize various value addition programs for the benefit of the students as well as faculty members, these were discussed in the meeting.

# M.2 and M.3: IQAC Terms of reference and NAAC requirements by Dean, HBNI

Prof P D Naik, Dean, HBNI briefed the committee about the genesis of forming IQAC. He explained that it is mandatory to have functional Internal Quality Assurance Cell to assess the functioning of university and to suggest better practices for improvement of academic standards. This committee should meet frequently and the minutes of meeting should be uploaded on the institute's website. An annual report (AQAR) should be uploaded on NAAC website after obtaining due approvals from institute's governing council. IQAC performs a very important role for maintaining academic and administrative standards of a university.

#### M.4: Discussion

#### a) Curriculum design and delivery:

Course curriculum of various CIs/OCC was discussed and the committee came to the conclusion that only training school courses may not be sufficient for PhD students. We need to develop some of the courses of 600/700 levels. Like NPTEL courses, we want to expand it to retired faculty members. Lectures can be recorded and made available for students. This will give them flexibility of time to view it as per their convenience.

### b) Flexibility in the curriculum:

The Cell noted that the choice-based credit system is already in place across Cls/OCC of HBNI.

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