

# REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL PEER TEAM OF IQAC

G. S. COLLEGE OF COMMERCE & ECONOMICS, NAGPUR (AUTONOMOUS)

Civil Lines, Amravati Road, Nagpur-440 001

Report for the session: 2018-19

## CONSTITUTION OF THE EXTERNAL PEER TEAM

Sr.No.	Name	Designation	Capacity
1.	Dr Dipti Christian	Principal, Hislop College, Civil Lines, Nagpur ( A NAAC reaccredited A- grade religious minority multi-faculty institution)	Chairman
2.	Dr K.T. Thomas	Principal, SFS College, Seminary Hills, Nagpur ( A NAAC reaccredited A- grade religious minority multi-faculty institution)	Member
3.	Dr Akhilesh Peshwe	Principal, Dharampeth Science College, Ambazari, Nagpur ( A NAAC reaccredited A- grade institution)	Member

We were invited by G. S. College of Commerce & Economics, Nagpur (autonomous) as EXTERNAL PEER TEAM members on its IQAC in July 2019. We accepted the College's invitation as it is always a matter of great pleasure to associate with G. S. College of Commerce & Economics, Nagpur which is the oldest Commerce College in the city since 1945 and now the first autonomous Commerce College in the whole of Central India to the best of our knowledge. The College is known for its high academic standards and trend-setting practices in the faculty of Commerce & Management.

We visited the College on 09.11.2020 at the college's invitation to attend its IQAC meeting and also to perform our duties as External Peers for assessing the performance of the college in its new avatar as an autonomous college which has now completed 2 years of autonomy.

We interacted with the IQAC members and also the members of the Management and found that they are quite well-versed with the UGC/NAAC policies regarding quality enhancement and taking higher education to new levels.

The very fact that the College has, first, opted for autonomy and, second, been granted autonomy by the UGC's Expert Committee itself testifies to the potential of the College and makes the job of assessing the college relatively easier.

Thus, after visiting various facilities and verifying all the related documents and records, we are now pleased to submit the following Report regarding the performance of the college as an autonomous college for the session 2018-19.

For the sake of proper assessment we have categorized various areas after the NAAC criteria of Assessment and Accreditation which provides a globally accepted comprehensive range of assessment areas in any institution of higher education.

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G. S. College of Commerce & Economics, Nagpur was granted academic autonomy by the UGC for a period of 10 years w.e.f. the 2018-19 session.

In order to implement autonomy in both letter and spirit and in compliance of the various provisions as stated in the UGC (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2018 (hereafter referred to as Autonomy Regulations, 2018), the college has taken the following measures and completed the following activities:

### A. STATUTORY COMPLIANCES:

1. The College constituted its Boards of Studies, Academic Council, Governing Body and Finance Committee as per the various related provisions in Autonomy Regulations, 2018.
2. The College also constituted various non-statutory Committees and Cells as stipulated in the Autonomy Regulations, 2018.
3. The newly appointed bodies/committees conducted their meetings.
4. The college established its separate Examination Cell for autonomy examinations and appointed one of its teachers as Controller of Examinations.
5. Principal is the Chief Controller of Examinations.

### B. CURRICULAR ASPECTS:

1. The Boards of Studies and the Academic Council have revised the syllabi of its 3 UG [B. Com.; B.Com. (Computer Application) and B.B.A.] and 2 PG programmes (M.Com. and M.B.A.) introducing CBCS pattern.
2. The College has introduced its own External and Internal Assessment Mechanism.
3. The College published separate Academic Regulations for each academic programme under autonomy.
4. The College sent its revised syllabi and Academic Regulations to the parent University for ratification.
5. The Admission Committee conducted extensive counselling sessions for students during admission schedules to brief them about finer aspects of autonomy and its benefits.
6. Introduced a mechanism for additional credits through value-addition courses (VAC) and extra-curricular activities (ECA).
7. Introduced over a dozen value-addition courses in tie-up with various external institutions like Bajaj Finserv, TCS, NSE, Tally Education, Cambridge English etc. for extra credits.
8. Applied to the University and Government for the introduction of 2 new UG programmes of B.Com. (Honours) and B. Com. (Finance & Accountancy).

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- *The college has increased the number of courses of BBA (from 22 to 36) and credits (from 96 to 144).*
- *The college has increased the number of courses of B. Com. (Computer Application) from 22 to 36 and credits (from 120 to 144).*
- *Thus all the UG courses in the college viz. B.Com., B.Com. (C.A.) and BBA have equal credits i.e.*

