The Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) of the IQAC

PRAJYOTI NIKETAN COLLEGE, PUDUKAD-680301 THRISSUR, KERALA

Part - A

AQAR for the year 2014-	15
1. Details of the Institutio	<u>n</u>
1.1 Name of the Institution	PRAJYOTI NIKETAN COLLEGE
1.2 Address Line 1	PUDUKAD
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State	
	KERALA
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1.4 NAAC Executive Committee No. &	& Date: 08.01.2011
1.5 Website address:	www.prajyotiniketan.edu.in
Web-link of the AQAR:	

1.6 Accreditation Details:

Sl. No.	Cycle	Grade	CGPA	Year of Accreditati on	Validity Period
1	1 st Cycle	В	2.76	2011	5 YEARS
2	2 nd Cycle				
3	3 rd Cycle				
4	4 th Cycle				

1.7 Date of Establishment of IQAC: 01.013.2010

1.8 Details of the previous year's AQAR submitted to NAAC after the latest Assessment
and Accreditation by NAAC (for example AQAR 2010-11submitted to NAAC on 12-10-
2011)
i. AQAR 2009-10 submitted on 27.03.2010
ii. AQAR 2010-11 submitted on 31.03.2011
iii. AQAR 2011-12 submitted on 23.04,2012
iv. AQAR 2012-13 submitted on 31.12.2013
v. AQAR 2013-14 submitted on 19.11,2014
vi. AQAR 2014-15 submitted on
1.9 Institutional Status:
University State Central Private
Affiliated College Yes No
Constituent College: Yes No
Autonomous college of UGC: Yes No
Regulatory Agency approved Institution Yes No
Type of Institution : Co-education Men Women
Urban Rural Tribal
Financial Status: Grant-in-aid UGC 2(f) UGC 12B Grant-in-aid + Self Financing Totally Self-financing

1.10 Type of Faculty/Programme:
Arts Science Commerce PEI
TEI (Edu Engineering Health Science Management Others (Specify)
1.11 Name of the Affiliating University UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT
1.12 Special status conferred by Central/ State Government UGC/CSIR/DST/DBT/ICMR etc
Autonomy by State/Central Govt. / University
University with Potential for Excellence UGC-CPE
DST Star Scheme UGC-CE
UGC-Special Assistance Programme DST-FIST
UGC-Innovative PG programmes Any other
UGC-COP Programmes
2. IQAC Composition and Activities
2.1 No. of Teachers 05
2.2 No. of Administrative/Technical staff 01
2.3 No. of students 01
2.4 No. of Management representatives 01

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2.5 No. of Alumni

2. 6 Any other stakeholder/community representatives 02
2.7 No. of Employers/ Industrialists 01
2.8 No. of other External Experts 01
2.9 Total No. of members 13
2.10 No. of IQAC meetings held 3
2.11 No. of meetings with various stakeholders: Faculty 3
Non-Teaching Staff Students Alumni 1
2.12 Has IQAC received any funding from UGC during the year?
Yes No No
If yes, mention the amount 3,00,000/-
2.13 Seminars and Conferences (only quality related)
No. of Seminars/Conferences/ Workshops/Symposia organized by the IQAC
Total Nos. 01 International National
State Institution Level
Theme: <u>Academic Strategies for Improvement of Quality Benchmarks in</u>
Education—One-day Workshop by Dr. Raju George, Principal,
Don Bosco College, Goa, on 25th March 2015.

2.14 Significant Activities and contributions made by IQAC

- ➡ The IQAC has been instrumental in initiating the promotion of
 5 of the faculty members for promotion to the next grade under
 the CAS scheme of the Kerala State Rules 2014.
- ➡ The NAAC RAR for the second cycle was prepared after internal discussions among the IQAC members and later with the rest of the stakeholders. The Report was submitted on July 31, 2015 and the PT visit is expected in the near future.

2.15 Plan of Action by IQAC/Outcome:

Plan of Action	Achievements
The IQAC which met at its first meeting of the academic year 2014-15, decided to initiate the following steps for the overall welfare of the institution:	
a.Bring the entire campus under CCTV surveillance	a. Target was achieved and 33 cameras have been placed at strategic points in the campus.
b. The small store room near the Principal's office to be converted to stationery cum snack bar, so that the students and staff can avoid the uphill climb to the canteen during recess time.	b. The plan was accomplished as per schedule.
c. Increase the number of safe drinking water dispensers.	c. Six dispensers were installed both in the two Academic Blocks as well as in the Auditorium Complex.
d. Installation of sanitary napkin dispensers.	d. The project has been completed.
e. Conduct a one-day Workshop on Quality Initiatives for the teaching and non teaching faculty.	e. A Workshop on the topic was conducted by Dr. Raju George, Principal, Don Bosco College, Goa, on 25 th March 2015.

2.15 Whether t	the AQAR was plac	ced in statutory body: Yes
Management	✓ Syndicate	Any other body
Provide the de	etails of the action ta	aken
The report v		Management without any major

Part - B

Criterion - I

Curricular Aspects

1. Details about Academic Programmes

Level of the Programme	Number of existing Programme s	Number of programmes added during the year	Number of self-financing programmes	Number of value added / Career Oriented programmes
PhD				
PG	1			
UG	5			
PG Diploma				
Advanced Diploma				
Diploma		1		
Certificate	4			
Others				
Total	6	1		

Interdisciplinary	 	
Innovative	 	

1.2 (i) Flexibility of the Curriculum: CBCS/Core/Elective option / Open options

(ii) Pattern of programmes:

Pattern	Number of programmes
Semester	6

Trimester	
Annual	
Students	Parents Co-operating schools (for P
	regulation or syllabi, if yes, mention their
partments to make any changes ovided by the BoSs of the differ	e, however minor, in the syllabus ent subjects. However, many of the Boards and are therefore able to
	Annual from stakeholders: Alumni s Students Manu edback: Online Manu there is any revision/update of s. ing an Aided Institution, there is partments to make any changes ovided by the BoSs of the different culty members are part of such

- 1.5 Any new Department/Centre introduced during the year. If yes, give details.
 - **¥** Yes. The Department of Psychology has been made a Research Department as per UO 4148/2015/Admn dated 23.04.2015.

Teaching, Learning and Evaluation

2.1 Total No. of	
permanent faculty	y

Total	Asst.	Asst. Associate		Others
	Professors	Professors		
	14	13		

2.2 No. of permanent faculty with Ph.D.

10		
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17		

2.3 No. of Faculty Positions

Recruited (R) and Vacant

(V) during the year

Asst.		Asso	ciate	Pro	fessor	Oth	ers	Tota	al
Prof	essor	Profe	essors	s					
s									
R	V	R	V	R	V	R	V	R	V
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2.4	No. of	Guest and	Visiting 1	faculty	y and T	Temporar	y facul	ty
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Guest	6	Visiting		Temporary	
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2.5 Faculty participation in conferences and symposia:

No. of Faculty	International	National level	State
1100 02 2 000000	level	- 1.00-0-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10	level
Attended		1	2
Presented	6	26	
Resource Persons			

- 2.6 Innovative processes adopted by the institution in Teaching and Learning:
 - Digitalized Admission process which ensures maximum transparency in student intake.
 - **♣** Introduction of innovative and job-oriented Add on Courses.
 - ↓ Introduction of State Government academic initiatives like ASAP

 (Additional Skill Acquisition Programme), WWS (Walk with a Scholar) and SSP(Scholar Support Programme).
 - **■** Well stocked Library with State-of-the-Art ICT facilities and new stocks added every year.
 - **♣** Smart classrooms and ICT enabled teaching strategies, coupled with student-centric teaching-learning methods like Peer teaching.
- 2.7 Total No. of actual teaching days during this academic year 172
- 2.8 Examination/ Evaluation Reforms initiated by the Institution (for example: Open Book Examination, Bar Coding, Double Valuation, Photocopy, Online Multiple Choice Ouestions)

The marks obtained by the students in the two internal examinations in every semester, along with those obtained for their assignments and seminar presentations, along with their attendance, constitutes 20% of the total marks. These marks are to be uploaded in the University website at the end of each semester. A software was developed whereby these marks are entered into the system so that the process of uploading is made much easier.

- 2.9 No. of faculty members involved in curriculum restructuring /revision/syllabus development as member of Board of Study/Faculty/Curriculum Development workshop 17
- 2.10 Average percentage of attendance of students 88.6

2.11 Course/Programme wise distribution of pass percentage :

Title of the	Total no. of students appeared	Division					
Programme		Distinction %	I %	II %	III %	Pass %	
B. A English	38	5.4	11.7	46.2	21.32	84.62%	
BCom						First batch has not yet passed out	
BSc Computer Science	28	10.8	21.42	25.7	25	83%	
BSc Electronics	25	12	8	32	12	64%	
BSc Psychology	34	14.28	22.16	31.42	17.14	85%	
MSc Clinical Psychology	10	10	55	25	10	100%	

Since the introduction of the Credit and Semester system, only grades are awarded to the students.

2.12 How does IQAC Contribute/Monitor/Evaluate the Teaching & Learning processes :

- ♣ The introduction of the Module Plan which was an initiative of the IQAC of the College in 2010, is still being followed, with a member of the IQAC monitoring the progress of the syllabus as per the given plan by visiting the departments and checking the same.
- **♣** The Internal examinations that are to be conducted twice in every semester is done at the behest of the IQAC.
- **♣** The IQAC intervention has led to the installation of a new software which enables individual teachers to generate the necessary data regarding student attendance.

♣ The IQAC has been instrumental in the renovation and upgradation of the labs in the departments of Electronics and Computer Science.

2.13 Initiatives undertaken towards faculty development:

Faculty / Staff Development Programmes	Number of faculty benefitted
Refresher courses	3
UGC – Faculty Improvement Programme	
HRD programmes	
Orientation programmes	1
Faculty exchange programme	
Staff training conducted by the university	
Staff training conducted by other	
institutions	
Summer / Winter schools, Workshops, etc.	4
Others	

2.14 Details of Administrative and Technical staff:

Category	Number of Permanent Employees	Number of Vacant Positions	Number of permanent positions filled during the Year	Number of positions filled temporarily
Administrative Staff	18	1		
Technical Staff				

Criterion – III

Research, Consultancy and Extension

3.1 Initiatives of the IQAC in Sensitizing/Promoting Research Climate in the institution

- ♣ The IQAC of the College has taken the initiative to introduce a climate and culture of research among the staff in such a manner that the Research Committee is in the process of releasing a Multidisciplinary Research Journal before November 2015.
- ➡ The Institution can take pride in the fact that in spite of having only one PG department in the College, 70.3% of the staff are doctorate degree holders and most of the others are pursuing the same.

3.2 Details regarding major projects

	Completed	Ongoing	Sanctioned	Submitted
Number		1	Yes	
Outlay in Rs. Lakhs				

3.3 Details regarding minor projects

	Completed	Ongoing	Sanctioned	Submitted
Number		7	7	
Outlay in Rs.				
Lakhs				

3.4 Details on research publications

	International	National	Others
Peer Reviewed Journals	23	17	
Non-Peer Reviewed Journals			
e-Journals	1		
Conference proceedings	4	9	

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Range	Average	h-index	Nos. in SCOPUS	S
3.6 Research fu	ınds sanctioned and	l received from v	arious funding agencies	, industry and
other organisat	tions			

Nature of the Project	Duration/ Year	Name of the funding Agency	Total grant sanctioned	Received
Major projects		Jubilee Medical College, Thrissur		
Minor Projects	7	UGC		
Interdisciplinary				
Projects				
Industry sponsored				
Projects sponsored by the University/ College				
Students research projects (other than compulsory by the University)				
Any other(Specify)				
Total				

3.7 No. of books published: with ISBN No Chapters in Edited Books
without ISBN No.
3.8 No. of University Departments receiving funds from
UGC-SAP DST-FIST DPE
DBT Scheme/funds
3.9 For Colleges: Autonomy CPE DBT Star Scheme
INSPIRE CE
3.10 Revenue generated through consultancy
Level International National State University College
Number
Sponsoring agencies
3.11 No. of conferences organized by the Institution 5
3.12 No. of faculty served as experts, chairpersons or resource persons
International National Any other
3.13 No. of collaborations -
3.14 No. of linkages created during this year
3.15 Total budget for research for current year in lakhs:

From Fu	nding agency	2,50,000	From Management	
Total	2,50,000			

3.16 No. of patents received this year

Type of Patent		Number
National	Applied	
rational	Granted	
International	Applied	
	Granted	
Commercialised	Applied	
	Granted	

3.17 No. of research awards/ recognitions received by faculty and research fellows of the institute in the year:

Total	International	National	State	University	Dist	College
1					1	

3.18 No. of faculty from the Institution who are PhD Guides	4
and students registered under them 12	
3.19 No. of Ph.D. awarded by faculty from the Institution	

3.20 No. of Research scholars receiving the Fellowships (Newly enrolled + existing ones)
JR F NA SRF NA Project Fellows Any other
3.21 No. of students participated in NSS events:
University State National International
3.22 No. of students participated in NCC events:
University State National International
3.23 No. of Awards won in NSS:
University State National International
3.24 No. of Awards won in NCC:
University State National International
3.25 No. of Extension activities organized :
University forum College forum 12 NCC NSS
Any other
3.26 Major Activities during the year in the sphere of extension activities and Institutional
Social Responsibility
♣ The College has entered into formal collaborations with the local panchayat in
organizing a range of socio-cultural activities, seminars for married couples, geriatric
surveys and Awareness programmes for the enhancement of the general mental
health/living conditions of the local populace

- ★ Two short films—one on the AIDS Eradication Mission and another on Charity for the Blind—were made by the students as entries to an Inter Collegiate Social Commitment Enhancement Mission. Both the films secured prizes in the Competition.
- ♣ An Ad-film on Save Energy was made in collaboration with the Kerala State
 Electricity Board which was aired on television at 7 pm for one month every day.

Criterion IV

Infrastructure and Learning Resources

4.1 Details of increase in infrastructure facilities:

Facilities	Existing	Newly	Source of	Total
		created	Fund	
Campus area	24.67			24.67
	acres			
Class rooms	15	4	Management	19
Laboratories	4			4
Seminar Halls	3			3
No. of important equipments		21		
purchased (≥ 1-0 lakh) during the		Computers, CCTVs,		
current year.		Wi Fi connectivity		
Value of the equipment purchased		17,84,409	UGC	
during the year (Rs. in Lakhs)				
Others		Maintenance of equipment		
		1,77,049		

4.2 Computerization of administration and library

♣ The administrative and library services are computerized, and newer versions of the existing types of software are introduced every year as per requirement.

4.3 Library services:

	Existing		Newl	Newly added		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	
Text Books	10,667	16,40,669	668	2,15,494	11,335	18,56,163	
Reference Books	1407	13,64,672	56	1,94,085	1463	15,58,757	
Journals	39	41,186	15	12,356	54	53,542	
e-Journals	0	0	1	2247	1	2247	
Digital Database	1	5000	0	0	0	5000	
CD & Video	245		33				

4.4 Technology up gradation (overall)

	Total Computers	Compute r Labs	Interne t	Browsing Centres	r Centres	Offic e	t- ments	Othe
Existin		1		1		1	5	
g								
Added								
Total		1		1		1	5	

4.5 Computer, Internet access, training to teachers and students and any other programme for technology upgradation (Networking, e-Governance etc.)

- ♣ The non teaching staff are given classes in e-governance by professionals from outside as per requirement. Some of the technical staff attend week-long courses on ICT/e-governance that are conducted by the affiliating university.
- **♣** The teaching staff are initiated into the latest trends in computer information and technology by the Computer Science department in order to equip them to handle the smart classrooms more effectively.

4.6 Amount spent on maintenance in lakhs:

- i) ICT 5, 56,950
- ii) Campus Infrastructure and facilities | 1,77,049
- iii) Equipments 17,84, 409
- iv) Others ___

Total: 25, 18,408

Criterion - V

Student Support and Progression

5.1 Contribution of IQAC in enhancing awareness about Student Support Services

♣ As the nerve-centre of the institution, the IQAC spearheads most of the initiatives that would serve to enrich student support services. The provision for increase in the numbers of water purifiers, better toilet facilities, the launch of a new coffee shop cum stationery counter in the Main Academic Block, Wi Fi facilities throughout the campus, increased library timings and a basketball court are some of the important initiatives undertaken by the IQAC towards student support.

5.2 Efforts made by the institution for tracking the progression

■ The IQAC has a team of 6 teaching staff, each of whom is in charge of a number of duties. They monitor the overall system for which they are in charge, and report the matter to the Coordinator. Necessary changes are made, wherever required, with the consent of the Principal.

5.3 (a) Total Number of students

UG	PG	Ph.	Others
		D.	
492	22	ı	I

Men

No	%
186	34.7

Women

No	%
349	65.3

(b) No. of students outside the state	1	
(c) No. of international students		

Last Year							Tł	nis Ye	ar		
General	SC	ST	OB C	Physically Challenged		Gener al	SC	ST	OB C	Physicall y Challeng ed	l
316	47	01	117	03	484	334	62	01	138		535

Demand ratio: Since the introduction of the Centralized Admission Process (CAP) which has come into effect since 2013-14, it is not possible for colleges to collect data regarding the number of applicants to any particular course.

Dropout %: 0.4

5.4 Details of student support mechanism for coaching for competitive examinations (If any)

•	The College has arranged coaching classes for Civil Services,
	NET, SLET and Banking Recruitment on all Saturdays with a
	nominal fee structure so that students can get excellent training at
	very low costs.

No. of students beneficiaries

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5.5 No. of students qualified in these examinations

NET 5	5	SET/SLET	5	GATE	CAT	
IAS/IPS		State PSC		UPSC	Others	

5.6 Details of student counselling and career guidance

- ♣ An active Placement Cell has ensured maximum employability to the students every year. Many of our students have been placed in banks and MNCs after their graduation.
- ♣ Many of our students are sent to neighbouring institutions to participate in the Campus Recruitment Programmes. Almost 31 students of the 2014 batch (out of 120 students who have appeared for the final year exams) have been placed in several prestigious companies and institutions like South Indian Bank, Wipro and Infosys. Apart from this, the College also conducted a Campus Recruitment Programme last year for the students.

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5.7 Details of campus placement

	Off Campus		
Number of Organizations Visited	Number of Students Participated	Number of Students Placed	Number of Students Placed
5	17		31

5.8 Details of gender sensitization programmes

♣ An active Women's Cell has been functional in the College. The Cell focuses on gender sensitive issues and sees to it that contemporary sociopolitical issues concerning women's rights and empowerment are made aware to the students. Talks and Awareness programmes on relevant issues are arranged for them at regular intervals.

5.9 Students Activities

5.9.1 No. of students participated in Sports, Games and other events:

State/ University	42	National		International	
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No. of students participated in cultural events:						
State/ University National International						
5.9.2 No. of medals /awards won by students in Sports, Games and other events						
Sports: State/University 2 National International						
Cultur	ral: State/ University National	- International				
5.10 Scho	olarships and Financial Support					
		Number of	Amount			
		students	imount			
	Financial support from institution	116	2,10,020			
	Financial support from government	354				
	Financial support from other sources					
	Number of students who received					
	International/ National recognitions					
5.11 Student organised initiatives :						
Fairs : State/ University National International						
Exhibition: State/ University National International						

5.12 No. of social initiatives undertaken by the students

- The students have undertaken many initiatives, both small and large, as part of fulfilling their social commitment. The NSS volunteers play a major role in cooperating with the local panchayat authorities in conducting awareness campaigns on saving energy, conducting Medical Camps, classes on socially relevant issues by professionals and other experts, and most of all, in cleaning up areas like the bus stands and railway stations.
- **★** The MSc Psychology students visit the local households and give counselling to all those who have personal and domestic problems like alcoholism, suicidal tendencies and other poverty-related issues.

Governance, Leadership and Management

6.1 State the Vision and Mission of the institution

The Vision of the College is:

Redeeming Love as the Supreme Light—PRAJYOTI—

In Struggles for Growth in Personal Wholeness for Universal Wholeness.

The Mission of the College is:

Excellence in Education

Education as Empowerment and Formation of the Whole Person

To work out the Rhythm of Love for the Marginalized and less Talented;

And to grow Greater than our Natural Size to National and Divine Size.

6.2 Does the Institution has a Management Information System

Yes

6.3 Quality improvement strategies adopted by the institution for each of the following:

6.3.1 Curriculum Development

- ♣ Being an Aided College, there are serious limitations for the staff with regard to the issue of curriculum development, although some of the senior members of the teaching faculty are members and Chairpersons of the BoSs of various subjects.
- ♣ Nevertheless, the entire working machinery of the College is particular that the vision and mission of the college is imbibed by the students through their respective subjects.

6.3.2 Teaching and Learning

- ➡ The teaching-learning process is made up to date with the introduction of the Module Plan, by which every teacher allots a specific time period for the completion of a module. The plan is monitored by the HOD and the IQAC member who countersign the same.
- **♣** The introduction of ICT teaching strategies and smart room facilities have also enhanced the efficiency of the teaching-learning process.

6.3.3 Examination and Evaluation

♣ The internal examinations are conducted by a separate Committee headed by a senior faculty member and five members representing each department. This method ensures maximum efficiency with regard to the conduct of the examinations.

6.3.4 Research and Development

- ♣ An active Research Forum functions in the College. It promotes, encourages and initiates the students and teachers to take up new research initiatives in their respective fields, honours the teachers who secure their PhD s and appreciate those teachers who present papers at International Conferences and publish Research papers in renowned journal.

6.3.5 Library, ICT and physical infrastructure / instrumentation

- **The Library Committee oversees the maintenance and upgradation of all the books, journals and other equipment like the computers in the library.**
- ♣ The HODs of the various departments update the stock of books every year with the help of the teachers of their respective departments and add more textbooks, reference books and research journals as per demand and requirement. 10 computers with internet connectivity have been installed inside the library for use by students.

6.3.6 Human Resource Management

- **♣** The strategy is to adopt a HR management that is concerned with the larger mission and goals of the organization.
- ♣ Much of the strategic plan relies on the cooperation and support of the staff, which helps to foster a sense of team spirit within the College.
- ♣ The Principal ensures that all the HR components such as recruitment, training, performance appraisals as well as workplace communication and security are implemented in a timely and effective manner.
- ♣ A HR strategy that aligns with a sense of open communication has the major benefit of the stakeholder's knowledge that their opinions are valued by the Management.

6.3.7 Faculty and Staff recruitment

♣ The recruitment of both Guest and Permanent faculty are done by strictly adhering to the government/university norms and regulations. The Manager and Principal give a thorough idea about the vision and mission of the Institution as soon as a staff member is appointed to a particular post.

6.3.8 Industry Interaction / Collaboration

- ♣ At present the Placement Cell of the College is entrusted with the activities of Industry interaction. As the currently offered by the college are at the UG level, majority of the students aspire for higher education.
- ↓ The strategy is to form a separate Institute Industry Interaction Cell

 (IIIC) in the College, apart from the Placement Cell, to integrate possible industrial inputs with the teaching-learning processes.

6.3.9 Admission of Students

♣ Since the College functions in the aided stream, the entire admission procedure follows the highly streamlined and transparent pattern designed by the affiliating university. All students who are absorbed as per the CAP procedure are to attend an interview with the Principal before admission.

4 Welfare	Teaching	??	
chemes for	Non teaching	??	
	Students	??	
5 Total corp	us fund generated ??	????	
6 Whether a	nnual financial audit ha	s been done: Yes No	

6.7 Whether Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA) has been done?

Audit Type	External		Internal		
	Yes/No	Agency	Yes/No	Authority	
Academic	✓	Dr. Raju George, Principal, Don Bosco College, Goa			
Administrative	✓				

6.8 Does the University	y/ declare results within 30 days?
For UG Programmes	Yes No
For PG Programmes	Yes No

6.9 What efforts are made by the University/ College for Examination Reforms?

■ Since the college functions in the aided stream, the only way in which any contribution can be made in this area is by those faculty members who are part of the various BoSs. The Principal too gets opportunities to voice concerns/submit grievances/suggest changes in the examination patterns at the Principals' Meetings convened periodically by the Affiliating University.

6.10 What efforts are made by the University to promote autonomy in the affiliated/constituent colleges?

6.11 Activities and support from the Alumni Association

♣ The active involvement of the Alumni Association is a key factor that helps the institution to scale greater academic heights. Many of the alumnae are invited by the various departments as Resource Persons and Chief Guests for the different academic and co curriculars that are organized on various occasions.

6.12 Activities and support from the Parent – Teacher Association

♣ The PTA of the College takes the initiative in overseeing the major programmes and activities that are conducted on various occasions.

6.13 Development programmes for support staff

➡ The Support staff are sent to attend short and long term courses in computer skill acquisition and e-governance to other institutions/ university centres.

Criterion - VII

Innovations and Best Practices

- 7.1 Innovations introduced during this academic year which have created a positive impact on the functioning of the institution. Give details.
 - ♣ The College has been keen in designing and implementing schemes and strategies that increasingly benefit the student community. The Community Engagement initiative is one such attempt, and it is slowly but steadily proving to be a very successful venture which has increased the stature of the institution in the academic map of the district.
- 7.2 Provide the Action Taken Report (ATR) based on the plan of action decided upon at the beginning of the year:
 - ♣ Since almost every decision /initiative of the institution, whether academic or administrative, is taken after obtaining the concurrence of the stakeholder community including the Management, staff, parents, alumni and if required, the students, they are implemented and executed to perfection.
- 7.3 Give two Best Practices of the institution (please see the format in the NAAC Self-study Manuals)

Best Practice I:

Centre for Community Engagement

The College is located in a rural area, almost 15 kilometres south of Thrissur city. Although there is rapid development taking place in the panchayat mainly in the field of education due to the introduction of more educational institutions, the population of the locality, by and large, has only basic education, and does small-time business for their livelihood.

Goals:

- To inculcate a sense of oneness and fellow-feeling between the local populace and the institution.
- To ensure that they participate in all the sports, arts and cultural events that are organized/ hosted by the College.
- To help the people of the locality in variegated ways by creating awareness and knowledge on essential topics like electricity consumption and wastage, hazardous waste management, computer literacy and basic knowledge of the English language.

The Context:

• There was felt an urgent need on the part of the Management to give greater emphasis to the role of the local population which is one of the most important stakeholders of the institution.

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Best Practice II:

<u>Social Commitment through Professional Counseling:</u>

Apart from the common social extension activities, there was felt a need to address the common man who, in the modern-day situation, is faced with a multitude of psychological problems. Being equipped with trained and competent faculty in the Department of Psychology, the College has undertaken to open and make functional the facility for professional Counseling to the public in and around the district and even elsewhere.

Goals:

- To address the psychological problems of individuals and families of the local populace
- To engage them in a number of counseling sessions as necessary at a highly affordable rate
- To ensure a complete and permanent solution to their problems
- To fulfill Institutional Social Responsibility

The Context:

 It is common knowledge that a vast majority of people in Kerala face a plethora of problems that are the result of alcoholism, domestic violence and adolescent issues.
 Since the College is situated in a rural locality and since we get many students from the local neighbourhood, such problems were brought to our notice. The usual diffidence of the common citizen to visit a hospital for counseling for reasons of social stigma was the main reason for undertaking such a venture.

The Practice:

• The faculty members of the Department of Psychology hold regular counseling sessions for the public as well as for our students. We are grateful that many individuals have benefited greatly from this act of philanthropy.

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7.4 Contribution to environmental awareness / prote

- **♣** The Go Green Campaign of the campus Eco Club has taken up a number of initiatives by which the natural greenery of the hilltop campus is maintained and improved upon.
- Major tie ups with Government agencies like Oushadhi have enabled us to plant herbal plants, cultivate vegetables and undertake rain harvesting in a big way.

7.5	Whether environmental audit was conducted?	Yes	✓	No	
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7.6 Any other relevant information the institution wishes to add. (for example SWOT Analysis)

STRENGTHS:

- A team of highly dedicated, qualified and motivated faculty.
- A Management which strives to fulfil all the requirements of the various stakeholders.
- A calm and serene atmosphere that is free from student politics or any other external disturbances.

WEAKNESSES:

- Lack of adequate PG Courses.
- Inordinate lag in the conduct of University examinations, leading to a corresponding lag in the completion of portions.

4 OPPORTUNITIES:

- The academic potential of the faculty of whom more than 71% have PhDs, can be tapped further through research projects.
- More innovative programmes can be introduced.

CHALLENGES:

Inability to voice many of our academic concerns at the University level.

Plan of Action for the next year:

- The College is now undergoing preparations for the second cycle of accreditation by NAAC. It is striving to obtain concurrence for two more PG Courses by the next academic year.
- The focus is to further enhance the strength of the Placement Cell so that more and more of our students are absorbed by MNCs and other reputed companies and organizations.

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