

Action taken on peer team Report 2002 Jiwaji University, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Criterion-I: Curricular Aspects

- The University formulated the curricula of new programmes by appointing Expert Committees, using curricula framed by national resources like UGC and through its own Boards of Studies each of which has at least two experts from outside the university. It takes not more than 6 months to start a new programme. Curricula are reviewed by respective Boards and Faculties in their meetings held twice a year. In a few subjects like Zoology, the courses are revised more frequently than others. The university has started a multidisciplinary approach by starting courses in Biotechnology, Environmental Chemistry and Eco-planning.

Suggestions

- In certain subjects, the revision of courses is more often than other subjects. An attempt by the Academic Council should be made to ensure a review of the syllabi regularly in each subject every year.

Action taken:

A balanced approach has been adopted by Board of Studies of different subjects, to review the respective syllabi each year before the commencement of academic session. Academic Council every year ensure to review the syllabi through respective Board of studies.

Criterion II: Teaching, Learning and Evaluation

- The admission in various professional programmes is based on All India Entrance Examinations. Number of applications is about 12 times the number of seats available, mainly because of professional programmes.
- The number of teaching days on the average per year is 260, but there are no bridge courses for weaker sections of students.
- The Distance Education Programme of the university is popular because of the variety of courses and learning packages.
- Most of the teachers are Ph.D.degree holders. Revision of curricula in various subjects is done regularly. The teachers are encouraged to participate in workshops/conferences and they have linkages with good institutions of the country.

- In sports, there are ample opportunities and the university students have performed well by competing at the regional and national levels.
- Declaration of results is on time because of Central Valuation.

Suggestions

- Creativity in class-room teaching needs to be emphasized. The university may think of introducing the credit system of teaching and use more audio-visual aids in teaching and learning.
- The present evaluation method of university examinations has been followed for the last 10 years and needs to be reviewed.
- Methods should be devised to get feedback from students as well as peers on the quality of performance of the teachers. The faculty improvement programmes should be further strengthened.

Action taken:

Class room teaching in all departments has been upgraded by introducing smart class room, The credit systems of teaching has been proposed in the University for all courses Information communication technology (ICT) has been adopted in every department for teaching purpose.

The evaluation process in the university is strictly followed as per the ordinance. To make the evaluation system transparent, effective and efficient the University has adopted 3R pattern (ie. Reopen, Re total and Review). The valued answer books are reopened before the student.

An academic performance and it of each department is carried out at the university level by ICAC, at the end of each December The recommendations of IQAC are communicated to respective department for a discussion and the necessary steps are taken for implementation.

The University motivates and encourages the faculty members to organize & attend seminars, Symposium, workshops at National & International Law. Faculty members are provided duty leave as an incentive for the said purpose.

Criterion III: Research, Consultancy and Extension

- About 90% of the teachers of the university are active in research. During the last 5 years, 89 students have been awarded Ph.D. degrees in various subjects. About 349 research papers in national and international journals and 19 books have been published by the faculty during the same period.
- Currently, the university has 25 ongoing research projects with an outlay of Rs 2 crores, but the major projects are in the department of Zoology and Chemistry only. Now the University has created a Jiwaji University Research Forum to help and strengthen the joint research activities
- The university has organized 36 conferences at the national and international levels during the last 3 years. The work of USIC seems to be satisfactory.
- The university undertakes extension programmes mainly through its NSS unit

- and the department of Adult and Continuing Education.

Suggestions

- The university should offer consultancy services to some industries at least through some departments. The science departments have the potential to do so.
- The university has research projects only in the Science Faculty. Effort should be made so that departments belonging to other faculties like the faculty of Arts, Commerce and Law also get research projects.

Action taken:

Some of the departments have started providing consultancies to Industry eg. School of studies in Biochemistry and others. The University has attention taken necessary steps to draw the attention of different government and non-government agencies for supporting financially to the departments of Humanities, and commerce and management.

Criterion IV: Infrastructure and Learning Resources

- The University has a campus area of 248 acres with a total of 25 academic buildings. The university has separate buildings for all science and management departments.
- The university has a central library as well as departmental libraries. The central library has 1.4 lakh books and subscribes to 10 national and 22 international journals. The library has reprographic facilities, access to internet and a good stock of audio and video cassettes. The Library also has a book-bank facility.
- All the science departments of the university have well -equipped post graduate laboratories while some departments have research laboratories with advanced instruments.
- The university has about 100 computers. In addition, almost all departments have their own computers.
- The university has the necessary infrastructure for sports and physical education with flood-lit courts for various games.
- The university has two well-maintained guest houses alongwith a boys' hostel with 77 seats and a girls' hostel with 160 seats.

Suggestions

- The university should have a permanent physician and regular supporting staff in the Health Center.
- The university may have more hostels both for boys and girls.
- The university should establish a canteen to cater to the needs of students to have food under hygienic conditions

Action taken:

University has developed a day care cum Health centre, with a part time physician also offer his services as and when required.

University has developed an additional boys and girls hostel separately with all facilities. It process for additional hostel for boys and girls has already been initiated by the University. The University has developed two canteens on Campus to canter the need of students and faculty members.

Criterion V: Student Support and Progression

- The university has 93% passout rate and the dropout rate of the students is only 5%. students get scholarships and stipends awarded by the State and Central Govt. and other sources.
- The university has an Employment Cell and has a placement officer to provide career counselling to the students.

Suggestions

- The university should have an Alumni Association. Such an association could be beneficial to the university in many ways.

Action taken:

An alumni association of UTD is working in the benefit of students on Campus. The association has initiated fellowships for the meritorious students of UTD.

Criterion VI: Organization and Management

- The university has an effective governance infrastructure and systems. It is governed by the Madhya Pradesh University Act 1973.
- The university is making efforts to enhance the competency levels of the staff members through deputation to the Administrative Training Centers.
- The university strictly complies with the State Govt. policy of reservations and such norms are adhered to wherever it is applicable.
- A substantial portion of the budget expenditure is on academic services, and the balance amount is spent on support activities.

Suggestions

- The pending Audit objections should be sorted out.
- There should be adequate guidance for non-teaching staff to ensure efficient performance of their duties

- There should be an exchange of good practices among colleges to make them share their strengths with each other.
- The university should take steps for more awareness towards a formal mechanism of internal quality check and academic audit to ensure high standards of academic performance.
- The interactions with other universities in India and abroad should be made institutionalized by building sustainable interfaces on a reasonably long term basis.

Action taken:

The audit observations are complied after scrutiny to the satisfaction of internal and external audit teams. The University conducts computer literacy education and training programmes of non teaching staff that has helped them in performing their duties.

The University has already organised couple of workshops related to RTI and LokSeva Guarantee for non-teaching staff have been organised on campus. This activity has also added to their performance. The University regularly holds meeting with principals and stake holders of Govt. and private college, for better interaction.

The IQAC of University conducts academic audit of each department every year for ensuring high standards of academic performance. MOU with different University/Institution at National and International Level has been established. Various MOU's are in the process of renewal.

Criterion VII : Healthy Practices

- The university enjoys a healthy record of regularity, discipline and a ragging-free campus which appears to be synergistic in its approach towards the administration, teachers and students.
- The department of Distance Education has been able to reach out to the community with relevant professional and life skill oriented programmes.
- The university has organised 36 National/International conferences during the last 3 years and set up 4 centres of research and teaching
- There have been several instances of interaction with other universities in India and abroad.