Tirpude College of Social Work (Autonomous)

IQAC External Peer Team Report

The External Peer Team paid visit to Tirpude College of Social Work (Autonomous) Nagpur on Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 12.30 p. m. to take review of the session 2023-24 and monitor the extent to which the measures for maintenance of standards in the college with autonomous status are adopted and implemented.

The team comprised of following members: -

- 1) Dr. D.V. Naik, Principal, Dr. M.K. Umathe Arts & Science & Ramchandra Mokhare Commerce College, Nagpur (Chairman).
- 2) Dr. Chandu Popatkar, Principal, Kumbhalkar College of Social Work, Wardha.
- 3) Dr. Kapil Singhel, Head, Department of English, VNISS, Nagpur.

Upon arrival, the Management, Principal and HODs along with the faculty welcomed the peer team members to the institution. After holding personal interaction with the Principal, teaching staff and administrative office employees, the team members had a review on the functioning of mandatory committees and documents relating to fresh initiatives undertaken, the system adopted vis-à-vis the observations recorded by the External Peer Team during its previous visit 15 April 2023.

After examining available documents and evidences, the external peer team notes the following observations: -

- 1) After having adopted autonomy from the academic session 2019-20, three batches of students have acquired their two-year MSW post graduate degree while two batches of BSW three-year degree students have got their degrees, while two batches of MIRPM (two year) got degrees from the parent University.
- 2) The IQAC coordinator apprised the team members about some fresh measures adopted for maintenance of quality education. It is observed that the college has initiated to provide the students field exposures in lieu of theory papers in order to enhance the knowledge and skills on professional social work. The new initiative taken by the college are found to be in accordance with NAAC Peer Team report with a perspective plan for both short and long term. The IQAC is found to be proactive in introducing the best practices by taking efforts for their implementation.
- 3) In view of the stipulated UGC guidelines, following documents were examined to confirm the regularity in functioning of the mandatory bodies.
 - i) NAAC Peer Team Review Repot and the initiatives taken.
 - ii) Regular submission of Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQAR) till the session 2022-23.
 - iii) Minutes of meeting of statutory bodies such as Governing Body, Academic Council, Board of Studies, Finance Committee.
 - iv) Audited statements of expenditure of academic year 2022-23.
 - v) Minutes of periodic IQAC meetings.

All the above documents are displayed on the college website.

- 4) The college was supposed to commence the session in accordance with NEP pattern after preparing courses accordingly. However, it was decided in the Staff Council Meeting to go for NEP pattern from the session 2024-25 due to unavailability of official guidelines on structure and course contents from the state government.
- 5) It is observed that the college, through the IQAC has studied the new education policy and initiated orientation workshops on the same with respect to social work education.

- 6) The college has started a new certificate course in 'Organ Donation and Transplant Coordination' in the session along with other additional diploma/certificate courses already in existence.
- 7) The students are involved in apprenticeship in the Community Radio Station 'Apna Nagpur 90.8 F.M.' run by the college amounting to earn and learn method.
- 8) The NAAC Peer Team Visit was due in the college for the fourth cycle in the current session end. However, after submitting IIQA, the college received correspondence from NAAC that since the college has not completed five years and six months into autonomy, it is not eligible for assessment according to NAAC regulations. The NAAC visit is expected in the next session.
- 9) Eight more MoUs have been added to the existing during the session namely with
 - i) Balasaheb Tirpude College of Hotel Management & Catering Technology.
 - ii) Tirpude Institute of Hospitality Management.
 - iii) District Election Office, Nagpur.
 - iv) Worship Earth Foundation, Pune.
 - v) Gramayan Pratisthan, Nagpur
 - vi) The New India Assurance Company, Nagpur.
 - vii) Jan Akrosh, Nagpur.
 - viii) Nasikrao Tirpude College of Physical Education, Nagpur.
- 10) The college has a Ph. D. Research Center recognized by R.T.M. Nagpur University with three recognized supervisors and total 08 Research Scholars registered at the center pursuing the degree in the faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies. During the session two research scholars at the center have been awarded Ph. D. degree while three have submitted their thesis for examination.
- 11) The team members visited the Examination Cell and found the record, documentation and examination process in order. The results of all the examination are declared within stipulated time-frame. All other time bound processes involved in examination system are followed scrupulously.
- 12) The college has conducted opinion poll through Field Action Project (FAP) on current social issues with participation of students. The findings of these surveys were published in local dailies.
- 13) The External Peer Team found that the issue of sizeable number of vacancies in teaching as well as office staff still remains a cause of concern. Similarly, the post of regular Principal needs to be filled in. The college is suggested to address the issues on priority. In addition to the above observation, the college is equally proactive in promoting co-curricular, cultural, literary activities in the college.

In conclusion, the External Peer Team, based on its visit and above observations wish to place on record the view that the college is taking appropriate steps in rightful manner to take the academia to a higher plane and achieve its objectives through sincere efforts utilizing all available resources and is maintaining the standards required for an autonomous college.

1. Dr. D.V. Naik, (Chairman).

2. Dr. Chandu Popatkar, (Member)

3. Dr. Kapil Singhel, (Member)