



# SRI SATHYA SAI INSTITUTE OF HIGHER LEARNING

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## Co-ordinator

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

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## SSSIHL-IQAC Second Quarter Meeting

Venue- Academic Council Hall, Administrative Office, SSSIHL, Prasanthi Nilayam

Time: 10:35 am, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

Mode: Offline

### Members present:

### University officers:

Prof. B Raghavendra Prasad, Vice Chancellor & Chairperson IQAC

Dr. Srikanth Khanna, Registrar

Dr. G S Srirangarajan, Coordinator IQAC & Controller of Examinations

Dr. Muralikrishna Molli, Deputy Coordinator IQAC

### External experts:

Dr. Rama K, Former NAAC advisor

Sri Rangarajan Krishnan, CEO, Five Star Business Solutions, Chennai

Sri Prashanth Raju, Director and Chief Executive, Trayee Business Solutions

Ms. Janaki T, In-charge, Principal, Smt. Eswaramma High School

### Advisors to IQAC:

Prof. Rani P L, Professor, Department of Languages & Literature

Dr. S Balasubramanian, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics & Computer Science

### IQAC Internal Members:

Dr. Sripada Lakshminath, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry

Dr. (Mrs.) G Padmavathy, Assistant Professor, Department of Management & Commerce

Dr. (Mrs.) A Sumana, Assistant Professor, Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences

Dr. (Mrs.) C Prathibha, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics

Dr. Siddhartha R, Assistant Professor, Department of Languages & Literature

Dr. Sivakiran Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences

Sri K K Sai Anand, Assistant Professor, Department of Biosciences

Mrs. B Saisoujanya Kumari, Assistant Professor, Department of Education

Sri Nishikant Barodekar, Asst. Professor, Department of Performing Arts





Ms. Behara Roopa Sri, Doctoral Research Scholar, Department of Mathematics & Computer Science

Sri K V R K Bhargav, Deputy Manager, IQAC

Sri Vemula Ajay Kumar, Asst. Manager, Examinations

Sri Bhushanam Rangasairaju, Asst. Manager, Administration

### **Champions of NAAC steering teams:**

Dr. Shailesh Srivastava, Associate Professor, Department of Physics

Dr. Sai Shyam, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics & Computer Science

Dr. Sripada Lakshminath, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry

Dr. B E Pradeep, Associate Professor, Department of Biosciences

The meeting started with a prayer to Bhagawan.

### **Agenda & Discussion Points**

Chairperson IQAC, welcomed all the external experts and the members of IQAC and underscored the importance of SSSIHL's preparedness for 4<sup>th</sup> cycle of accreditation due in 2026-27.

Coordinator IQAC then presented the salient initiatives of SSSIHL after the first quarter meeting of IQAC held on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2024.

### **Submission of AQAR 2022-23 and AQAR 2023-24**

The Coordinator of IQAC informed the members that AQAR 2022-23 was submitted on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024, and AQAR 2023-24 was submitted on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

### **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Trademarks & Patents**

Dr. B.E Pradeep updated the committee about the IPR cell and its different activities like preparation of non-disclosure forms, tie up with a legal firm for help in patent filing etc. He also updated the members that in this assessment year, 3 patents have been planned.

**Status of implementation of Outcome-Based Education (OBE)-** Dr. Balasubramanian reported that the implementation of OBE is underway with preparation of Department Vision, Mission, POs, PSOs and COs of programmes already completed. He appreciated the progress done by Department of Mathematics & Computer Science and urged other departments also to move swiftly to implement it.





## **Industry – Academia Interaction under the aegis of IIC**

Chairperson IQAC updated the members about the Industry Academia Roundtable held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 which had participation from 20 industrialists.

## **Establishment of Sri Sathya Sai Research and Innovation Foundation (SSSRIF)**

Chairperson IQAC shared the news of establishment of the SSSRIF on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 which will give a fillip to the innovation ecosystem of SSSIHL. He listed the recent innovations of SAI-GC and listing of AMRx (Anti-microbial resistance) in top 100 AI early movers of 2024 in the Microsoft coffee table book.

## **Focus on SDGs**

Dr. Muralikrishna highlighted that for NIRF, 5 % marks are considered for the SDGs Category. Referring to SDGs, Chairperson IQAC shared the activities being undertaken under the Green Cell.

Dr. Rama K suggested that SSSIHL should apply under the SDGs category next time in NIRF. She recommended focusing on the outcomes of the energy and waste recycling undertaken at SSSIHL, which will help in the SDG metrics of NIRF. She added that social sciences can add more value in research publications in the domain of SDGs.

## **Innovation in Curriculum and Teaching & Learning**

Dr. Rama K suggested that to improve learning and to fulfil the latest guidelines of UGC to teach in Indian languages, the teachers can translate their study material into other languages for students.

Dr. Rama K suggested that a student of B.S (Hons.) can take few courses on SWAYAM and opt for courses being offered by Department of Performing Arts (DPA) SSSIHL, and then by fulfilling the required credits can gain a second degree for e.g. a B.A. in Music.

She also suggested showing SWAYAM courses opted by students in their curriculum as new courses, as the course content and course code are different from what they study at the Institute.

## **CHAMPSTAMP – The first of its kind magazine on Sports and Cultural events at PSN Campus, SSSIHL**

Dr. Siddhartha informed the members that this magazine captured an entire year of sports and cultural activities of boys from the PSN campus.





Chairperson IQAC urged that next time it should be an issue of the collective activities of all the campuses.

### **YouTube Links for 62 Cultural Presentations by SSSIHL from 2002 onwards**

Coordinator IQAC shared with the members about the different presentations on our ancient culture and heritage, done by students of SSSIHL in the Sai Kulwant Hall.

Dr. Rama K appreciated this effort and suggested that these can be cut into theme based short videos to be used as study material for IKS related topics.

### **Admissions & Outreach**

Dr. Siddhartha mentioned that the Institute is creating Digital Marketing campaign for Meta and Google, for states where the reach of SSSIHL is less, with main focus on tier 2 and tier 3 cities.

Dr. Padmavathy informed the committee that faculty from our institute conducted a public outreach programme in Coimbatore, where 1000 parents attended. She said that many parents expressed that they were not aware of such an Institute imparting Values-based integral education.

Chairperson IQAC updated the committee that the Institute is planning to reach out to all the samithis of SSSSO as part of this outreach initiative, and that the initial discussion regarding the same has already taken place with the All-India President of SSSSO.

Sri Rangarajan appreciated the YouTube content of the Institute. He suggested embracing social media in a big way to reach out to prospective candidates and their parents.

### **Cross Collaborations & Medical Initiatives**

Sri Prashanth Raju underscored the importance of the incubation centre, which according to him will have lot of scope for cross collaborations.

He welcomed the formation of the alumni association, which he said will create more synergy among the alumni and the alma mater.

Sri Rangarajan suggested exploration of Alumni angel investor funds to commercialize products like AMR.

### **Academic Regulations and National Examinations**

Dr. Rama K advised the members that a careful distinction has to be made between guidelines and regulations, wherein regulations have to be complied with and guidelines are only suggestive in nature.





She said that the Institute can take a call on admitting students based on the National Examinations (CUET), to improve the demand ratio for UG or PG. She added that this decision has to be taken carefully as that will mandate us to follow their academic calendar.

Dr. Rama K underscored the need to publish semester results within a span of 20 days.

### **Research guidelines, Publications and Journal Quality**

Dr. Rama K emphasized the need to do a thorough analysis of research performance and quality of publications.

Dr. Rama K mentioned that Humanities and Social Sciences have a vast potential to publish in domains like Population Science, Statistical Journals, Gender issues, Health and Hygiene. She suggested that collaboration with other departments can give them scope to publish in high quality journals. She gave examples of Sociology + Anthropology, Gender issues + Health, Food Science + Health.

She also emphasized on the importance of inclusion of SDGs in the research papers to enhance the probability of being published and having a higher citation index.

She suggested participation in premier conferences like the one on education which happens once in 2 years in September in Oxford University.

Dr. Rama K recommended that SSSIHL being a private university should focus more on part-time PhDs.

She recommended taking up one thrust area in a department and attract good faculty in that area to get good research scholars.

She also advised to be careful in collaborating with foreign bodies to ensure that the foreign bodies do not take a bigger share of the credit for the research work undertaken.

### **Innovation, Incubation and Patents**

Dr. B E Pradeep said we have a half dozen patents pending completion.

Dr. Rama K mentioned Patents must be associated with the institution, while faculty names should be credited.





Talking about incubation centre, she said that alumni and faculty can be incubatees in this centre, where collaborations and cocreations with the local community should be encouraged.

She also suggested to explore student patents, which can be registered in the name of the Institute.

### **NEP based inputs**

Dr. Rama K suggested addition of community projects in extended curricular components.

### **Alumni**

Dr. Rama K stressed the importance of an alumni survey, akin to Student Satisfaction Survey, in addition to preparing the alumni database, as this is likely to be a part of the new accreditation process.

She also emphasized on the periodic interaction of the alumni with the present students of the Institute.

She said that graduated students who are self-employed, like a farmer who can furnish proofs of their self-employment, can be considered for placements.

### **Best Practices**

Dr. Rama K appreciated the unique concept of Total Academic Performance prize (TAP) and Total Academic Improvement (TAI) prize given to students and suggested to report it as a best practice.

She also suggested to write articles on the self-reliance initiatives like Brass band, Nadaswaram, etc.

### **Faculty Development Programmes (FDP)**

Dr. Padmavathy highlighted that over 100 faculty have participated in FDP in the last one year.

Chairperson IQAC specified that any help from administration side for any special grants for attending FDPs will be provided.

### **Perception**

Dr. Rama K suggested to also have international experts in the academic peers list, which is provided to the NIRF when they elicit such a list.





Talking about perception of the industry, she suggested reaching out to the HR of our major employers through our alumni.

### Distinct Category

Dr. Rama K advised SSSIHL to hold on to its core values and not compromise these values for accreditation and other parameters. She suggested that SSSIHL can visit other institutions, which have similar vision and mission. She said that good institutions should stand for their value systems and not be too flexible to fulfil accreditation requirements.

Finally, Dr. Rama K emphatically suggested that with the potential and work ethics of SSSIHL, it should aim for Level 4 of Maturity-based Grading Level when these levels are released by NAAC.

The meeting concluded with a prayer.

Signature and Seal

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