AUTONOMY PROGRESS REPORT

JAI HIND COLLEGE AUTONOMOUS

2019-20

The academic calendar 2019-20 marked the second year of autonomy.

At the very onset, the Ordinances of the College were put up on the website after they were scrutinised by an academic and legal expert.

Orientation programs were organized for students and teachers at various levels to create awareness of the autonomous system. Queries regarding placement , AAA were addressed by the Principal.

Analyses of question papers were duly conducted by the moderators/paper setters to assess the percent application of HOTS.

Research component introduced from Semester IV across all courses as a project component which differs from subject to subject

Research Committee was constituted with senior faculty members.

Faculty development program was conducted on the 28th of November "Teachers of Today – How to use digital space effectively". Prof Vishnukant Chatpalli who is the UGC nominee as well as NAAC advisor also conducted a seminar for Jai Hind faculty on the 21st of November, 2019 on how to achieve and sustain academic excellence.

Two new collaborations with different institutes were entered into – MoU with Business Risk Management, London and MoU with Wadhwani Foundation on Entrepreneurship

National Seminar on IPR was organised on the 10th of December 2019.

Academic and administrative audit was conducted on the 11th and 12th of December 2019.

Examination Audit was held in February 2020.

Financial Audit was also held in the first half of 2020.

The recommendations of both the audits were placed before the Governing body and suggestions for implementation of recommendations sought.

The syllabi for all courses were revised for odd and even semesters. The same was discussed with the Board of Studies members who ratified the syllabi followed by the Academic Council and subsequently the Governing Body. The syllabi was revised keeping in mind the following factors:

1. Student's feedback
2. Global trends
3. Market demand
4. Practical knowledge through internships
5. Development of communication skills
6. Study of social and contemporary issues
7. Use of innovative pedagogical tools

The beginning of 2020 saw the advent of Corona pandemic resulting in total lockdown from Mar 2020 onwards.

To relieve mental anxiety and psychological stress due to uncertainty, virtual meetings were held with faculty, students and parents and also with Principals of other colleges in the vicinity, for academic planning and exchange of ideas.

A number of other activities conducted by staff and students for intellectual and social engagement, mental and physical well-being, were also conducted such as digital start-ups, Block chain technology, Stress buster workshops, Yoga and Prana Dharna. A noteworthy start-up by the students was procurement and distribution of masks to front-line workers. A number of social activities were also carried out, eg. supply of food and other daily provisions to the needy.

e-Shodh, an online research meet was organised where students participated in large numbers from several notable colleges across the length of India.

Teachers were trained for teaching on digital platforms by an Online Task Force – 'TEACH' comprising of faculty members.

The M.Sc. Big Data Analytics course was ratified by the Academic Council and Governing body. This was a premier course in collaboration with TCS which was offered by only 6 other institutes in India and only one other, St Xavier's College in Mumbai.

The unique feature of this course at Jai Hind was that the course was offered to students from other streams also, such as BMS, BAF, BBI, BFM, BBI, Economics, etc. Such students needed to successfully complete a Bridge Course in either Maths/Statistics/ IT depending upon his background, before the commencement of the actual Data Analytics course. The total number of available seats was 30. The syllabus for the course was designed with key features from Mathematics and IT and hence is also of an interdisciplinary nature.

Two Academic Council meets were held. The first was on 16.9.2019. The second Academic Council meet got postponed due to the pandemic and was held by circulation through mail sent on 30.10.2020.

The Governing Body meet was also held twice a year – on 21.12.2019 and the second again got postponed due to the pandemic and was eventually held on the 10th of December, 2020 through online zoom meet.

 Finance committee meetings were also held as per schedule.

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