

Report on the Two-Day National Workshop on “Building a Stronger IQAC: Strategies for Sustainable Quality Enhancement”

Organized by: Government Arts College, Maninagar, Ahmedabad

In Collaboration with: State Quality Assurance Cell (SQAC), Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG)

Dates: 14–15 October 2025

Venue: KCG Auditorium, Pragna Puram Campus, KCG, Navarangpura, Ahmedabad

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Government Arts College, Maninagar, Ahmedabad in collaboration with the State Quality Assurance Cell (SQAC) of the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG), successfully organized a **two-day National Workshop on “Building a Stronger IQAC: Strategies for Sustainable Quality Enhancement”** on 14th and 15th October 2025 at KCG, Ahmedabad. The workshop aimed to promote deliberations, exchange best practices, and develop strategies for the sustainable enhancement of quality in higher education to spur holistic development across various universities of the state.

Inaugural Session

The inaugural ceremony was graced by distinguished dignitaries. **Prof. Dr. Bhaskar Bhattacharya**, Director, IQAC, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), remained present as the *Chief Guest*. **Dr. Bhavna Mehta** from The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda (MSU) joined as the *Guest of Honour*. The session was presided over by **Dr. Namita Sharma**, Principal, Government Arts College, Maninagar, in the presence of **Dr. Pinal Doshi**, IQAC Coordinator, and **Prof. Dr. Mukesh Vachhani**, O.S.D., SQAC–KCG.

The workshop witnessed the participation of more than 80 **IQAC Directors and Coordinators from various universities of Gujarat**. **IQAC Directors of renowned universities** across the country viz Banaras Hindu University, University of Mumbai, University of Delhi, Devi Ahilyabai University (Indore), Dhirubhai Ambani University, Ahmedabad and M.S. University of Baroda were invited as resource persons to lead eight sessions over a period of two days. The sessions were curated to foster capacity building and promote research, facilitate deliberation on quality assurance framework and encourage the sharing of best practices amongst various universities of the country.

Technical Sessions – Day One

In his keynote address, **Prof. Dr. Bhaskar Bhattacharya** from (BHU) emphasized the crucial parameters for strengthening IQACs and ensuring sustained quality improvement in higher education. He elaborated on the **National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)** and approaches to curriculum enhancement in line with national standards. **Dr. Smita Shukla** from the University of Bombay engaged an interesting session and shared *Best practices and Case studies* from universities that have secured high accreditation and grades. **Dr. Bhavna Mehta (MSU, Baroda)** provided valuable insights into *Capacity Building* and *Faculty development* as key drivers of institutional growth.

Technical Sessions – Day Two

The second day featured thought-provoking sessions by eminent academicians. **Dr. Mukesh kumar Mehlawat**, IQAC Director, University of Delhi, delivered an eye opening session on promotion of research in the universities and highlighted the importance of integrating *research with IQAC functions* to strengthen institutional performance. He provided precise guidance on the *value, ethics, and authenticity of research* and discussed IQAC's vital role in safeguarding institutions against predatory and fraudulent publications.

Dr. Mukesh Tiwari from the Dhirubhai Ambani Institute presented an engaging session on the *use of technology and online tools* to enhance the effectiveness and focus of IQAC operations. **Dr. Pratosh Bansal** from Devi Ahilyabai University, Indore, offered a detailed analysis of the *role of IQAC in institutional quality improvement* and its long-term sustainability.

Valedictory Session

The valedictory session was graced by **Dr. Neerja Arun Gupta**, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University, as the *Chief Guest*. In her address, Dr. Gupta commended Government Arts College, Maninagar, and SQAC–KCG for organizing a workshop of such academic and institutional significance. She emphasized that *quality enhancement is a continuous and evolving process* and appreciated the efforts of the organizers for curating a program that addressed the contemporary needs of higher education institutions. Dr. Gupta also praised the meticulous planning, the selection of eminent speakers, and the overall execution of the workshop, describing it as “a timely and commendable initiative.” Dr. Sharma, Principal of Government Arts College, Maninagar urged the participants to carry forward the insights and strategies gained during the workshop and continue to build stronger, more vibrant IQACs. Head of the SQAC, KCG, Dr. Vacchani declared this workshop as the beginning of many more conversations, collaborations, and innovations in future for Quality Enhancement in Higher Education sector in Gujarat. IQAC Coordinator of the college Dr. Pinal Doshi

delivered a formal vote of thanks expressing her gratitude to the Commissioner of Higher Education, Gujarat Government, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Gujarat University, Eminent resource persons, IQAC directors from universities across Gujarat, team SQAC, KCG and the team GAC, Maninagar for their invaluable support, contribution and commitment towards the cause of Quality Augmentation in Education.

Participants from various universities expressed *highly positive feedback*, noting that the sessions were insightful, comprehensive, and well-structured. The thematic coherence, professional management of the workshop and the team spirit exhibited by the host college in organisation of the event received wide appreciation.

Acknowledgements

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The organizers gratefully acknowledge the guidance and collaboration of patron **Shri Dilip Kumar Rana IAS**, Commissioner of Higher Education and CEO KCG, and **Dr. Praveen Patel** and **Dr. Yogesh Yadav**, Joint CEOs, KCG, whose support ensured the smooth and impactful execution of this academic endeavour.

Key Takeaways of the Workshop :

- Understanding of the Role of IQAC in Quality Enhancement & Accreditation Preparedness and Leadership
- Interactions with distinguished Professors and IQAC directors from top notch Universities of India
- Deliberations on Key Parameters for Quality Enhancement in Universities
- Exposure to Best Practices and Success Stories from accredited Universities with high grades
- IQAC's Role in Fostering Research, Innovation and Extension Activities
 - Different Types of Audits under NAAC Framework (Academic, Administrative, Green, Gender, Energy, etc.)
- Leveraging ICT in IQAC Functioning- Automation of quality assurance processes, Online tools and MIS systems for IQAC
- Outcome Based Education and its integration with IQAC, Capacity Building and Faculty Development

- Curriculum Design and Development in Universities
- Certificate of Participation to all attendees

Brochure, Schedule and Photographs: The brochure, Schedule of the Workshop along with photographs and video recording of the event is enclosed.

Schedule:		
Day - 1 [14/10/2025]		
Time	Session	Resource Person
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration and Breakfast	
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM		Inaugural function
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Session 1	Speaker: Dr. Bhaskar Bhattacharya Professor of Physics & Director IQAC, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi Topic: Discussion on Various Key Parameters for Quality Enhancement
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Session 2	Speaker: Dr. Bhaskar Bhattacharya Topic: Curriculum Development and NIRF
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Lunch Break	
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Session 3	Speaker: Dr. Smita Shukla Director, ADMIFMS & Director IQAC, University of Mumbai Topic: Best Practices and Case Studies from Accredited Universities with High Grades
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Session 4	Speaker: Dr. Bhavna Mehta Professor, Department of Social Work & Director IQAC, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda Topic: Capacity Building and Faculty Development
Day - 2 [15/10/2025]		
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Breakfast	
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Session 1	Speaker: Dr. Mukesh Kumar Mehlawat Professor Department of Operational Research & Director IQAC, University of Delhi Topic: The Role of IQAC in Enhancing Universities' Research Profile
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Session 2	Speaker: Dr. Mukesh Kumar Mehlawat Topic: Fostering Innovation and Extension activities in Universities
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Lunch Break	
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Session 3	Speaker: Dr. Mukesh Tiwari Associate Professor & Director IQAC Dhirubhai Ambani University, Ahmedabad Topic: Leveraging ICT In IQAC Functioning, Automation of Quality Assurance Processes, Online Tools and MIS Systems For IQAC
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Session 4	Speaker: Dr. Pratosh Bansal Director, Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET), Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore Topic: Role of IQAC in Quality Enhancement and Accreditation Preparedness
5:30 PM onwards	Valedictory & Awarding of Certificates	











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