

# OP JINDAL UNIVERSITY, PUNJIPATHRA, RAIGARH

## Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Ref. No.: OPJU/IQAC/2025/01

Date: 18/09/2025

### Minutes of the Meeting

The IQAC meeting with all team members is held on **18<sup>th</sup> September** at **04.00 am** via online mode using OPJU Zoom Platform.

The meeting aims to discuss key agenda points related to enhancing quality in **academics, research,** and other **institutional activities.**

1. NEP based curriculum – Credit Structure
2. Industry-Academia Engagement Model – STEEL
3. IQAC Calendar and Activity Plan
4. Preparation for NABL Certification
5. NBA Preparation
6. Status of International Accreditation – NECHE
7. Conducting AAA Audit for the session Jan–June 2025
8. Data Collection for AQAR, NIRF, NECHE, NBA, and Rankings
9. Any Other Matter with Permission of the Chairperson

The joining details below:

**Topic: IQAC meeting**

Time: Sep 18, 2025 16:00 IndiaJoin Zoom Meeting

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External Member Present:

1. Mr. Om Prakash, President and CEO-Mining, JPL
2. Dr. Preeti Singh, Representatives of Parents
3. Mr. Amit Chatterjee, Representatives of students
4. Mr. Sumit Pal, Representatives of students

The meeting commenced with Dr. M. Kalyan Phani, Director of IQAC, extending a formal welcome to all attendees, including the newly inducted members of the IQAC committee. He conveyed his appreciation for their presence and emphasized the significance of the session, particularly the importance of collective engagement in ensuring the effectiveness of IQAC initiatives. Subsequently, Dr. M. Kalyan Phani outlined and presented the agenda items for deliberation.

S.No.	Agenda Point	Discussion	Action Taken Report
1	NEP based curriculum – Credit Structure	Dr. M. Kalyan Phani, Director of IQAC, informed the members that the University has implemented the NEP based curriculum, comprising a total of 183 credits, with 160 credits allocated to major courses and 23 credits to minor courses, in alignment with the National Higher Education Qualifications Framework (NHEQF) guidelines. He further highlighted that several key components of the NEP including four-year degree programs, Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), regional languages, and Value-Added Courses (VAC) have already been incorporated into various academic programs. The revised syllabus has been introduced and is being taught to students from the current semester onwards.	Responsibility: All HoDs
2	Industry-Academia Engagement Model – STEEL	Dr. R. D. Patidar, Vice Chancellor, apprised the members that OPJU is evolving into a skill-oriented, innovation-led, and creativity-focused institution, aligned with the principles of NEP 2020 and the emerging challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. He highlighted that the University is being shaped through the STEEL approach (Skill-based, Technology-driven, Experiential & Engaged Learning), moving beyond content-heavy instruction towards context-rich, problem-based learning environments. This model is designed to prepare students not only for employment but also to cultivate lifelong curiosity, adaptability, and societal impact.  Dr. Patidar further informed that the University is planning strategic collaborations with leading industries such as Jindal Steel, JSW, and JPL, wherein academic and industry mentors will jointly work as collaborators to	Responsibility: All HoDs

		<p>redesign the curriculum in alignment with contemporary industry requirements.</p> <p>Remarks: Mr. Om Prakash, President &amp; CEO, Mining, JPL, appreciated the vision and congratulated Dr. R. D. Patidar for introducing such a unique and contemporary approach. He emphasized that the STEEL curriculum aligns with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Hon'ble Chairman of Jindal Steel under the Skill India initiative. He also recommended that some fundamental science subjects be retained in the first year to strengthen students' conceptual understanding of technical domains.</p>	
3	IQAC Calendar and Activity Plan	<p>Dr. Nitya M., Deputy Director of IQAC, shared the IQAC Calendar outlining various quality-related initiatives planned for the current academic year. These include workshops, seminars, feedback mechanisms, and related activities aimed at strengthening academic quality and enhancing stakeholder engagement.</p>	Responsibility: IQAC
4	Preparation for NABL Certification	<p>Dr. Nitya M. and Dr. Mahasakti Mahamaya informed the members that the Departments of Civil Engineering and Metallurgical &amp; Materials Engineering (MME) are actively working towards obtaining NABL certification. The application process has already been completed, and the external review team visit is expected by November-December 2025.</p> <p>Remarks: Mr. Om Prakash suggested establishing a Geology and Coal Quality Laboratory and seeking NABL certification, highlighting that such an initiative would greatly benefit the surrounding industries. The Vice Chancellor, Dr. R. D. Patidar, further recommended that the Department of Mining Engineering laboratories should also initiate preparations for NABL certification.</p>	Responsibility: NABL Team and Civil and MME HoDs,

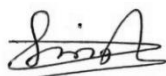
5	NBA Preparation	<p>Dr. R. D. Patidar, Vice Chancellor, informed the members that OPJU has recently been awarded an ‘A’ Grade by NAAC. To further enhance the quality of teaching and learning processes, the University now plans to pursue National Board of Accreditation (NBA) for all departments in a phased manner.</p> <p>Dr. M. Kalyan Phani, Director of IQAC, apprised the members that data collection as per the NBA manual is currently in progress. He also requested the wholehearted support and cooperation of all Heads of Departments in facilitating the accreditation process.</p>	Responsibility: IQAC and All HoDs
6	Status of International Accreditation – NECHE	<p>Dr. R. D. Patidar, Vice Chancellor, informed the members that, alongside national accreditations and rankings, the University is also actively pursuing international accreditation. An application has already been submitted to the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).</p> <p>Dr. M. Kalyan Phani, Director of IQAC, reported that the initial draft of the self-study data and report has been prepared and will be submitted shortly. He further noted that the IQAC team anticipates a NECHE eligibility visit by December 2025 to review the University’s preparedness against the required criteria.</p>	Responsibility: IQAC and All HoDs
7	Conducting AAA Audit for the session Jan–June 2025	<p>Dr. M. Kalyan Phani, Director of IQAC, informed the members that the Academic Administrative Audit (AAA) for the January–June 2025 session will commence in the last week of September 2025, with the audit process scheduled to be conducted after October 15, 2025.</p> <p>Dr. Deepak Singh, Deputy Director, IQAC, apprised the members that modifications have been incorporated into the AAA form to strengthen and streamline data collection. He further suggested that all supporting documents be uploaded to the DigiCampus portal to ensure centralized and efficient online storage.</p>	Responsibility: IQAC and All HoDs

8	Data Collection for AQAR, NIRF, NECHE, NBA, and Rankings	<p>Dr. R. D. Patidar, Vice Chancellor, emphasized that rankings and accreditations serve as an important gap analysis tool to evaluate the quality of the education system. He highlighted that these processes help in strengthening and enhancing the teaching-learning ecosystem.</p> <p>Dr. M. Kalyan Phani, Director of IQAC, shared that data collection for the forthcoming NIRF, AQAR, and other ranking frameworks is underway. The collected data is being systematically analyzed with the objective of improving institutional scores in alignment with the respective guidelines.</p>	Responsibility: IQAC and All HoDs
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As the meeting concluded, Dr. M. Kalyan Phani, Director of IQAC, expressed sincere gratitude to all participants for their invaluable contributions. He formally acknowledged their thoughtful inputs and reaffirmed the University’s commitment to carefully considering the suggestions shared.

Mr. Om Prakash and other external members offered valuable insights and appreciated the University’s long-term vision for enhancing the teaching-learning process. They also commended its alignment with national initiatives such as Skill India, reflecting a shared commitment to nation-building.

Dr. Deepak Singh assured the gathering that the institution would adopt a proactive approach in integrating these perspectives into its policies, underscoring a strong focus on collaboration and continuous improvement.



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