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HIGHER EDUCATION"

Report

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Smt. M.M. P. Shah Women's College of Arts & Commerce in collaboration with Dr. BMN College of Home Science organized a one-day conference on "**Quality Enhancement in Higher Education**" on 12th October 2025. The objective of the conference was to deliberate upon the emerging trends, challenges, and frameworks that influence quality in higher education institutions in India.

The conference began with a welcome address by Ms. Hemlata, BMS Coordinator and Criterion II facilitator. Principal Dr. Archana Patki delivered the preamble of the conference and highlighted the significance of continuous quality improvement in the context of changing educational paradigms. All the resource persons were felicitated with a token of appreciation. The conference was attended by Principal, Vice Principal and IQAC coordinator including 47 faculty members from various disciplines.

Session I: Understanding Proposed Binary Accreditation Framework

The first session was conducted by Dr. Sanjay Kharat an eminent educationist, Principal of Modern College Pune , who provided an in-depth understanding of the **Proposed Binary Accreditation Framework** recently introduced by **NAAC**. The speaker explained how the binary system aims to simplify accreditation by categorizing institutions as "*Accredited*" or "*Not Accredited*," focusing more on outcomes, institutional performance, and accountability. He

advocated to develop the strategic plan for the upcoming NAAC. He emphasized the need for uniform data at all platforms including NIRF, AISHE and One Nation One Data. The session emphasized the importance of aligning institutional processes with the quality indicators prescribed by NAAC and maintaining data transparency, documentation and public involvement in assessment. The session concluded with a question and answer discussion monitored by Dr. Avaneesh Bhat, Vice Principal.

Session II: National Education Policy (NEP) and Examination Reforms

The second session, led by Dr. A.G Gosavi, Former Principal of Modern College and presently associated with CEDA Pune, focused on the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and examination reforms**. The resource person discussed the shift towards continuous and comprehensive evaluation, multidisciplinary learning, and outcome-based education. The speaker elaborated on the need to redesign assessment methods to test conceptual understanding, critical thinking, and practical skills instead of rote learning. The session encouraged educators to integrate technology and adopt innovative evaluation practices in line with NEP recommendations. He emphasized the need of a workshop for preparing question papers to upgrade the quality of learning and teaching in education. He also spoke about how autonomy can bring innovations in HEIs however there are a number of challenges the Higher Education Institutions are facing. The session concluded with a question answer discussion monitored by Dr. Jyotsana Lal, IQAC Co-ordinator.

Session III: Role and Challenges of Teachers in the Present Scenario

The third session was delivered by Dr. Beena Inamdar, former Principal of Symbiosis College of Arts & Commerce Pune, who spoke on the **“Role and Challenges of Teachers in the Present Scenario.”** The speaker highlighted the evolving role of teachers as facilitators, mentors, and researchers in the digital era. The discussion focused on challenges such as maintaining student engagement, adapting to online and blended learning models, and updating pedagogical skills to

meet the expectations of modern learners. She highlighted how the technology is misused by today's generation and its responsibility of teachers to show them proper path in today's tech driven era. The session inspired participants to embrace innovation, lifelong learning, and emotional intelligence as essential components of teaching excellence. Also, she stated that work should be enjoyed to get a fruitful outcome. The session concluded with a question answer discussion monitored by Dr. Madhavi Sathe, HoD of Food and Nutrition department.

Conclusion

The conference concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, followed by closing remarks and key takeaways by Dr. Madhavi Sathe, Head of Food and Nutrition Department and facilitator of Criterion VI. The event successfully provided a platform for educators to reflect on quality parameters and share best practices in higher education. Participants appreciated the insightful deliberations and resolved to implement the learnings in the institution.

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