

# MARIS STELLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), VIJAYAWADA-520008

## IQAC External Peer Team report

2018-19

The IQAC External Peer Team visited Maris Stella College (Autonomous), on 26.06.2019. The team reviewed the functioning of the statutory bodies of the college, checked the documentation of the various other bodies and processes and interacted with the management and the faculty.

### **The team's observations :**

Maris Stella College, autonomous since 2003, is a NAAC 'A' level accredited institution, that is currently seeking re-accreditation in the fourth cycle. It is recognized by the UGC as a 'College with Potential for Excellence', is ISO 9001:2015 certified and has been ranked by India Today at Arts : 69, Science: 80, Commerce : 90, BMS: 20.

The team verified the Annual Report of the college for 2018-19, the AQAR, the minutes of the Governing Body, Academic Council, the Boards of Studies, the Finance Committee and the audited statement of expenditure.

### **Observations on key aspects:**

**Admissions** are as per university norms. Academic schedule is organized and smooth, unfolding according to the **academic calendar** planned for the year. There is a healthy use of **ICT tools** in the **teaching-learning process**. Teachers are involved in delivering **holistic education** through a range of extra-curricular activities, offline and online certificate courses and club activities that are offered. The **mentor system** ensures that every student is assured of individual attention and guidance.

**Curriculum** is reviewed and updated regularly. **Faculty Development Programmes**, refresher and orientation programmes, **research activities** in the form of paper presentations, publications and projects keep the faculty updated in their disciplines. Faculty and students are supported in their academic endeavours by an **excellent library** that has incorporated the latest in technology and offers training and information on e-resources.

A number of **student support services** such as mid-day meals, book bank, freeships and scholarships, gym, free internet access, hostel facilities, RO plant for pure drinking water, canteen and bank are available. NCC, NSS, well maintained sports and games facilities, STARS for extension activities, are some of the other features for the benefit of students.

**Good governance, leadership and management** marked by **transparency** and **delegation of responsibilities** has kept the college on a growth trajectory.

While regular training programmes ready students for the job market, the institutional vision and mission direct the campus community towards **ethical values** and gives the students a grounding in life skills.

The IQAC, assisted by the Vice-Principals and Deans has been initiating quality sustenance and enhancement measures consistently.

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