

MARIS STELLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), VIJAYAWADA-520008

IQAC External Peer Team Report

2020-2021

The IQAC External Peer Team visited the college on 22.04.2021 to review the functioning of the statutory bodies of the college, check the documentation of the various bodies and processes and interact with the management and faculty.

The team's observations:

Maris Stella College, autonomous since 2003, is a NAAC accredited institution. 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: 75, Science: 97, Commerce: 105, BMS: 46.

The team verified the Annual Report of the college for 2020-21, 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:

As a minority institution, the college makes its own **admissions**, following all prescribed norms. The academic schedule had to be re-organized due to the disruptions caused by the pandemic but the modified **academic calendar** planned for the year was completed successfully, making it possible to begin the academic year 2021-22 on 5th July 2021.

Curriculum has been revised, in consonance with the norms of Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education and the new curriculum implemented from the academic year 2020-21.

The faculty and students have been able to negotiate the blended mode of teaching-learning effectively. A healthy use of **ICT tools** in the **teaching-learning process** is evident. Teachers are involved in delivering **holistic education** through a range of extra-curricular activities, offline and online certificate courses and club activities. Most of the planned activities have been carried out virtually because of the constraints placed by the pandemic. The **mentoring system** has ensured

that every student is assured of individual attention and guidance to cope with the stressful conditions prevailing.

Faculty Development Programmes, refresher and orientation programmes, **research activities** in the form of paper presentations, publications and projects have been pursued despite the pandemic. Faculty and students have been 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, freships 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. Some of these services had to be curtailed because of the pandemic.

Good governance, leadership and management have helped the institution to **innovate, improvise and initiate measures** to tide over the unprecedented crisis of the times.


The IQAC, assisted by the Vice-Principals and Deans, has played a substantial role in the adaptations that were called for in the challenging pandemic situation, in order to sustain and enhance quality.

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