

**IQAC Cluster of India** : PE Society's Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Ganeshkhind has been one of the lead colleges to lead IAQC Cluster. This is an initiative of mentoring and supporting HEIs for enhancing quality in higher education through co-operation and by providing neighbourhood assistance.

### **Goals of the Cluster**

- To create a performing IQAC in HEIs of India with adequate knowledge, skills and quality tools through cooperation.
- To provide a 24 X 7 knowledge support to the remotest institutions in India with the easiest available technological support

**Scope/Reach** : Nine clusters comprising of 220 colleges have been formed and are working well. (Two in Pune, One in Solapur, One at Khamgaon, Four in Mumbai, one in Bidar, Karnataka. One independent cluster at New Delhi)

**Methodology** : Whatsapp groups/ Telegram group and Google groups help communication over distances and help sharing details. It is a group which is dedicated to discussion on issues such as IQAC, NAAC and areas of higher education. Now have launched a website : [www.iqacclusterindia.com](http://www.iqacclusterindia.com) to provide essential information and work as a ready reckonor for aspiring HEIs.

### **Activities / Outcomes**

- Hosted and facilitated (10 in 2018-19) meetings of the cluster for designing syllabus for FDPs and creation of SSR Manuals as and dissemination of Manuals.
- The cluster is working for generating awareness about the processes and procedures of IQAC for creating a healthy work culture at academic institutions.
- Standardized the procedures and processes of IQAC to segregate different activities of Quality Assurance, quality control, and quality planning.
- Instrumental signing of MOUs (8 from Maharashtra and 1 from Karnataka) covering 217 HEIs so far.
- Conducted various types of need based IQAC programs such as
- Faculty Development programs (FDP) for IQAC coordinators and IQAC personnel,
- Special workshops for Principals.
- Introductory and concept workshops for colleges
- Conducted one week FDP's on IQAC and NAAC methodology at
  - Savitribai Phule Pune University, HRDC Pune
  - Satish Pradhan Dynansadhana College Thane.
  - Velankar College, Solapur in association with Solapur University
  - Mumbai University
  - Faizpur, Jalgaon University, sponsored by Pune HRDC
- Trainers' Training : Six hundred IQAC Coordinators and IQAC Personnel have been trained.
- In-house Programs: For a large number of colleges for understanding various aspects of quality, NAAC criteria, and IQAC.

- Analysis of SSR before it is sent to NAAC
- Pre-NAAC visit guidance
- Academic and Administrative Audits about methodology of filing and a complete guidance about NAAC accreditation process.

**MOUs :** From November 2017 to February 2019, total 217 HEIs from Maharashtra have signed MOUs. Recently, sixteen HEIs from Karnataka have also signed MOUs in this cluster.

- National Seminar on “Innovative and Best Practices in Higher Education” was organized by the institution in collaboration with NAAC, Bangalore and in association with CEDA, Pune and IQAC Cluster India on 26th July, 2019.