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REPORT OF THE
ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE AUDIT 2023-24



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ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUDIT (AAA)

Advisory Note on Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA)

The **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)** has provided a structured framework and resources to elevate the quality and sustainability of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). To maintain a trajectory of excellence, HEIs are encouraged to establish an **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)** and participate in an **External Quality Assurance process**. A comprehensive system of internal monitoring and external evaluations is indispensable for assessing and improving institutional functions. The **Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA)**, as recommended by NAAC, serves as a vital tool for accredited HEIs to evaluate and enhance their processes continuously. This advisory note is intended for institutions that voluntarily undertake AAA to bolster their operational and academic quality.

Preface

The **Academic Audit** is a peer-review process that blends self-assessment with evaluations conducted by external experts. Unlike traditional reviews that focus solely on compliance with fixed standards, the Academic Audit emphasizes **self-reflection, innovation, and progressive improvement**.

The main objective of this audit is to enable departments or programs to assess their **educational quality processes**—the critical activities undertaken by faculty to ensure and improve the quality of teaching, learning, and outcomes. Through this process, faculty members are encouraged to evaluate:

- The decision-making approaches they adopt for curriculum and teaching.
- How they organize and utilize institutional resources.
- Their collaborative efforts in delivering quality education.

The audit is designed not just to identify gaps but also to encourage departments to innovate and adopt best practices, ultimately benefiting students and enhancing academic excellence.

About the AAA Audit

The **Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA)** is an integrated mechanism for evaluating the effectiveness of HEIs. Both academic and administrative aspects are interconnected and essential for

the institution's growth. A strong administrative foundation is critical for fostering an environment conducive to:

- Effective **teaching and learning**.
- Encouraging **research and innovation**.
- Delivering impactful **community services**.

Key Components:

1. **Administrative**

Audit

This aspect focuses on ensuring that the institution's policies, strategies, and practices align with its mission and goals. It evaluates whether the administrative infrastructure is sufficient to support academic objectives effectively.

2. **Academic**

Audit

This component examines the quality of educational offerings, teaching methodologies, research initiatives, and student learning outcomes. It provides a structured mechanism for assessing and improving the institution's academic processes.

Together, the AAA identifies improvement areas and helps institutions achieve higher levels of operational and educational excellence.

Objectives of the Audit

The primary purpose of the AAA is to foster a culture of continuous improvement. Its objectives include:

- Evaluating the **strengths and weaknesses** of academic departments and administrative units.
- Proposing actionable strategies for **enhancement and reform**.
- Identifying bottlenecks in existing systems and processes.
- Recognizing opportunities for introducing **academic, administrative, and examination reforms**.
- Assessing the **efficient utilization of resources**—both financial and non-financial.

Additionally, the audit ensures that the institution aligns its practices with **NAAC's quality criteria**, covering:

- Curriculum design and delivery.
- Teaching and learning methodologies.
- Examination and evaluation systems.
- Research and innovation initiatives.
- Infrastructure and learning resource adequacy.
- Student support systems and progression pathways.
- Unique best practices and distinct contributions to higher education.

Methodology of the Audit

The audit process is guided by a standardized proforma developed by the **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**. The proforma comprehensively evaluates **nine core areas** related to academic and administrative processes:

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| 1. Course | Content |
| The audit evaluates the relevance, depth, and alignment of the curriculum with industry and societal needs. | |
| 2. Teaching-Learning | Process |
| This involves assessing faculty teaching methods, the integration of technology, and the use of innovative approaches to enhance learning outcomes. | |
| 3. Results | |
| The performance of students in academic assessments and their progression over time is analyzed. | |
| 4. Feedback System | |
| The institution's mechanisms for collecting and acting on feedback from students, parents, alumni, and other stakeholders are reviewed. | |
| 5. Research | |
| Research activities, including faculty publications, student participation in projects, and external collaborations, are evaluated to ensure robust academic contributions. | |
| 6. Infrastructure | |
| The adequacy and quality of physical facilities, including classrooms, laboratories, libraries, and ICT resources, are examined. | |

7. **Department Administration**

Administrative efficiency and adherence to policies and procedures within individual departments are reviewed.

8. **Other Academic-Oriented Activities**

Extracurricular and co-curricular activities designed to promote holistic student development are assessed.

9. **Part-V Activities**

Efforts toward **social responsibility, community engagement, and environmental sustainability** are evaluated, reflecting the institution's commitment to societal welfare.

Outcomes of the Audit

By systematically addressing these nine areas, HEIs can:

- **Identify strengths and weaknesses** in their academic and administrative processes.
- Take **corrective measures** to address gaps and improve overall efficiency.
- Enhance the **quality of education**, research output, and administrative services.
- Foster a culture of **continuous quality enhancement**, ensuring that the institution adapts to evolving academic and societal needs.

The results of the AAA not only guide the institution in meeting NAAC's quality criteria but also position it to achieve excellence in the broader context of higher education. Through structured evaluations and feedback, institutions can sustain a trajectory of growth and maintain their relevance in a competitive educational landscape.

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Preamble of the College

Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College of Arts and Science for Women (Autonomous) stands as a beacon of higher education, established in 1996 under the visionary leadership of **Honorable Chancellor Ayya Sri A. Srinivasan**. Renowned as the pioneering institution in the Preambular District, the college was founded with a mission to provide inclusive, high-quality education and to foster research in cutting-edge fields.

The institution is dedicated to nurturing academic excellence and contributing to societal development, particularly by empowering young women from economically and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. With a steadfast commitment to equipping students with the skills and knowledge to excel in their chosen fields, the college also instills values of service and humanity in its students, preparing them to make meaningful contributions to society.

Honors and Achievements

Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College of Arts and Science for Women has garnered numerous accolades and recognitions that underscore its commitment to academic excellence:

- **UGC Recognition:**

The college is recognized under the provisions of **Sections 2(f) and 12(B)** of the **University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956**, affirming its status as a distinguished institution of higher learning.

- **NAAC Accreditations:**

- In **March 2007**, the college was accredited with an **'A' Grade** by the **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)**, achieving an impressive CGPA of **3.40**.
- In the **second cycle of accreditation (2013)**, NAAC once again awarded the college an **'A' Grade**, recognizing its continued commitment to excellence.
- During the **third cycle of accreditation (2019)**, the college was reaccredited with an extended **'A' Grade** and a **CGPA of 3.44**. This accreditation remains valid until **December 2023**, highlighting the institution's sustained quality in education.

- **Autonomous Status:**

The college achieved a significant milestone by being granted **Autonomous Status** by the UGC starting from the academic year **2017–2018**. This recognition made it the **first self-financing women's college affiliated with Bharathidasan University** to be awarded autonomy. The autonomous status, granted for a **10-year period**, empowers the institution to design its curriculum, improve pedagogy, and enhance academic flexibility to meet the needs of a dynamic educational landscape.

- **Recognition in Knowledge Review:**

In **2018**, the **Knowledge Review** magazine named Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College of Arts and Science for Women as one of "**The 10 Most Inspiring Institutes for Commerce and Arts**", applauding its dedication to delivering exceptional education in these domains.

- **NIRF Rankings:**

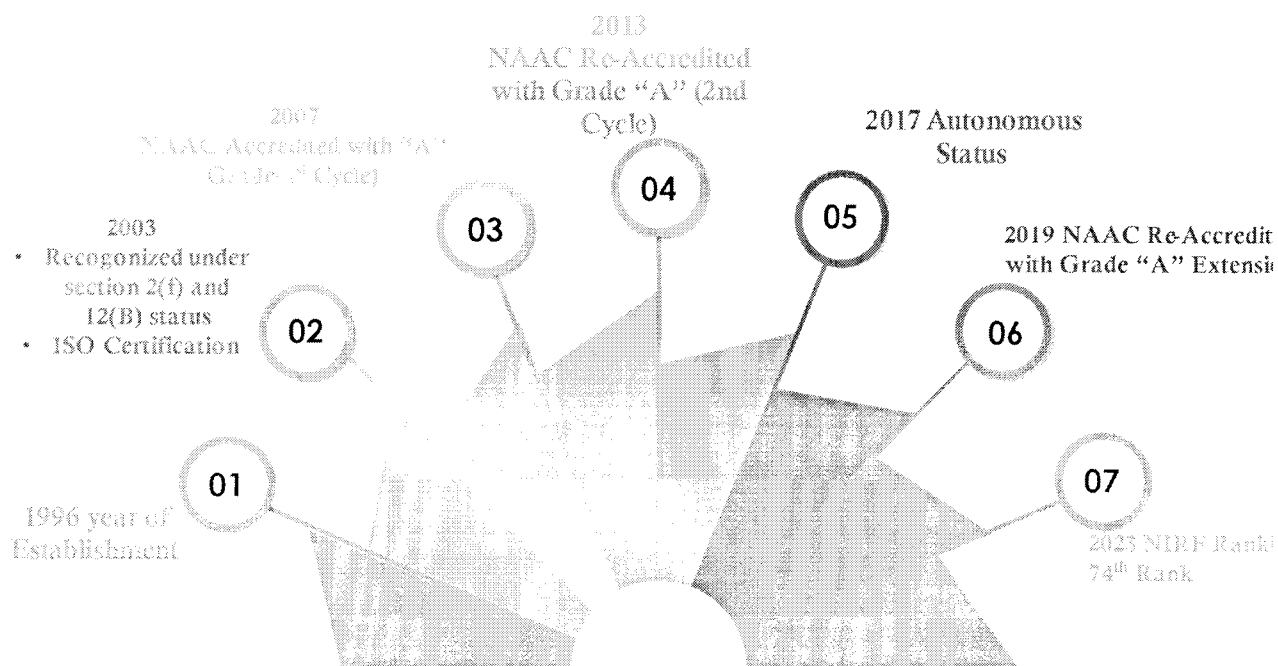
The college achieved a remarkable **74th position** in the **National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2023 Rankings**, a testament to its consistent performance in providing quality education, fostering research, and ensuring holistic student development.

- **Green Ranking Award:**

The college has been awarded the **Green Ranking Award - Gold Category** with an **A grade** by **Sustainable Institution of India - 2024** for its exceptional commitment to environmental sustainability. This prestigious recognition highlights the college's outstanding efforts in

fostering eco-friendly practices across its campus.

EVOLUTION OF THE INSTITUTION



Principal

The college is committed to maintaining academic excellence and continuous improvement through **Academic and Administrative Audits (AAA)**, systematically conducted by the **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**. The AAA serves as a comprehensive evaluation process that assesses the existing systems and identifies the strengths and areas for improvement within departments and administrative units. It aims to provide actionable recommendations for enhancing academic, administrative, and examination processes, adhering to the standards set by **NAAC** and other regulatory bodies.

On **24th and 25th April 2024**, the **AAA Committee** convened in the Principal's office to review the significant milestones achieved during the **2023–2024 academic year**. As part of the audit, the committee inspected various teaching departments, support services, administrative sections, and infrastructure facilities. In addition, they engaged in meaningful discussions with teaching staff, students, and non-teaching staff to gather diverse feedback.

Upon completion of the inspection, the committee compiled the findings into a comprehensive **AAA Report**, outlining the current strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement. The report also included strategic recommendations for further refinement of academic and administrative practices. Through the AAA process, the college demonstrates its unwavering commitment to upholding high standards of academic excellence and fostering an environment of continuous growth and quality improvement.

IQAC Coordinator

The **administrative division** of the college operates with a well-structured framework, ensuring the seamless execution of day-to-day tasks. The administrative office is equipped with modern facilities, including ergonomic furnishings and high-speed internet connectivity, to support efficient communication. Regular updates regarding college activities are shared with stakeholders through emails, phone calls, WhatsApp messages, and the **college website**.

To enhance their professional capabilities, administrative and technical staff receive basic training tailored to their roles. Each team member is fully aware of their responsibilities, which enables effective collaboration between the various sections, departments, and support services. This collective effort ensures the maintenance of both academic and administrative discipline under the strategic guidance and encouragement of the college management.

In **April 2024**, an extensive **academic and administrative audit** was carried out at the departmental level. During this process, the committee interacted with department heads, representatives from various clubs and committees, and the **Controller of Examinations**. The audit highlighted the strengths of individual departments and documented how the institution successfully turned locational challenges into opportunities. This included the integration of **innovative practices, community service, and extension activities** into the teaching-learning framework. The final audit report consolidated all key criteria and emphasized the strengths identified during the evaluation.

Audit Team

For the **2023–2024 academic year**, the college established a **comprehensive Academic and Administrative Audit Committee**. The team consisted of:

- **Principal**
- **Vice Principal**
- **Deans of all faculties**
- **Controller of Examinations**
- **NIRF Coordinator**
- **IQAC Coordinator**
- **Heads of Departments (HoDs)**

This committee conducted a detailed audit covering all facets of the institution, including teaching departments, the **library**, the **sports complex**, **computer laboratories**, the **administrative office**, and other essential facilities.

As part of the audit, faculty members presented their department's annual performance through **PowerPoint presentations (PPTs)**. The committee engaged with faculty during these sessions, facilitating interactive discussions to assess both the academic and administrative performance of the departments. The evaluation was based on a broad set of criteria that encapsulated the institution's operational and educational objectives.

The AAA process provided critical insights into areas of strength and potential improvement, ensuring that the college aligns with best practices and maintains its reputation for excellence. The institution's proactive approach to the audit process reflects its dedication to fostering innovation, addressing challenges, and consistently enhancing the quality of education and administrative services offered to its stakeholders.

Suggestions Given in Academic and Administrative Audit on **24th and 25th April 2024** are as follows.

Criterion-Wise Observations

1. Curricular Aspects

1. The institution follows a **dynamic curriculum revision policy**, ensuring the curriculum is thoroughly reviewed and updated every three years. This approach aligns with the evolving needs of industries and societal demands, maintaining its relevance and applicability.
2. The introduction of **Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS)** and **Outcome-Based Education (OBE)** frameworks emphasizes a **student-centered curriculum** that prioritizes specific learning outcomes and holistic development.

3. These revisions aim to equip students with a well-rounded education, preparing them to meet future challenges confidently and competently.
 4. The curriculum and teaching-learning strategies focus extensively on fostering **cognitive skills** among students, including critical thinking, problem-solving, analytical reasoning, and creativity.
 5. Faculty members employ innovative teaching methodologies and design course content to enhance cognitive capabilities. Activities such as case studies, research projects, seminars, and workshops provide platforms for students to apply their knowledge to practical scenarios.
 6. The institution also encourages participation in **extracurricular activities** like debates, quizzes, and cultural events, which contribute to the development of cognitive and interpersonal skills.
 7. A **robust feedback system** is in place, gathering inputs from various stakeholders, including students, faculty, parents, alumni, and employers. Systematic analysis of this feedback facilitates continuous improvement in curriculum design and teaching methods to meet stakeholder expectations effectively.
 8. Academic departments have incorporated features into their course structures that enhance employability and skill-building, fostering career readiness among students.
 9. The institution promotes **value-added courses** across all departments, providing exposure to the latest industry trends, strengthening technical knowledge, and fostering innovative thinking among students to improve their employability prospects.
 10. Under the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, the college is exploring multidisciplinary and flexible curricular approaches, integrating vocational education, internships, and skill-based certifications to empower students for global competitiveness.
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2. Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation

1. The institution fosters a conducive learning environment by providing a **holistic academic and social atmosphere** that promotes student engagement and success.
2. Adequate and high-quality teaching accommodations are in place, ensuring the infrastructure supports the curricula and caters to diverse student needs.
3. **Student-centric teaching methodologies** are prioritized, with tailored approaches to address individual interests and capabilities.
4. The use of **ICT tools** in teaching enhances interactivity and comprehension. Classrooms are equipped with modern amenities, including audio-visual aids, projectors, and smart boards, for effective teaching sessions.

5. Assessments, including **Continuous Internal Assessments (CIA)** and **End-Semester Exams**, adhere to **Bloom's Taxonomy**, ensuring a comprehensive evaluation process.
6. The **Controller of Examinations Office** maintains high standards of quality, transparency, and confidentiality in examination management.
7. Comprehensive **Question Banks** have been developed for all courses, aiding faculty and students in examination preparation.
8. The institution ensures visibility of **Program Outcomes (POs)**, **Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)**, and **Course Outcomes (COs)** on its website, offering transparency to stakeholders.
9. **Teaching plans** are meticulously developed, providing formal academic mentoring to students.
10. Guest lectures by **subject-matter experts** are organized to expand students' skill sets and knowledge horizons.
11. Regular **student satisfaction surveys** and feedback systems ensure continuous refinement of the teaching-learning experience.
12. Faculty members contribute to academic enrichment by generating **e-content** and offering **mentorship and counseling** support to students.
13. The college aligns with **NEP 2020's focus on experiential learning** by integrating vocational modules, interdisciplinary projects, and blended learning strategies.

3. Research, Innovations, and Extension

1. The college emphasizes a strong research culture, encouraging faculty and students to engage in cutting-edge projects that address real-world challenges.
2. Faculty members have published **15 Scopus-indexed research papers**, **2 UGC-approved publications**, and contributed to **4 book chapters**, showcasing a commitment to high-quality academic research.
3. The institution proudly boasts the authorship of **4 patents**, underscoring its focus on innovation and intellectual property generation.
4. Faculty have authored **4 original books** and contributed to **40 additional books**, comprising **2,000 book chapters**, reflecting a significant impact on academic literature and knowledge dissemination.
5. To promote advanced research opportunities, the college offers **Ph.D. programs** in specialized fields such as **Computer Science, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, and Management Studies**, attracting scholars and fostering a robust academic ecosystem.

6. The college has initiated several collaborative research projects, strengthened through **MoUs** with reputed national and international universities and research centers.
7. Faculty are actively involved in presenting their findings at national and international conferences, facilitating knowledge exchange and networking opportunities.
8. The college regularly organizes **research methodology workshops, hands-on training sessions, and faculty development programs (FDPs)** to enhance research capabilities.
9. Students are encouraged to contribute to research by participating in projects, publishing in student journals, and presenting at conferences, fostering an early interest in academia.
10. Research excellence is further supported by a dedicated **research fund**, allowing faculty and students to pursue innovative ideas and implement them effectively.
11. The institution actively participates in **national and international research grant applications**, furthering its research output and recognition.
12. The college library is well-equipped with access to premier journals, e-resources like **IEEE Xplore, Springer, and Scopus**, providing comprehensive support for scholarly activities.
13. Regular **research symposiums and conferences** are hosted to provide a platform for disseminating research findings and networking with industry professionals and academic experts.
14. The college's initiatives align with the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, emphasizing interdisciplinary research, innovation, and the integration of technology in academic pursuits.
15. A dedicated **Research Advisory Committee (RAC)** monitors and supports research activities, ensuring adherence to high standards and ethical practices.

4. Infrastructure and Learning Resources

1. The institution boasts **100 Mbps high-speed internet connectivity**, ensuring seamless digital learning in classrooms and seminar halls.
2. A state-of-the-art **recording room** supports the development of e-content, equipped with facilities like recording studios, an audio-visual center, and an advanced editing suite.
3. Classrooms and seminar halls are spacious and well-furnished with **ICT-enabled infrastructure** to facilitate effective teaching and learning.
4. The library features a **fully automated system** for efficient resource management and a commendable collection of books, journals, and digital resources.
5. The institution employs innovative methods in teaching and learning to continually elevate educational quality.

5. Student Support and Progression

1. The campus offers several facilities highly valued by stakeholders, including:
 - Separate hostels for boys and girls
 - Well-maintained canteen services
 - An on-campus **health center**
 - An **indoor stadium**
 - **Three ATM centers** for financial convenience
2. A proactive **Students' Grievance Redressal Committee** ensures that student concerns are promptly addressed.
3. A notable percentage of students pursue higher education, demonstrating academic ambition.
4. Sports and extracurricular activities are strongly encouraged, with active participation in inter-collegiate events.
5. Scholarships and financial awards are provided to deserving students, fostering inclusivity and reducing financial barriers.
6. The institution maintains an excellent **placement record**, securing opportunities for students in reputed companies.
7. Activities supporting **competitive exams and career development** are routinely organized to build professional skills.
8. The college promotes **physical and mental well-being** through campus health units and counseling centers, ensuring a supportive environment for holistic development.

6. Governance, Leadership, and Management

1. The institution operates with a well-defined vision and mission, guiding its strategic planning and execution processes.
2. An **inclusive management system** ensures representation and active participation from all stakeholders, fostering a sense of belonging.
3. The institution follows a structured **development plan** with timely policy implementation, reflecting its dedication to continuous growth.
4. Comprehensive **welfare measures** are available for staff, highlighting the institution's commitment to employee well-being.

- Professional training programs for teachers and administrative staff are organized to enhance competencies.
- Strengthening the **fund mobilization cell** is identified as a priority to secure resources for sustained growth.

7. Institutional Values and Best Practices

- Each department actively conducts extension activities, contributing to societal betterment.
- Sensitization programs** for students focus on engaging with marginalized communities, fostering inclusivity.
- The institution has adopted a **green campus initiative**, focusing on environmental sustainability.
- Regular audits, including **Energy, Green, and Environmental Impact Assessments**, are conducted to monitor and minimize ecological footprints.
- The college effectively utilizes its display system to communicate key information about events, responsibilities, and values to students and staff.
- Departments are encouraged to emphasize **best practices**, including interdisciplinary approaches, digital innovations, and social responsibility initiatives.
- In alignment with **NEP 2020**, the institution prioritizes equity, inclusivity, and sustainability in all its practices.

Report of AAA committee

Assessment Based on Institutional Information

Category	Description	Available
Affiliation document	University Affiliation document	✓Yes / No
	2(f) and 12(B) status	✓Yes / No
Autonomous Approvals	Autonomous by University (BDU)	✓Yes / No
	Autonomous by University (UGC)	✓Yes / No
Accreditation Documents	NAAC certificates	✓Yes / No
Governance	Governing Body	✓Yes / No
	Academic Council	✓Yes / No
	Finance Committee	✓Yes / No
	Board of Studies	✓Yes / No
	Minutes of Governing Body meeting	✓Yes / No
	Minutes of Academic Council meeting	✓Yes / No
	Minutes of Finance committee meeting	✓Yes / No
	Minutes of BOS meeting	✓Yes / No

	Examination section	✓Yes / No
	IQAC Minutes	✓Yes / No
	Anti-Ragging Committee	✓Yes / No
	Grievance Redressal Committee	✓Yes / No
	Alumni Association	✓Yes / No
	Office Automation (ERP software)	✓Yes / No
	Faculty personal files	✓Yes / No
	Budget sanctioned and Audit Report	✓Yes / No
	Student scholarship details	✓Yes / No
	Institution Website	✓Yes / No
	Notice Boards	✓Yes / No
Other facilities	CCTV Security	✓Yes / No
	Projectors in Class Rooms	✓Yes / No
	Fire Extinguisher	✓Yes / No
	Medical Facility	✓Yes / No
	Canteen Facility	✓Yes / No
	Sports Facility	✓Yes / No
	Hostels	✓Yes / No
	Vehicle Parking	✓Yes / No
	Xerox Facility	✓Yes / No
	Backup Electric Supply	✓Yes / No
	Bank / ATM	✓Yes / No
	Transport Facility	✓Yes / No
	Sewage Disposal System	✓Yes / No
	Drinking water Facility	✓Yes / No
	Solid Waste Management	✓Yes / No
	Rain Water Harvesting	✓Yes / No
	Green Campus Initiatives	✓Yes / No

SWOC Analysis

Strengths

1. The college curriculum encompasses a diverse range of subjects, including **entrepreneurship, labor law, marketing, taxation, business statistics, and accounting**, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of various disciplines.
2. The syllabus is designed to align with the requirements of competitive exams such as **UGC-NET, SET**, and others, enabling students to excel in academic and professional pursuits.
3. The library is well-maintained and houses an extensive collection of textbooks, journals, and reference materials, serving as a significant academic resource for students and faculty.
4. Feedback is actively collected from various stakeholders and used to develop actionable plans, which are effectively implemented by the concerned departments.

5. The college ensures a balanced approach to education, integrating both **curricular and co-curricular activities** to provide students with a holistic learning experience.
6. Sustainable practices are a priority, as evidenced by the regular conduct of **green and energy audits** to promote environmental awareness and conservation.
7. Faculty members actively participate in **national and international-level training programs, workshops, Faculty Development Programs (FDPs), seminars, and conferences**, enhancing their professional skills and expertise.
8. High-speed **internet connectivity across the campus** supports online learning, research, and seamless communication.
9. A robust **Grievance Redressal Cell** ensures that students' concerns are promptly addressed, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment.
10. The institution provides financial assistance through **institutional scholarships** in addition to government scholarships, supporting students from economically weaker backgrounds.

Weaknesses

1. The institution's research output needs improvement, as the number of **research publications, projects, and patents** is currently limited.
2. **Collaborative initiatives** with industries, research organizations, and other academic institutions, as well as **consultancy services**, need to be expanded to enhance the college's outreach and innovation capabilities.
3. Efforts are needed to address the issue of **student dropout rates** by implementing effective measures such as academic mentoring, counseling, and financial support.

Opportunities

1. The college has significant potential to upgrade its status to that of a **Deemed-to-be University**, enhancing its academic and administrative autonomy.
2. With over **28 years of excellence**, the college has built a distinguished reputation, leading to high demand for student admissions across various disciplines.
3. The presence of a substantial number of research-oriented faculty members provides opportunities to secure more **research grants and funding** from agencies like **UGC, DST, and DBT**.

4. The college's exceptional academic achievements and research initiatives position it as a strong contender to achieve the prestigious "**College of Excellence (CE)**" status.
5. Focused efforts on **career development** in diverse fields such as sports, cultural activities, and leadership can empower students, particularly those from economically disadvantaged and rural areas, enabling them to compete on a broader scale.
6. Increased focus on **interdisciplinary research and innovation**, aligned with the goals of **NEP 2020**, can help the college create global academic collaborations and promote impactful research outcomes.

Challenges

1. **Securing adequate grants and departmental funding** is a critical challenge, given the competitive environment, strict eligibility criteria, and time-intensive application processes required to obtain funding from national and international agencies.
2. Enhancing the **success rate of students in competitive exams** such as UGC NET, CSIR NET, and GATE is challenging due to factors such as **limited awareness, time constraints**, and competing academic responsibilities.
3. Improving **students' communication skills** is essential, especially given the rural setting of the college, where students often face barriers to effective verbal and written communication.
4. The effective integration of **ICT in teaching and learning** poses challenges, including the need for **technical infrastructure, faculty training**, and addressing student attitudes toward digital tools.
5. Building more **industry linkages** for research collaborations, training, and placements remains a priority, though it requires overcoming constraints related to industry engagement and resource mobilization.

This analysis outlines the college's inherent strengths, areas for improvement, promising opportunities, and significant challenges, serving as a guide for strategic planning and sustained institutional development.

SCORES FOR AAA

Criteria	Key Indicators (KIs)	Max. marks	Marks Awarded
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1. Curricular Aspects	1.1 *(U)Curriculum Design and Development	50	
	1.1. *(A) Curricular Planning and Implementation	NA	
	1.2 Academic Flexibility	40	
	1.3 Curriculum Enrichment	40	
	1.4 Feedback System	20	
	Total	150	
2. Teaching-Learning and Evaluation	2.1 Student Enrolment and Profile	20	
	2.2 Catering to Student Diversity	30	
	2.3 Teaching-Learning Process	50	
	2.4 Teacher Profile and Quality	60	
	2.5 Evaluation Process and Reforms	40	
	2.6 Student Performance and Learning Outcomes	50	
	2.7 Student satisfaction Survey	50	
	Total	300	
3. Research, Innovations and Extension	3.1 Promotion of Research and Facilities	20	
	3.2 Resource Mobilization for Research	10	
	3.3 Innovation Ecosystem	20	
	3.4 Research Publications and Awards	20	
	3.5 Consultancy	10	
	3.6 Extension Activities	50	
	3.7 Collaboration	20	
	Total	150	
4. Infrastructure and Learning Resources	4.1 Physical Facilities	30	
	4.2 Library as a Learning Resource	20	
	4.3 IT Infrastructure	30	

	4.4 Maintenance of Campus Infrastructure	20	
	Total	100	
5. Student Support and Progression	5.1 Student Support	30	
	5.2 Student Progression	30	
	5.3 Student Participation and Activities	30	
	5.4 Alumni Engagement	10	
	Total	100	
6. Governance, Leadership and Management	6.1 Institutional Vision and Leadership	10	
	6.2 Strategy Development and Deployment	10	
	6.3 Faculty Empowerment Strategies	30	
	6.4 Financial Management and Resource Mobilization	20	
	6.5 Internal Quality Assurance System	30	
	Total	100	
7. Institutional Values and Best Practices	7.1 Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities	50	
	7.2 Best Practices	30	
	7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness	20	
	Total	100	
	TOTAL SCORE	1000 *	

Actions Taken / Implementation Post-AAA Audit (2023–2024)

1. Enhanced Professional Development for Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff

The college has significantly increased the number of training programs and workshops tailored

for both teaching and non-teaching faculty. These programs are designed to foster **professional growth, skill enhancement**, and the adoption of innovative pedagogical practices. By providing such opportunities, the institution ensures that its faculty members remain updated with the latest trends in education and administration, ultimately contributing to a better learning environment for students.

2. **Boost in Research Publications and Authorship**

Faculty members have shown a marked improvement in their scholarly contributions, with a **notable rise in research articles and authored books** published in reputable platforms such as **Web of Science, Scopus, and UGC-listed journals**. This surge in academic output reflects the institution's commitment to promoting a robust research culture. It also enhances the visibility and reputation of the college in academic and professional circles.

3. **Establishment of a Central Instrumentation Centre**

As part of its efforts to nurture an entrepreneurial ecosystem, the college has established a **Central Instrumentation Centre**. This facility serves as a hub for fostering an **entrepreneurial culture** among students and faculty, encouraging **innovation, creativity**, and the development of **start-up ventures**. The center provides access to cutting-edge tools and technology, enabling practical experimentation and collaboration, which are key to the incubation of new ideas.

4. **Multidisciplinary Research Initiatives**

The college has taken significant steps to promote **multidisciplinary research**, thereby creating an intellectually stimulating environment. This approach enables the institution to tackle contemporary societal and global challenges through collaborative efforts across diverse fields of study. By integrating different disciplines, the college positions itself as a leader in **holistic problem-solving** and innovation.

5. **Strengthened Academy-Industry Linkages**

Recognizing the importance of practical exposure, the college has bolstered its partnerships with industries to enhance **research collaborations and educational opportunities**. These linkages facilitate **knowledge-sharing**, provide students with insights into real-world applications of their studies, and ensure that the curriculum remains relevant to the demands of the job market.

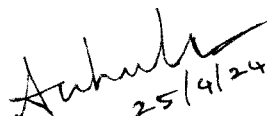
6. **Increased Enrollment in Online Courses**

A significant number of students have enrolled in online courses offered by platforms like **MOOCs, SWAYAM, and NPTEL**. These courses provide students with the flexibility to learn at their own pace, acquire specialized skills, and supplement their classroom education. By encouraging participation in such programs, the college empowers students to broaden their knowledge and stay competitive in a rapidly evolving educational landscape.

7. Advancing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020


The institution has made considerable strides toward implementing several key components of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**. These include promoting **multidisciplinary education, integrating technology in teaching and learning**, fostering **research and innovation**, and creating a learner-centric environment. The college remains committed to aligning its academic framework with the NEP's vision of holistic and inclusive education.

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Recommendations and Suggestions

1. Implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) Guidelines

It is strongly recommended that the college aligns with the mandates of the **National Education Policy (NEP)** at the earliest feasible opportunity. Efforts should focus on fostering **multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary research**, which are essential pillars of NEP, to create a robust academic framework that prepares students for the evolving global landscape.

2. Digitalization of Teacher Work Diaries

To streamline academic record-keeping and administrative efficiency, it is suggested that the institution take proactive steps to **digitalize the Work Diaries of teachers**. This initiative would not only reduce manual workloads but also enhance accessibility and transparency in tracking academic and administrative contributions.

3. **Recognition of Teacher Exposure and Development**

The **active participation of faculty members in national and international training programs, seminars, and workshops** is highly commendable. Such quality exposure should be encouraged further, as it directly contributes to the overall academic growth and skill enhancement of the teaching staff.

4. **Encouragement of Research Collaboration and Exchange Programs**

A significant focus should be placed on **promoting research collaborations and student exchange programs**. These initiatives can foster knowledge-sharing, provide exposure to diverse academic practices, and enable faculty and students to broaden their perspectives.

Acknowledgment of Faculty Administrative Contributions

It is suggested that the college implement a system to provide faculty members with **participation certificates** as a token of acknowledgment for their contributions to administrative and extracurricular activities. This would act as a motivational tool to encourage greater involvement.

5. **Increased Participation in Funded Research Projects**

Faculty members should be motivated to undertake a higher number of **funded research projects** supported by government and non-governmental organizations. Such projects will not only enhance the institution's research profile but also provide valuable learning experiences for both faculty and students.

6. **International University Visits**

Organizing **international university visits** for faculty and students is recommended to provide valuable academic exposure. Such visits can help in understanding global educational practices, fostering collaborations, and enhancing the overall learning experience.

7. **Student Exchange and Study Abroad Opportunities**

The college is encouraged to actively pursue **student exchange and study abroad programs** to create international learning opportunities. These initiatives would help students gain a global perspective, develop cross-cultural competencies, and enhance their career prospects.

8. **Encouragement for Higher Studies**

The departments should focus on motivating **undergraduate students** to pursue higher education, including **postgraduate and advanced degree programs**. This initiative can strengthen the academic pipeline and contribute to the intellectual growth of students.

9. **Acting as a Nodal Center for Education and Skill Development**

Departments are encouraged to act as **nodal centers** to promote education and skill development at the state and national levels. This can include offering specialized training programs, conducting workshops, and initiating outreach activities to make a significant impact on society.

10. **Preparation for National-Level Examinations**

Departments should establish collaborations with reputed higher education institutions to offer specialized training programs aimed at preparing students for competitive exams such as **NET and GATE**. These initiatives can enhance the employability and academic prospects of students.

11. **Publication in High-Impact Journals**

Faculty members are urged to increase their research output by publishing a greater number of articles in **Web of Science, Scopus, and UGC Care-listed journals**. Such contributions would elevate the academic reputation of the institution on national and international platforms.

12. **National and International Collaborations**

Departments should aim at establishing **collaborations with national and international organizations** and expanding consultancy services. Such partnerships can foster innovative research, enhance academic experiences, and create new opportunities for students and faculty.

13. **Enrollment in Online Courses**

Students should be actively encouraged to enroll in online courses offered by platforms like **MOOCs, SWAYAM, and NPTEL**. These courses provide flexibility, enhance learning

opportunities, and equip students with specialized skills to meet the demands of the modern workforce.

CONCLUDING REMARKS:

Running a college in a rural setting with a primary emphasis on providing **holistic education for female students** presents unique challenges that demand thoughtful planning and dedicated efforts. The institution has successfully embraced this challenge by offering a diverse range of academic programs, which currently include **13 undergraduate, 13 postgraduate, and 7 doctoral (Ph.D.) programs**. These programs are designed to remain at the forefront of their respective disciplines, addressing the changing demands of society and empowering students with knowledge and skills relevant to the modern world.

Although the **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)** has not laid out specific guidelines for conducting the **Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA)**, the college has adopted the **criteria outlined in NAAC's Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF)** to ensure a comprehensive and standardized academic audit process. This approach reflects the institution's commitment to continuous improvement and adherence to national benchmarks in higher education.

Through an exhaustive evaluation process, the audit has revealed that the college has achieved **exceptional performance** across multiple domains, reinforcing its status as a center of excellence. However, the findings also highlight certain areas where focused attention and strategic initiatives can further enhance the college's overall performance.

The college boasts a thriving academic environment, supported by key accomplishments such as:

- **A steadily improving NAAC score**, demonstrating consistent progress in meeting quality standards.
- **Recognition in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)**, placing it among notable institutions in the country.
- **Autonomous status for over a decade**, providing the college with the flexibility to design and implement innovative curricula, teaching methods, and evaluation processes.

These achievements establish a strong foundation for future growth. By leveraging these strengths, the college is well-positioned to pursue the prestigious status of an **Institute of Eminence** in the coming years. This designation would not only enhance its reputation but also significantly contribute to the educational empowerment of rural and underprivileged communities.

Opportunities for Further Enhancement

To build upon its existing achievements, the college may consider the following:

1. **Infrastructure and Technological Advancements:**

Continued investment in state-of-the-art facilities, including the latest technological tools for teaching, research, and administration, can enrich the learning experience and foster innovation.

2. **Strengthening Research Initiatives:**

With seven Ph.D. programs, the college has a robust foundation for research. Expanding funded research projects, enhancing publication output in high-impact journals, and fostering collaborations with leading national and international institutions can further elevate its research profile.

3. **Focused Efforts on Multidisciplinary Education:**

Aligning with the principles of the **National Education Policy (NEP)**, the college can integrate multidisciplinary approaches into its programs, enabling students to gain diverse perspectives and skills.

4. **Holistic Student Development:**

Beyond academics, the institution can continue its efforts to nurture the overall development of female students through value-added courses, leadership opportunities, and initiatives targeting employability and entrepreneurship.

5. **Engagement with Stakeholders:**

Strengthening relationships with alumni, industries, and community organizations can open new avenues for internships, placements, and collaborative projects.

6. **Global Outreach:**

Introducing exchange programs, partnerships with international universities, and exposure to global best practices can prepare students and faculty for the challenges of a globalized world.

By addressing these areas and maintaining its steadfast commitment to excellence, the college can continue to serve as a beacon of knowledge and empowerment, particularly for women in rural settings. Its journey toward becoming an **Institute of Eminence** will not only bring accolades to the institution but also set a benchmark for quality education in similar contexts.