

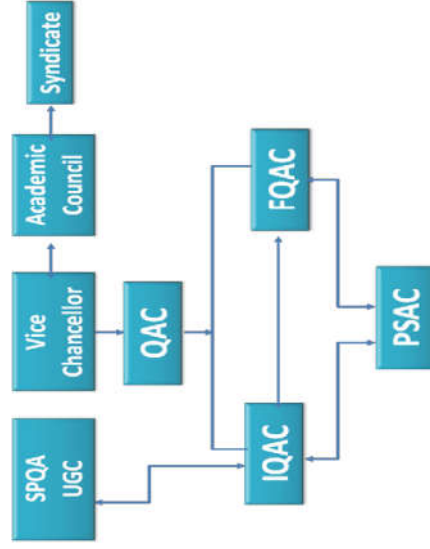
## Background of IQAC

The government's 2010 National Education Policy (NEP) stipulated that a national accreditation council would be established to guarantee the quality of academic programs



offered by the HEIs. In anticipation of this, initiatives were taken to prepare universities to meet the requirements of accreditation. The UGC's own Quality Assurance Unit (QAU) initiated, supported and monitored the creation of institutional quality assurance cells (IQAC) in both public and private universities. The University of Rajshahi was included in the first phase of this initiative.

## Relational Structure of Institutional Quality Assurance Bodies



## Establishment of IQAC at the University of Rajshahi

As part of the ongoing commitment of the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) and University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh to enhance the quality of higher education in the country, Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) started its operation at the University of Rajshahi on the 1st January 2015 as a sub-project of the Quality Assurance (QA) project of UGC and ended its tenure on



the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2018. The University of Rajshahi was advised by the UGC through a formal letter to integrate the existing IQAC into the University's revenue budget in order to make sure that this body could continue to ensure institutional quality. Under these circumstances, the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) was constituted on the 1st of July 2018 in accordance with the provision of the Statute, Ordinance and Regulations of the University of Rajshahi.

## Vision of IQAC

To attain excellence in teaching, learning, research and administration at the University of Rajshahi.

## Mission of IQAC

To ensure the highest quality by continuous development of learning, teaching, research and administrative activities in the campus through regular monitoring of such activities in line with the indicators of quality assurance.

## Activities of IQAC

The main function of the IQAC is to support all the POEs on matters relating to quality assurance and prepare them for attaining accreditation.

## Achievements of IQAC So Far

With an intention to attaining accreditation of each of the programmes of the University of Rajshahi the process of Self Assessment (SA) of 50 PORs have already been completed. Besides, the following activities have already been completed:

- Finalization of Vision, Mission and Core Values of RU.
- Commencement of the process of preparing OBE Based Curriculum for all POEs.
- Transformation of Committee of Courses into Curriculum Committee in each of the POE along with incorporation of members from Employer and Alumni in the Curriculum Committee.
- Completion of several workshops on Effective Teaching-Learning and Assessment for newly recruited faculty members.
- Completion of several foundation trainings for Non-academic staff.
- Completion of a number of workshops/seminars/symposiums on Curriculum Development and Review in lines with the principles of OBE.

