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Director's Message



The production, transmission and exploitation of knowledge are considered as the real wealth in a knowledge-based society. Higher education institutions are unique in that they take part in all these process. The nature of knowledge always changes that imposes new requirements on academic systems. Quality assurance plays a vital role in Universities to address the generation of quality knowledge. Assurance of higher education quality requires engagement of all relevant stakeholders in facilitating improvement of the standard of education system that ensures students knowledge, skills as well as values to meet the needs of themselves, the industry and the country. In this pursuit the Ministry of Education, University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Universities took Quality Assurance (QA) Project to establish Institutional QA Cell in every University of Bangladesh. This project that ran until the end of 2018 was successful in promoting a quality culture and introducing the best practice in the Universities.

University of Rajshahi through the establishment of the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at the University level. The University of Rajshahi being fully aware of a high-quality learning experience for students immediately addressed the UGC's directive and established the IQAC.

As a continuing process of quality assurance the UGC recommended the institutionalization of internal system of quality assurance at the

University of Rajshahi through the establishment of the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at the University level. The University of Rajshahi being fully aware of a high-quality learning experience for students immediately addressed the UGC's directive and established the IQAC.

The IQAC is expected to work closely with academic and administrative units across the University in maintaining internal as well as external quality assurance. In carrying out these responsibilities IQAC will facilitate the academic and administrative units of University of Rajshahi in program planning, development and review, and disseminate information and guidance on quality assurance through various means such as offering training and advice to faculty members and administrative staffs on the different processes. The IQAC is also responsible for ascertaining that the University's quality assurance policies and procedures are robust and effective in maintaining and monitoring the standards of its academic degrees and in supporting the enhancement of the students' learning experience.

Quality assurance is a team work and IQAC alone cannot implement it. The desired result of quality assurance at the University of Rajshahi can only be achieved through the effective participation of

all the stake holders.

I seek whole hearted and enthusiastic support from all.

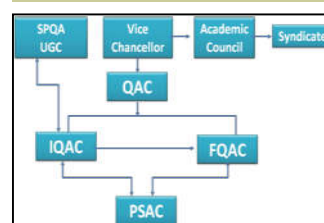
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Background of IQAC

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 IQA Bodies



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.

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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 30th 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 ensuring 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.