NAAC Institutional Accreditation Manual Self-study Report

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SECTION A: GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSMENT AND

ACCREDITATION

This Section presents the NAAC framework for Assessment and Accreditation based on the Core Values and Criteria for assessment and Key Indicators. Further, it details out the procedures for institutional preparation for filling the Self Study Report online, Peer Assessment and the final Outcome of Accreditation. The procedure for re-assessment, mechanism for institutional appeals and accreditation of subsequent cycles are also presented.

I. INTRODUCTION

India has one of the largest and diverse education systems in the world. Privatization, widespread expansion, increased autonomy and introduction of Programmes in new and emerging areas have improved access to higher education. At the same time, it has also led to widespread concern on the quality and relevance of the higher education. To address these concerns, the National Policy on Education (NPE, 1986) and the Programme of Action (PoA, 1992) spelt out strategic plans for the policies, advocated the establishment of an independent National accreditation agency. Consequently, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) was established in 1994 as an autonomous institution of the University Grants Commission (UGC) with its Head Quarter in Bengaluru. The mandate of NAAC as reflected in its vision statement is in making quality assurance an integral part of the functioning of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

The NAAC functions through its General Council (GC) and Executive Committee (EC) comprising educational administrators, policy makers and senior academicians from a cross-section of Indian higher education system. The Chairperson of the UGC is the President of the GC of the NAAC, the Chairperson of the EC is an eminent academician nominated by the President of GC (NAAC). The Director is the academic and administrative head of NAAC and is the member-secretary of both the GC and the EC. In addition to the statutory bodies that steer its policies and core staff to support its activities NAAC is advised by the advisory and consultative committees constituted from time to time.

Vision and Mission

The vision of NAAC is:

To make quality the defining element of higher education in India through a combination of self and external quality evaluation, promotion and sustenance initiatives.

The mission statements of the NAAC aim at translating the NAAC's vision into action plans and define NAAC's engagement and endeavor as given below:

- To arrange for periodic assessment and accreditation of institutions of higher education or units thereof, or specific academic programmes or projects;
- To stimulate the academic environment for promotion of quality in teaching-learning and research in higher education institutions;
- To encourage self-evaluation, accountability, autonomy and innovations in higher education;
- To undertake quality-related research studies, consultancy and training programmes, and
- To collaborate with other stakeholders of higher education for quality evaluation, promotion and sustenance.

Striving to achieve its goals as guided by its vision and mission statements, NAAC primarily focuses on assessment of the quality of higher education institutions in the country. The NAAC methodology for Assessment and Accreditation is very much similar to that followed by Quality Assurance (QA) agencies across the world and consists of self-assessment by the institution along with external peer assessment organized by NAAC.

Core Values

Throughout the world, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) function in a dynamic environment. The need to expand the system of higher education, the impact of technology on the educational delivery, the increasing private participation in higher education and the impact of globalization (including liberal cross-border and trans-national educational imperatives), have necessitated marked changes in the Indian higher education system. These changes and the consequent shift in values have been taken into cognizance by NAAC while formulating the core values. Accordingly, in order to ensure external and internal validity and credibility, the QA process of NAAC is grounded within a value framework which is suitable and appropriate to the National context. The accreditation framework of NAAC is thus based on five core values detailed below

(i) Contributing to National Development

Most of the HEIs have a remarkable capacity to adapt to changes and at the same time, pursue the goals and objectives that they have set forth for themselves. Contributing to national development has always been an implicit goal of Indian HEIs. The role of HEIs is significant in human resource development and capacity building of individuals, to cater to the needs of the economy, society and the country as a whole, thereby, contributing to the development of the Nation. Serving the cause of social justice, ensuring equity and increasing access to higher education are a few ways by which HEIs can contribute to the national development. It is therefore appropriate that the Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) process of NAAC looks into the ways HEIs have been responding to and contributing towards national development.

(ii) Fostering Global Competencies among Students

The spiraling developments at the global level also warrant that the NAAC includes in its scope of assessment skill development of students, on par with their counterparts elsewhere in the world. With liberalization and globalization of economic activities, the need to develop skilled human resources of a high caliber is imperative. Consequently, the demand for internationally acceptable standards in higher education is evident. Therefore, the accreditation process of NAAC needs to examine the role of HEIs in preparing the students to achieve core competencies, to face the global challenges successfully. This requires that the HEIs be innovative, creative and entrepreneurial in their approach. Towards achieving this, HEIs may establish collaborations with industries, network with the neighborhood

agencies/bodies and foster a closer relationship between the "world of competent-learning" and the "world of skilled work".

(iii) Inculcating a Value System among Students

Although skill development is crucial to the success of students in the job market, skills are of less value in the absence of appropriate value systems. The HEIs have to shoulder the responsibility of inculcating desirable value systems among students. In a country like India, with cultural pluralities and diversities, it is essential that students imbibe the appropriate values commensurate with social, cultural, economic and environmental realities, at the local, national and universal levels. Whatever be the pluralities and diversities that exist in the country, there is a persisting concern for inculcating the core universal values like truth and righteousness apart from other values emphasized in the various policy documents of the country. The seeds of values such as cooperation and mutual understanding during the early stages of education have to be reiterated and re-emphasized at the higher education also through appropriate learning experiences and opportunities. The NAAC assessment therefore examines how these essential and desirable values are being inculcated in the students, by the HEIs.

(iv) Promoting the Use of Technology

Most of the significant developments that one can observe today can be attributed to the impact of Science and Technology. While the advantages of using modern tools and technological innovations in the day-to-day-life are well recognized, the corresponding changes in the use of new technologies, for teaching learning and governance of HEIs, leaves much to be desired. Technological advancement and innovations in educational transactions have to be undertaken by all HEIs, to make a visible impact on academic development as well as administration. At a time when our educational institutions are expected to perform as good as their global partners, significant technological innovations have to be adopted. Traditional methods of delivering higher education have become less motivating to a large number of students. To keep pace with the developments in other spheres of human endeavor, HEIs have to enrich the learning experiences of their students by providing them with state-of-the-art educational technologies. The campus community must be adequately prepared to make use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) optimally. Conscious effort is also needed to invest in hardware and to orient the faculty suitably.

In addition to using technology as a learning resource, managing the activities of the institution in a technology-enabled way will ensure effective institutional functioning. For example, documentation and data management in the HEIs are areas where the process of assessment by NAAC has made a significant impact. Moving towards electronic data management and having institutional website to provide ready and relevant information to stakeholders are desirable steps in this direction. In other words, effective use of ICT in HEIs will be able to provide ICT literacy to the campus community, using ICT for resource sharing and networking, as well as adopting ICT-enabled administrative processes. Therefore, NAAC accreditation would look at how the HEIs have put in place their electronic data management

systems and electronic resources and their access to internal and external stakeholders particularly the student community.

(v) Quest for Excellence

Contributing to nation-building and skills development of students, HEIs should demonstrate a drive to develop themselves into centres of excellence. Excellence in all that they will contribute to the overall development of the system of higher education of the country as a whole. This 'Quest for Excellence' could start with the assessment or even earlier, by the establishment of the Steering Committee for the preparation of the Self - Study Report (SSR) of an institution. Another step in this direction could be the identification of the strengths and weaknesses in the teaching and learning processes as carried out by the institution.

The five core values as outlined above form the foundation for assessment of institutions that volunteer for accreditation by NAAC. The HEIs may also add their own core values to these in conformity with the goals and mission.

II. ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

The NAAC has been carrying out the process of quality assessment and accreditation of HEIs over the past two decades. Several HEIs have gone through this process and a sizeable number has also undergone subsequent cycles of accreditation. True to its commitment for promoting quality culture in HEIs in consonance with the overall developments in the field of education as well as the outside world, NAAC has strived to be sensitive to these and adequately reflect these in its processes. The A&A process of NAAC continue to be an exercise in partnership of NAAC with the HEI being assessed. As is known by now, the A&A process of NAAC is being revised and this revision attempts to enhance such a partnership. Over years the feedback procured from the HEIs, other stakeholders and the developments in the national scene – all have contributed in making appropriate revisions in the process so as to accelerate the process with greater quality rigor.

Revised Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) Framework

The Revised Assessment and Accreditation Framework is launched in July 2017. It represents an explicit Paradigm Shift making it ICT enabled, objective, transparent, scalable and robust. The Shift is:

- from qualitative peer judgement to data based quantitative indicator evaluation with increased objectivity and transparency
- towards extensive use of ICT confirming scalability and robustness
- in terms of simplification of the process drastic reduction in number of questions, size of the report, visit days, and so on

- in terms of boosting benchmarking as quality improvement tool. This has been attempted through comparison of NAAC indicators with other international QA frameworks
- introducing Pre-qualifier for peer team visit, as 30% of system generated score
- introducing *System Generated Scores* (SGS) with combination of online evaluation (about 70%) and peer judgement (about 30%)
- in introducing the element of *third party validation* of data
- in providing appropriate differences in the metrics, weightages and benchmarks to universities, autonomous colleges and affiliated/constituent colleges
- in revising several metrics to bring in enhanced participation of learners and alumni in the assessment process

Focus of Assessment

The NAAC continues with its focus on quality culture of the institution in terms of Quality Initiatives, Quality Sustenance and Quality Enhancement, as reflected in its vision, organization, operations and the processes. Experience has reiterated that these can be ascertained either by on site observations and/or through the facts and figures about the various aspects of institutional functioning. The Revised Manual places greater confidence in the latter as reflective of internal institutional processes.

In line with NAAC's conviction that quality concerns are institutional, Quality Assessment (QA) can better be done through self-evaluation. The self-evaluation process and the subsequent preparation of the Self Study Report (SSR) to be submitted to NAAC involves the participation of all the stakeholders – management, faculty members, administrative staff, learners, parents, employers, community and alumni. While the participation of internal stakeholders i.e. management, staff and learners provide credibility and ownership to the activity and could lead to newer initiatives, interaction with the external stakeholders facilitate the development process of the institution and their educational services. Overall, the QA is expected to serve as a catalyst for institutional self-improvement, promote innovation and strengthen the urge to excel.

It is attempted to enlarge the digital coverage of the entire process of A&A. This, it is believed, will not only accelerate the process but also bring in greater objectivity into the process.

The possible differentiation required in respect of HEIs which are going for subsequent cycles of A&A, appropriate scope has been provided in the Process. This will allow the HEIs to appropriately represent the developments they have attempted after the previous A&A cycle. In order to maintain equivalence and credibility of programme offerings, it is generally agreed that while standards and benchmarks should be the same, the assessment framework should reflect the special features of ODL.

III. OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING (ODL) INSTITUTIONS

Open and Distance Learning (ODL) has become an integral part of teaching learning process in higher education. It is recognized as an important mode for providing higher education to diverse populations because of its inherent flexibility and affordability coupled with application of new information and communication technologies. The rapid growth in the number of ODL institutions has necessitated the need to assess and accredit them in accordance with their attainment of standards laid down for such systems.

In accordance with the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 notified vide Gazette Notification dated 23rd June, 2017, it will be mandatory for a University offering programmes in ODL mode to comply with University Grants Commission (Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012 and apply for assessment and accreditation of the programmes offered by it in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode. In this background, the NAAC under the direction of UGC initiated the process to formulate framework for Assessment And Accreditation (A &A) of Open Universities on a priority basis. A National Task Force (NTF) for Open and Distance Learning (ODL) was constituted for this purpose under the chairmanship of Prof. Nageshwar Rao, presently, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU.

Further, the 3rd Amendment to the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017, notified on 6th September 2018, states that the HEIs in dual mode shall submit an undertaking to the effect that it will attain a NAAC score of 3.26 on a 4-point scale before the end of academic session July 2019-June 2020, failing which, the Commission shall not accord any approval to the ODL Programmes of the HEIs. This is not applicable for OUs till the Scheme of A&A for ODL Institutions is notified. The eligible OUs will have to apply within one year of the issuance of the notification by NAAC.

In fulfillment of the need for stakeholder participation, a National Consultative Group (NCG) was constituted by NAAC which decided that there should be two Units of assessment and accreditation, namely: Open Universities (OUs) which can be equated with conventional Universities; and Directorates of Distance Education (DDE), which may be equated with Affiliated/ Constituent Colleges of the conventional system. The A&A of ODL Institutions will follow broadly the same system developed by NAAC for Institutional Accreditation of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) following the conventional mode. Therefore the seven Criteria for A&A of conventional HEIs has been adopted for the ODL Institutions. The Key Indicators under each Criteria have been modified to represent the ODL system without changing the overall score in order to maintain parity with the conventional system.

Open Universities

Open Universities (OUs) are single mode HEIs offering academic programmes through ODL mode, leading to award of degrees, diplomas and certificates. OUs have been established by Acts of the Central or State Legislature.

Directorates of Distance Education (DDE)

Directorates of Distance Education (DDE) are Departments/ Centres/ Institutes exclusively established at conventional universities, which are established by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature, Deemed to be universities declared by the Central Government under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and institutions of national importance declared by an Act of Parliament, to offer their academic programmes through ODL mode.

IV. QUALITY INDICATOR FRAMEWORK (QIF) - DESCRIPTION

The criteria based assessment forms the backbone of A&A process of NAAC. The seven criteria represent the core functions and activities of an Open University. In the revised framework not only the academic and administrative aspects of institutional functioning but also the emerging issues have been included. The seven Criteria to serve as basis for assessment of OUs are:

- 1. Curricular Aspects
- 2. Teaching-Learning and Evaluation
- 3. Research, Innovations and Extension
- 4. Infrastructure and Learning Resources
- 5. Student Support and Progression
- 6. Governance, Leadership and Management
- 7. Institutional Values and Best Practices

Under each Criterion a few Key Indicators are identified. These Key Indicators (KIs) are further delineated as Metrics, which actually elicit responses from the HEIs. These seven criteria along with their KIs are given below explicating the aspects they represent.

Criterion I: - Curricular Aspects

Curricular Aspects are undoubtedly the most crucial aspect of any academic institution. The credibility of the institution depends on how it envisages and executes its curricula. The curricular aspects become all the more significant for an Open University (OU) due to its very character and the philosophy of 'Openness'. The guiding principle of 'reaching the unreached' and the kind of its clientele mandates an OU to envision its curricula differently from its 'conventional' counterparts. An OU is recognized by the variety of programmes it offers and the use of multiple media like print, audio, video and e-resources/ digital resources, etc. for the delivery of instruction. The instructional design is an important component of curricular planning. It is pertinent that the curricula of an OU is in tune with its mandate and with the emerging national and global trends and are also relevant to the local needs. Academic flexibility is intrinsic to the ODL system that makes it unique. This criterion attempts to gauge the quality of the OU in terms of the relevance of its curricula and

its richness; effectiveness of the processes for their planning, design, development, evaluation and revision; besides flexibility.

The focus of Criterion I is captured in the following Key Indicators:

KEY INDICATORS

- 1.1 Curriculum Planning, Design and Development
- 1.2 Academic Flexibility
- 1.3 Curriculum Enrichment
- 1.4 Feedback System

1.1 Curriculum Planning, Design and Development

Curriculum planning, design and development in an OU is an intricate process that envisages curricula to meet the local, regional, national and global needs of the society in conformity to its vision and mission. There is a systematically planned instructional design that determines the media components to be selected for the delivery of instruction and development of self learning materials (SLMs) as per the expected target group of learners. Therefore, it is required to have processes in place to execute this responsibility. The Key Indicator (KI) considers the diversity of the programmes being offered by the University that are relevant to the local needs and are in tune with the emerging national and global trends. The indicator also captures the integration of modern teaching learning methodologies, by integrating latest developments in technology, in curricular planning, design and development. Also the periodic revision of the curricula based on the feedback from different stakeholders is necessary to remain relevant.

1.2 Academic Flexibility

Academic flexibility refers to the freedom given to the learner in terms of entry and exit, lateral and vertical mobility. Therefore, the enabling provisions like modular programmes permitting flexible exit options and lateral entry are desirable. The indicator also captures the enabling provisions of adoption/ adaptation of the programmes and courses by/ from the University for optimum utilization of the existing resources and preventing reinventing the wheel. The OU follows the choice based credit system for providing greater flexibility to the learners.

1.3 Curriculum Enrichment

All around development of learners is the main purpose of curriculum realized by prescribing dynamic and updated curricular inputs. In addition, the OU is expected to have provision for added courses and activities which may not be directly linked with one's discipline of study

but contribute to sensitizing learners to cross-cutting issues relevant to the current pressing concerns both nationally and internationally such as gender; environment and sustainability; inclusiveness; and creative and divergent competencies. The indicator also captures initiatives taken by the OU for creating social and human capital in these cross cutting domains. A progressive institution would provide a wide range of courses having focus on employability/ entrepreneurship/ skill development, etc. for learners to choose from according to their interests and inclinations. The availability of courses to create awareness amongst the learners and also for imparting life skills and soft skills to them are also desirable.

1.4 Feedback System

The relevance and acceptability of any curriculum depends a great deal on how often and effectively it is revised. The process of revision and redesign of curricula entails incorporating the recent developments in the domain of knowledge, skills and competencies; and integration of recent technologies. Feedback from all stakeholders in terms of its relevance and appropriateness in catering to the needs of the society, economy and environment, is paramount in improving and keeping the curriculum alive and the ease of its access to dispersed learners. Mere collection of feedback from different stakeholders does not serve any purpose if it is not duly analyzed and integrated with the revision process to enhance the effectiveness of the curriculum. The OU is expected to have a robust feedback system in place.

Criterion II: - Teaching Learning and Evaluation

In line with the philosophy of ODL, Criterion II pertains to the efforts of an OU to reach out to large segments of the society and serve the learners of different backgrounds and abilities, through effective teaching-learning experiences. In today's world where ICT has penetrated into every aspect of teaching learning, the instructional design adopted by the institution for transaction of curricula, is a suitable mix of interactive media components. Further, learners need to be engaged in activities such as discussions and interaction through face to face tutorial/counselling sessions, seminars, project work, presentations, experiments, practicum, internship, webinars, etc. that develop their knowledge and skills in cognitive, affective and psychomotor domains. The criterion also probes into the adequacy, competence as well as the continuous professional development of the human resource that handles the programmes of study, i.e, the teachers and other academics. The efficiency of the techniques used to continuously evaluate the performance of teachers, other academics and learners is also a major concern of this Criterion.

The focus of Criterion II is captured in the following Key Indicators:

KEY INDICATORS

- 2.1 Learner Enrolment
- 2.2 Catering to Learner Diversity

- 2.3 Teaching-Learning Process
- 2.4 Teachers and other Academics- Profile and Quality
- 2.5 Evaluation Process and Reforms
- 2.6 Learner Performance and Learning Outcomes
- 2.7 Learner Satisfaction Survey

2.1 Learner Enrolment

OUs have a mandate to reach out to large segments of society and promote educational opportunity and social justice, by providing access to higher education to persons who might otherwise have never had the opportunity to study. Thus they are supposed to cater to heterogeneous learners. The OUs can certainly claim success in terms of increasing access to higher education. This key indicator will probe the efforts undertaken by the institution to reach out to the hitherto unreached and whether these institutional efforts have resulted in increase in the enrollment.

2.2 Catering to Learner Diversity

The institutional efforts in ensuring equity and access to higher education to persons of diverse backgrounds, namely: different geographical areas and socio-economic, cultural and educational backgrounds, particularly from socially backward communities, persons with disabilities, jail inmates, persons from Defence and Security Forces background, etc. These are reflected in the learner profile of the OU.

2.3 Teaching-Learning Process

The learner-centered education promoted by OUs, is imparted through appropriate media mix comprising specially designed Self-Learning Materials (SLMs) in print, audio, video and e-resources/ digital resources, to promote individualized, creative and dynamic learning; and methodologies such as counselling sessions to facilitate participative learning, experiential learning and collaborative learning; and practical sessions for transmission of required skills and competencies. The teaching-learning modalities of the OUs are rendered to be relevant to the ODL system. Technologies are meaningfully incorporated to develop such learning resources to enrich the teaching-learning process and making them easily accessible to the learners.

2.4 Teachers and other Academics- Profile and Quality

There is a lot of truth in the cliché that the backbone of any university is its academic staff. In the case of OUs the academic staff comprises teachers who design and develop the curricula

in the form of SLMs and other academics who are involved in the delivery of the programmes and supporting the learners in their learning endeavours. "Academic quality" is a composite term to indicate the quality of teachers and other academics in terms of their qualifications; recruitment procedures; availability; experience; professional development, contribution in the development of SLMs and learner support; and recognition of their performance and abilities. Teachers and other academics take initiatives to learn and keep abreast with the latest developments, to innovate, continuously seek improvement in their work and strive for individual and institutional excellence. Another set of academics who support the learning endeavours of learners at the local level are the academic counsellors, whose qualifications and experience as teachers working in the conventional system, is vital for the quality of the ODL system

2.5 Evaluation Process and Reforms

This Key Indicator looks at issues related to assessment of teaching, learning and evaluative processes and reforms, to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the system. One of the purposes of evaluation is to provide development-inducing feedback through formative assessment followed by summative assessment. The qualitative dimension of evaluation is in its use for enhancing the competence of learners. In the ODL system, there are standard operating procedures for both formative and summative assessment, which reflect the quality of the assessment and evaluation process. In addition to this, since the ODL system caters to such huge numbers, the involvement of the internal academic staff; the automation of the examination system related processes; as well as timely redressal of learner grievances, is essential for maintaining the quality in the system.

2.6 Learner Performance and Learning Outcomes

The programmes on offer should clearly state the expected learning outcomes. The real test of the extent to which teaching learning has been effective in an OU is reflected in the learner performance in the continuous assessment and term end examinations. Learner performance is seen as the realization of learning outcomes, which are specifications of what a learner should be capable of doing on successful completion of a course and/or a programme.

2.7 Learner Satisfaction Survey

All the efforts of teachers and other academics of the institution to make learning a meaningful process can be considered impactful only to the extent learners perceive it to be meaningful. Their satisfaction level is decided by the kinds of experiences they undergo, the extent of the "comfort" feeling as well as intellectual stimulation the learning situations provide. Their feedback significantly showcases the actual quality of teaching learning process enabling identification of the strengths of teaching as well as the possible improvements. Learner satisfaction, thus, is a direct indicator of the effectiveness of teaching learning in the institution. It may be impractical to capture this aspect from every learner;

however, every OU can resort to a sample survey on a formalized basis to capture this significant feature, i.e. survey of student satisfaction and ploughing the feedback into the system.

Criterion III: - Research, Innovations and Extension

Research is an integral part of any University and contributes to its quality and recognition. In an OU the learners, teachers and other academic staff engage with the systemic research to contribute to the development of the ODL system and also in their disciplines and contribute new knowledge. It is therefore pertinent that the OU gives due consideration to the research activities and provides necessary support in terms of infrastructure, human resource, finance etc. to different stakeholders. The research needs to be facilitated by suitable policy framework. This Criterion seeks information on the policies, practices and outcomes of the institution, with reference to research, innovations and extension. It deals with the facilities provided and efforts made by the institution to promote a 'research culture'. The institution has the responsibility to enable faculty to undertake research projects useful to the society. Serving the community through extension, which is a social responsibility and a core value to be demonstrated by institutions, is also a major aspect of this Criterion.

The focus of Criterion III is captured in the following Key Indicators:

KEY INDICATORS

- 3.1 Research Policy and Facilities
- 3.2 Resource Mobilization for Research
- 3.3 Innovation Ecosystem
- 3.4 Research Publications and Awards
- 3.5 Consultancy
- 3.6 Extension Activities
- 3.7 Collaboration

4.1 Promotion of Research and Facilities

The promotion of research is an essential responsibility of an OU and it needs to be actively engaged in this by evolving appropriate policies and practices; making adequate resources available; encouraging active research involvement of teachers and academics; as well as recognizing any achievement of theirs through research. Required infrastructure in terms of space and equipment and support facilities are made available on the campus for undertaking research. The institution collaborates with other agencies, institutions, research bodies for sharing research facilities and undertaking collaborative research.

4.2 Resource Mobilization for Research

The OU provides support in terms of financial, academic and human resources required and timely administrative decisions to enable teachers and other academics to submit project proposals and approach funding agencies for mobilizing resources for research. The institutional support to its faculty for submitting research projects and securing external funding through flexibility in administrative processes and infrastructure and academic support are crucial for any institution to excel in research. The academic staff are empowered to take up research activities utilizing the existing facilities. The institution also encourages its staff to engage in interdisciplinary and interdepartmental research activities and resource sharing.

3.3 Innovation Ecosystem

The OU has created an ecosystem for innovation including incubation centre and other initiatives for creation and transfer of knowledge. The OU conducts workshops/seminars on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and Industry-Academia Innovative practices. The OU has taken initiatives through integration of recent technologies or other innovative practices/ methods for providing access to diverse groups of learners and for the betterment of its functioning. These need to be probed to see what its impact has been and on whom. Further, awards for innovation won by institution/teachers/research scholars/learners are explicitly commended by the institution.

3.4 Research Publications and Awards

Exploration and reflection are crucial for any teacher / other academic to be effective in one's job. Quality research outcome is beneficial for the discipline, society, industry, region and the nation. Sharing of knowledge especially theoretical and practical findings of research through various media enhances quality of teaching and learning. Research acumen in an institution is an evolving feature reflecting various research output with clear records such as - doctoral, post-doctoral, projects, inventions and discoveries, patents, number of MPhils and PhDs awarded and number of research publications.

3.5 Consultancy

Activity organized or managed by the faculty for an external agency for which the expertise and the specific knowledge base of the faculty becomes the major input. The finances generated through consultancy are fairly utilized by the institution. The faculty taking up consultancy is properly rewarded. OU is a resource pool with several persons engaged in research at various levels. Consultancy shows the credibility of the university's research acumen in the outside world. While the University personnel extend their expertise to other agencies, the University also generates some revenue along with the research faculty. For this it is necessary that the OU has a formalized policy on consultancy with clear specification of revenue sharing between the teacher / other academic and the institution.

3.6 Extension Activities

Learning activities have a visible element for developing sensitivities towards community issues, gender disparities, social inequity etc. and in inculcating values and commitment to society. Affiliation and interaction with groups or individuals who have an interest in the activities of the institution and the ability to influence the actions, decisions, policies, practices or goals of the organization leads to mutual benefit to both the parties. The processes and strategies inherent in such activities relevantly sensitize learners to the social issues and contexts. Sustainable practices of the institution leading to superior performance results in successful outcomes in terms of generating knowledge useful for the learner as well as the community. Extension is a major aspect of education which emphasizes community services. These are often integrated with curricula as extended opportunities, intended to help, serve, reflect and learn. The curriculum-extension interface has an educational value, especially in rural India.

3.7 Collaboration

Through collaboration the OU can maintain a closer contact with the work field. It helps keep the academic activities in the OU in a more realistic perspective and also expand the scope of learning experiences to learners. Collaboration can be sought with academic institutions or industry or other agencies of professional and social relevance. The range of activities could include training, student exchange, faculty exchange, research and resource sharing, among others. For making collaborative endeavor impactful it is necessary there is a formal agreement or understanding between the OU and other HEIs or agencies for such activities.

Criterion IV: - Infrastructure and Learning Resources

The effectiveness of all the aspects of the functioning of an OU depends significantly; on the available physical and IT infrastructure. In addition, the learning resources are crucial for the learners to facilitate them in their learning endeavour to successfully complete the programme of study. The adequacy and optimal use of the infrastructural facilities and learning resources available in an OU, are essential to maintain the quality of academic programmes on offer. The criterion IV attempts to gauge how every constituent of the institution- learners, teachers, other academics and non- academic staff - benefit from these facilities. In addition, the criterion is also concerned about the outlook and commitment of the OU for maintenance and expansion of the available resources to meet the current and future requirements of the institution.

The focus of Criterion IV is captured in the following Key Indicators:

KEY INDICATORS

4.1 Physical Facilities4.2 IT Infrastructure4.3 Learning Resources

4.1 Physical Facilities

Adequate infrastructure facilities are key to the effective and efficient design, development and delivery of educational programmes. The growth of infrastructure thus has to keep pace with the academic developments in the OU. It is desired that adequate facilities namely: academic and administrative units, media and print production, multimedia laboratories, library, storage and dispatch units etc.at the OU Headquarters are available. Further, the decentralized support units of the OU i.e. its Regional Centres (RCs) and Learner Support Centers (LSCs) are also equally developed, to contribute to the effective ambience for academic and administrative support activities.

Having adequate infrastructure is not enough for effective institutional functioning, but regular maintenance and periodic replenishment of existing infrastructure is essential. It is necessary that the University has sufficient resources allocated for regular augmentation and upkeep of the infrastructure and effective mechanisms to promote optimum use of the same.

4.2 IT Infrastructure

It is essential that the OU deploys and employs ICT for a range of its activities and processes. Regular updation of the IT facilities including the website and online systems set up at its HQs and RCs with adequate bandwidth is also equally important. The staff and learners should have access to technology and information retrieval on current and relevant issues. For an OU, facilities such as Media Production Centre; audio and video Studios, Direct Reception System (DRS), radio and TV broadcasts, and office automation systems/ ERP/ MIS are essential.

4.3 Learning Resources

In tune with its learner centric philosophy, the OU must have provisions of a proper learner support system at HQs, RCs and LSCs for the learners. Learner support services are critical for the success of the ODL system and consist of various components, academic counseling being the most significant one, as it facilitates synchronous two way communication, interaction and feedback so as to facilitate the learning process.

The library holdings in terms of books, journals and other learning materials and technologyaided learning mechanisms which enable learners to access information and knowledge resources and skills required for their programmes of study, indicates the quality of the OU. Recent developments in the digital age have led to drastic change in the functioning of the library. Automation of library using the ILMS, use of e-journals and e-books, providing remote access to e-resources in the library has become a matter of necessity. Provisions for these and such other developments as well as utilizing them well are important indicators of the quality of an academic institution.

Criterion V: Learner Support and Progression

Good infrastructure, competent human resource, desirable processes and well designed curricula are all essential components for an institution. However, the learners transform these components into an academic institution. It is the experiences of the learner that contribute to the success and recognition of the academic institution. The highlights of the Criterion V are the efforts of the OU to provide necessary support to the learners, to enable them to acquire meaningful experiences for learning and to facilitate their holistic development and progression. It also looks into learners' performance and the enrollment of passed out learners in an alumni association and how an alumni association benefits both the institution and the learner.

The focus of Criterion V is captured in the following Key Indicators:

KEY INDICATORS

- 5.1 Learner Support
- 5.2 Learner Progression
- 5.3 Alumni Engagement

5.1 Learner Support

The OU is expected to provide the necessary support to its prospective learners and after admission to the learners on its rolls- all through during the period of their study as well on completing the programme of study. The promotional activities conducted by an OU provide an opportunity to the prospective learners to know about the possible programmes / courses of her/ his interest. Pre admission counselling facilitates the learner in decision making and the online admission processes make the admission process more transparent and less cumbersome. The dispatch of study materials to her/ his doorstep and induction of the learner into the system familiarizes the freshly enrolled learner with the ODL system as well as the programme being pursued. Facilitating mechanisms offered through multiple channels: like academic counselling, attending to queries, grievance redressal and welfare measures like fee waivers, etc. provided to the learners, add to the quality of the experiences of the learners. The OU is expected to have a structured guidance and counselling system in place.

5.2 Learner Progression

Learner attainment during the course of her/his study at an OU is a pertinent issue that reflects that institutional provisions are in place to facilitate the learner to qualify and move towards achieving the goal of successful completion at every step: internal assessment and term end evaluation, which will ultimately lead to the completion of the programme of study.

5.3 Alumni Engagement

The Alumni are a strong support to any academic institution. An active Alumni Association can contribute in academic matters, learner support as well as mobilization of resources – both financial and non-financial for the institution. The OU is expected to nurture an alumni

association to facilitate them to contribute significantly to the development of the institution through financial and non-financial means. An active participation of the alumni in the OU is a reflection of the bond between the learner and the institution.

Criterion VI: - Governance, Leadership and Management

The quality of an institution is a reflection of the quality of its leadership, management and the efforts of its stakeholders. Criterion VI pertains to effective functioning of an OU that can be gauged by the policies and practices it has evolved in the areas of planning human resources, recruitment, training, incentives, avenues and mechanisms for promotion, financial management, resource mobilization and overall efforts to establish quality assurance mechanisms within the institution.

The focus of Criterion VI is captured in the following Key Indicators:

KEY INDICATORS

- 6.1 Institutional Vision and Leadership
- 6.2 Strategy Development and Deployment
- 6.3 Faculty Development / Empowerment Strategies
- 6.4 Financial Management and Resource Mobilization
- 6.5 Internal Quality Assurance System

6.1 Institutional Vision and Leadership

ODL institutions have to develop effective leadership by setting values and participative decision- making processes for not only to achieve the vision, mission and goals of the institution but also in building the organizational culture. The arrangements made by the OU in order to implement its academic and administrative goals, reflects upon the institution's efforts in achieving its vision.

6.2 Strategy Development and Deployment

The functions of the OU and its academic and administrative units are governed by the principles of participation and transparency. Formulation of development objectives, directives and guidelines with specific plans for implementation by aligning the academic and administrative aspects improves the overall quality of the institutional provisions. Under this key indicator the emphasis is to probe about perspective and strategic planning, organizational structure, implementation of e-governance and to assess effectiveness of various bodies vis-a-vis implementation of their resolutions.

6.3 Faculty Development /Empowerment Strategies

For OUs the process of planning human resources include recruitment, designing professional development programmes and creating a robust mechanism for promotion of the faculty and other academics. Empowerment strategies include upgrading the professional

competence of the staff both within the ODL system and in the outside world of academia. There are mechanisms evolved for career advancement of the teachers and other academics.

This key indicator looks into following aspects of faculty development and empowerment strategies adopted by the OU, namely: welfare measures for all sections of the institution; financial support provided to teachers and other academics for professional development; professional development programmes organized by the OU and percentage of faculty/other academics/non-academic staff attending such programmes, and lastly, the mechanism of promotion adopted by the OU.

6.4 Financial Management and Resource Mobilization

ODL institutions have established procedures and processes for planning, allocation and utilization of financial resources. This key indicator probes whether the OU has developed strategies for mobilizing resources and ensures transparency in financial management of the institution. Also, whether the income and expenditure of the institution is subjected to regular internal/ external audits and how the revenue generated by the institution is utilized in strengthening learner support services.

6.5 Internal Quality Assurance System

Internal quality assurance systems are self-regulated responsibility of the ODL institution aimed at continuous improvement of quality by achieving academic excellence. The OU should have mechanisms for academic and administrative auditing and should adopt a participatory approach in managing its provisions. This key indicator inquires about the establishment of Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) and efforts made by it in reforming institutional processes and infusing quality in the institution.

Criterion VII: - Institutional Values and Best Practices

An educational institution operates in the context of the larger education system in the country. In order to be relevant in changing national and global contexts an educational institution has to be responsive to the emerging challenges and pressing issues. It has a social responsibility to be proactive in the efforts towards development in the larger contexts. This role of the University is reflected in terms of the kinds of programmes, activities and preferences (values) that it incorporates within its regular functioning. The extent to which an institution is impactful in this, is a sure reflection of its quality.

Every institution has a mandate to be responsive to at least a few pressing issues such as empowerment and inclusion, environmental consciousness and sustainability, and professional ethics. However, the mechanisms adopted to address these and practices evolved will always be unique to the OU. Some meaningful practices are evolved internally by the institution leading to improvements in any one aspect of its functioning – academic, administrative or organizational, which are recognized as "best practices". Over a period of

time, due to such unique ways of functioning each institution develops distinct characteristics which become its recognizable attribute or distinction.

The focus of Criterion VII is captured in the following Key Indicators:

KEY INDICATORS

- 7.1 Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities
- 7.2 Best Practices
- 7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

7.1 Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities

The sensitivity of the OU to issues like empowerment and inclusion of marginalized and weaker sections, the disadvantaged, women, SC, ST, OBC, transgender, jail inmates, Defence personnel, persons residing in rural and remote areas, backward and tribal areas, etc. reflects the institutional values and its social responsibility. All institutions must display gender sensitivity in providing facilities to different stakeholders. The adoption of environment friendly practices such as – energy conservation, rain water harvesting, waste management, carbon neutral green practices etc. are the need of the hour. Social responsiveness also demands that the OU demonstrates *Divyangjan* friendliness by facilitating the PwDs, in effective dealing of locational advantages and disadvantages (situatedness); explicit concern for human values and professional ethics. Transparency in financial, academic and administrative functioning is a value that all institutions must emulate.

Core values are the ethos of any institution and it is displayed on its website. The OU plans and organizes activities to increase awareness about the fundamental duties and rights of Indian citizens, universal and national values, human values, national integration and communal harmony. Efforts are made for organizing national festivals and birth and death anniversaries of great Indian personalities. In other words, the concerns for social responsibilities as well as the values held by the institution are explicit in its regular activities.

7.2 Best Practices

Any practice or practices that the OU has internally evolved and used during the last few years leading to positive impact on its regular functioning can be identified as "best practice/s". The 'best practices' are relevant within the institutional context and may pertain to either academic or administrative or organizational aspects of institutional functioning. The institution should provide evidence of the best practices that are unique to the ODL system such as responsiveness towards learners, accountability and transparency among others.

7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness

Every OU would like to be recognized for its attributes such as e- governance, technology enabled learner support, content in regional languages, national/ international recognitions, etc. which make it 'distinct', Such attributes are reflected in its activities in focus and practice.

V. ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION BY NAAC

Open Universities (OUs), that offer education through ODL mode and are approved by the Distance Education Bureau (DEB) of the University Grants Commission and have been operational for a minimum period of five years or have at least two batches of learners completing a terminal examination, are eligible to apply for the process of Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) of NAAC, and fulfill the other conditions or are covered by the other provisions, if any, mentioned below:

- **1.** Universities (Central/State/Private/Deemed-to-be) and Institutions of National Importance
- **2.** Accredited OUs applying for Re-assessment or Subsequent Cycles (Cycle 2, Cycle 3, Cycle 4....) of Accreditation
 - a) Institutions, which would like to make an improvement in the accredited status, may apply for Re-assessment, after a minimum of one year and before three years of accreditation subject to the fulfillment of other conditions specified by NAAC from time to time for the purpose.
 - b) Institutions opting for Subsequent Cycles (Cycle 2, Cycle 3, Cycle 4....) of Accreditation can submit the Institutional Information for Quality Assessment (IIQA), beginning of the last quarter of the validity period subject to the fulfillment of other conditions specified by NAAC from time to time for the purpose.

Note:

All the institutions intending to apply for Assessment and Accreditation by NAAC need to mandatorily upload the information on All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) portal. AISHE code (reference number) is one of the requirements for Registration.

VI. THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Taking cognizance of the diversity in the kinds of institutions practicing ODL, these have been grouped under two categories namely, Open Universities (OUs) (single mode) and Directorates of Distance Education (DDE), attached to Conventional Universities (dual mode).The assessment process in both the categories will be carried out in three stages comprising three main components, viz., Self Study Report (SSR), Student Satisfaction Survey and the Peer Team Report.

In case of Open Universities the SSR has a total of 146 Metrics, covering seven Criteria as described below. There are two kinds of Metrics in the SSR: one, those requiring quantifiable facts and figures as data which have been indicated as 'quantitative metrics' (QnM); and the second, the metrics requiring descriptive responses and are accordingly named 'qualitative metrics' (QlM). Table 1 depicts the distribution of Key Indicators (KIs) and Metrics across them for OUs.

Type of HEIs	Open Universities					Total		
Criteria	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.	VI.	VII.	7
Key Indicators (KIs)	4	7	7	3	3	5	3	32
Qualitative Metrics (Q _l M)	4	9	8	7	8	10	5	51
Quantitative Metrics (QnM)	12	23	22	11	11	7	9	95
Total Metrics (Q _l M + QnM)	16	32	30	18	19	17	14	146

Table 1: Distribution of Metrics and KIs across Criteria for Open Universities

Table 2 gives the details of weightage given to the various Key Indicators and Criteria. In view of the variations in the institutional emphasis on the KIs among the conventional Universities and OUs, weightages have been appropriately demarcated.

Table 2: Distribution of	weightages across Ke	v Indicators (KIs)
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CRITERIA	Key Indicators (KIs)	Weightage
1.	1.1 Curriculum Planning, Design and Development	50
CURRICULAR ASPECTS	1.2 Academic Flexibility	50
	1.3 Curriculum Enrichment	30
	1.4 Feedback System	20
	Total	150
2.	2.1 Learner Enrolment	10
TEACHING -	2.2 Catering to Learner Diversity	35

LEARNING AND	2.3 Teaching-Learning Process	60
EVALUATION	2.4 Teachers and other Academics- Profile and Quality	55
	2.5 Evaluation Process and Reforms	40
	2.6 Learner Performance and Learning Outcomes	20
	2.7 Learner Satisfaction Survey	30
	Total	250
3.	3.1 Research Policy and Facilities	10
RESEARCH, INNOVATIONS	3.2 Resource Mobilization for Research	10
AND EXTENSION	3.3 Innovation Ecosystem	40
	3.4 Research Publications and Awards	70
	3.5 Consultancy	10
	3.6 Extension Activities	35
	3.7 Collaboration	25
	Total	200
4.	4.1 Physical Facilities	20
INFRASTRUCTURE AND LEARNING	4.3 Learning Resources	40
AND LEARNING RESOURCES	4.2 IT Infrastructure	40
	Total	100
5.	5.1 Learner Support	65
LEARNER SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION	5.2 Learner Progression	25
	5.3 Alumni Engagement	10
	Total	100
6. GOVERNANCE,	6.1 Institutional Vision and Leadership	10
LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT	6.2 Strategy Development and Deployment	15
MANAGEMENI	6.3 Faculty Development and Empowerment Strategies	30
	6.4 Financial Management and Resource Mobilization	20
	6.5 Internal Quality Assurance System	25
	Total	100
7.	Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities	50
INSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND BEST	Best Practices	30
PRACTICES	Institutional Distinctiveness	20
	Total	100
	Total Score	1000

VII. PROCEDURAL DETAILS

OUs are expected to read the details given below carefully and note the specifications of the process of A&A.

- Eligible OUs seeking A&A are required to submit Institutional Information for Quality Assessment (IIQA) online any time during the year starting from June-2019. Duly filled in IIQAs of eligible OUs will be accepted by NAAC for further processing and others will be rejected.
- 2. In case of rejection of IIQA applications specific suggestions would be given to OUs to facilitate them to resubmit IIQA. An institution can reapply twice after the first attempt resulted in rejection. That is, each OU is permitted three attempts in a year, with a single fee. After this, it will be considered a fresh application with required fees.
- 3. After the acceptance of IIQA, the institution will be asked to fill the SSR with the required document to be uploaded in the portal of NAAC website within 30 days. The SSR of the OU will then be subjected to further process. As preparation of SSR is a systematic process, so it is suggested that the OUs should be ready with soft copy of SSR and related documents well in advance of submitting IIQA. Those institutions who fail to submit SSR within 30 days will have to apply afresh starting from IIQA & its fees. In any case fees for IIQA will not be refundable.
- 4. The SSR has to be uploaded as per the format in portal of NAAC. After submission of SSR on NAAC portal OU would receive an auto generated link/ID of SSR in their registered email id. The same SSR in .pdf format should be then uploaded on institutional website.
- 5. The SSR has to be submitted only online. OUs should make necessary preparations with the required data, documents and/or responses before logging on to the NAAC website for submission of SSR online. Careful study of the Manual will be of great help in this regard.
- 6. As indicated earlier, the SSR comprises both Qualitative and Quantitative metrics. The Quantitative Metrics (Q_nM) add up to about 65% and the remaining about 35% are Qualitative Metrics (Q_lM) .
- 7. The data submitted on Quantitative Metrics (Q_nM) will be subjected to validation exercise with the help of Data Validation and Verification (DVV) process done by NAAC. The responses to Qualitative Metrics (Q₁M) will be reviewed by the Peer Team on site only after the institution clears the Pre-qualifier stage.
- 8. Any Institution found to be providing wrong information/data during validation and verification stage will be asked for clarifications. On the basis of clarifications submitted by the HEIs the data will be again sent for DVV process. The process of Data Validation and Verification (DVV) by NAAC will be done in not more than 30 days.
- 9. **Pre-qualifier**: The Quantitative Metrics (Q_nM) of SSR will be sent for Data Validation and Verification (DVV) Process. After DVV process, a DVV Deviation report will be generated. On the basis of the Deviation report, the A&A process will proceed further as per the following conditions:

- a) OUs whose Metrics are found to be deviated will be liable for the penalty or legal action. Their first installment of accreditation fees will also be forfeited, and the names of such OUs will be sent to statutory authorities for further actions.
- b) OU that clears the DVV process will proceed for Peer Team Visit with a condition of a Pre-qualifier, that the OU should score at least 30% in Quantitative Metrics (Q_nM) as per the final score after the DVV Process. If the OU does not clear the Pre-qualifier stage then they will have to apply afresh by submitting the IIQA and its fees. Such OUs are eligible to apply again only after six months from the day of declaration of Pre-qualification status.
- 10. After the DVV process, NAAC will intimate the OU, within 10 days stating whether they have successfully cleared the Pre-qualifier. This indicates that the institution has entered the next round of assessment to be done by the Peer Team during their on-site visit. The focus of Peer Team visit will be on the 35% Qualitative Metrics (Q₁M).
- 11. Student Satisfaction Survey (SSS): It will be conducted as per the following conditions:
 - a) SSS will be conducted simultaneously with DVV process.
 - b) Institutions will have to submit the entire database of learners with e-mail/mobile numbers, at the time of filling of online SSR itself.
 - c) The SSS questionnaire (20 objective & 01 subjective) will be e-mailed to all learners.
 - d) The following rule will be applied for processing the responses- 10% of the learner population or 5000, whichever is lesser. If the response rate is lower than the limits mentioned, the metric will not be taken up for evaluation.
 - e) SSS will be completed within one month after its initiation.
- 12. Peer Team visit of the institution should not exceed three months after clearance of Pre-qualifier stage.
- 13. Based on the size and scope of academic offerings at the OUs, the number of days and experts for onsite visit may vary from 2-3 days with 2-5 expert reviewers visiting the institutions. The visiting teams' role would be limited to Qualitative Metrics (Q₁M). The teams would play an important role in reviewing the intangible aspects.
- 14. NAAC will not pre-disclose the details of the visiting teams and OUs will not be responsible for logistics for the Visiting Teams. All payment towards TA, DA, Honorarium, etc., will be directly made by NAAC to the nominated members. There would be no financial transactions between the institution and the visiting NAAC team.
- 15. The institutions need to add a link in home page of their institutional website for NAAC records/files viz., SSR, Peer Team Report, AQAR, Certificate of NAAC and Accreditation documents etc., for easy access by its stakeholders. The said link should be clearly visible/ highlighted.

16. Guidelines for filling up Self-Study Report (SSR):

• Extended profile contains all the questions which are basically the figures of denominators of the formulas used for calculation of various Metrics values.

• There are Tool Tips at various places in portal, such as Metrics, sub-metrics, upload, etc. which are given as guidance regarding the sort of data required to be submitted by the institution. The Tool Tip is denoted in the form of **2**. Institutions are required to go through the respective Tool Tip thoroughly before filling the data.

• The data filled should contextualize with the related metrics. There is a limit for the documents to be uploaded for various Metrics. If the size of the document exceeds that limit, Institution may upload the same in their own website with password protection, if required. The link of the said uploaded document should be given in the portal.

• The data of the learners for Student Satisfaction Survey (SSS) has to be submitted concurrently during online submission of SSR.

• 'Asterisk Red mark' **#** in the portal indicates a mandatory requirement.

17. Policy to withdraw Application by Open Universities (OUs):

- If an OU which has submitted Self Study Reports (SSR), does not complete the A&A process for any reason: -
- It will be allowed to apply for A&A only after a period of one year from the date of submission of SSR.
- It will host the information that it has withdrawn / not completed the process on the OU website and the information will be hosted on NAAC website too.

• The fees submitted by OU for Assessment and Accreditation process so far will be forfeited.

18. Non-compliance of DVV Process: Institutions are given 15 days time to complete the DVV process, and are supposed to respond within stipulated time during DVV clarification stage. In unforeseen situations (such as natural calamities, political disturbances and alike) when the institutions fail to comply with the DVV process, a further extension of 7 days shall be granted on the basis of decision from Competent Authority. If even beyond the extension, the institution does not comply with the DVV clarification process, the assessment and accreditation of such institutions can be terminated at the level of DVV clarification. The institutions shall reapply for accreditation after one year of cooling period by submission of IIQA and filling SSR afresh.

VIII. ASSESSMENT OUTCOME

The final result of the Assessment and Accreditation exercise will be an ICT based score, which is a combination of evaluation of qualitative and quantitative metrics. This will be compiled as a document comprising three parts.

PART I - <u>Peer Team Report</u>

• Section 1: Gives the General Information of the institution and its context.

- Section 2: Gives Criterion wise analysis based on peer evaluation of qualitative indicators. Instead of reporting with bullet points, this will be a **qualitative, descriptive assessment report** based on the Peer Team's critical analysis presenting strengths and weaknesses of OU under each Criterion
- Section 3: Presents an **Overall Analysis** which includes Institutional Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges.
- Section 4: Records **Recommendations for Quality Enhancement of the Institution** (not more than **10** major ones).

PART II - <u>Graphical representation based on Quantitative Metrics (Q_nM)</u>

This part will be a **System Generated Quality Profile** of the OU based on statistical analysis of quantitative indicators in the NAAC's QIF (quality indicator framework). Graphical presentation of institutional features would be reflected through synthesis of quantifiable indicators.

PART III - Institutional Grade Sheet

Contains the **Institutional Grade Sheet** which is based on qualitative indicators, quantitative indicators and student satisfaction survey using existing calculation methods but it will be generated by a software.

The above three parts will together form "NAAC Accreditation Outcome" document. It is mandatory for the OUs to display it on their institutional website apart from NAAC hosting it on its website.

Calculation of Institutional CGPA

The CGPA will be calculated based on the scores obtained from the three sources, viz., The System Generated Scores (SGS) of the quantitative metrics which comprise about 65% of the total, the scores from the qualitative metrics includes critical appraisal by the Peer Team through on site visit and the scores obtained on the Student Satisfaction Survey. These will be collated through an automated procedure based on 'benchmarks' and assessed on a five point scale, viz., (0, 1, 2, 3 & 4).

The Final Grade

On the basis of the CGPA obtained by the institution on a maximum possible score of 4.00, the final grade is assigned on a seven point scale as shown in Table 3. The seven point refers to the seven letter grades each aligned to the seven specific score range.

Table 3: Institutional Grades and Accreditation Status

Range of Institutional Cumulative Grade	Letter Grade	Status
Point Average (CGPA)		

3.51-4.00	A++	Accredited
3.26-3.50	A+	Accredited
3.01-3.25	А	Accredited
2.76-3.00	B++	Accredited
2.51-2.75	B+	Accredited
2.01-2.50	В	Accredited
1.51-2.00	С	Accredited
≤ 1.50	D	Not Accredited

Institutions which secure a CGPA equal to or less than 1.50 are notionally categorized under the letter grade "D". Such unqualified institutions will also be intimated and notified by NAAC as "Assessed and Found not qualified for Accreditation".

IX. MECHANISM FOR INSTITUTIONAL APPEALS

The process of assessment and accreditation is viewed as an exercise in partnership done jointly by the NAAC and the institution being assessed. Every stage of the process is marked by transparency. The institution is consulted at various stages of the process – eliminating conflict of interest with the peers, planning the visit schedule, sharing the draft peer team report before the team leaves the campus etc. In spite of this participatory approach, there may be institutions that might have grievances to be addressed. Therefore, to provide a review mechanism for institutions who are aggrieved about the process or its outcome or any other issues related thereof, the NAAC has evolved Mechanism for Institutional Appeals.

On announcement of the outcome of A & A, if the institution is not satisfied with the accreditation status, it may submit:

- 1. The *letter of intent* for appeal along with a request to provide the Criterion wise scores so as to reach NAAC within 30 days from the receipt of the letter intimating the accreditation status from NAAC.
- 2. The application for *Appeal* in the format prescribed by NAAC (refer Grievance Redressal Guidelines) should reach NAAC *within 30 days* from the date of receipt of the criterion wise scores from NAAC. The application for appeal should be submitted along with the requisite non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,00,000/- + applicable taxes.

An Appeals Committee constituted for the purpose will consider the appeal and make recommendations to the Executive Committee (EC). The decision of the EC shall be binding on the institution. For details, refer to the NAAC website: <u>www.naac.gov.in</u>

X. RE-ASSESSMENT

Institutions, which would like to make an improvement in the accredited status, may volunteer for re-assessment, after completing at least one year, but not after the completion of three years. The option can be exercised only once in a cycle. Re-assessed institution cannot come for another re-assessment in the same cycle. The current procedures and methodology including the manual for the Assessment and Accreditation is applicable for all institutions applying for re-assessment. However, the institution shall make specific responses based on the recommendations made by the peer team in the previous assessment and accreditation report, as well as the specific quality improvements made by the institution in the intervening period. The fee structure and other process would be as per the current procedures of Assessment and Accreditation (more details can be obtained from NAAC website). Institutions that volunteer for re-assessment will not be eligible for fee waiver and reimbursement of accreditation expenses.

XI. SUBSEQUENT CYCLES OF ACCREDITATION

The methodology for subsequent cycles of accreditation remains the same. However, due consideration would be given to the post-accreditation activities resulting in quality improvement, quality sustenance and quality enhancement. In the SSRs institutions opting for subsequent cycles of accreditation need to highlight the significant quality sustenance and enhancement measures undertaken during the last four years (narrative not exceeding 10 pages). A functional Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) and timely submission of Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQARs), are the Minimum Institutional Requirements (MIR) to volunteer for subsequent cycles of accreditation.

In the case of institutions which apply for reaccreditation within the stipulated period of six months before the end of the cycle of accreditation, as per the guidelines of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), the gap period between two consecutive accreditation will be condoned. In case of other institutions which have not applied as per the guidelines mentioned above, the maximum period for condonation would be one year between the two consecutive accreditation cycles.

1. Appeals Mechanism and Fee:

Review of Accreditation (grievance) Rs. 1,00,000/- + GST 18% as applicable from time to time. Institution shall pay TA and Honorarium to Peer Team Members through NAAC. In case of decision by the Appeals committee, the logistic fee applicable as mentioned in point 4.

2. For subsequent cycles of Accreditation:

The fee structure proposed for Assessment and Accreditation and towards logistics as above, applies for all the cycles of Accreditation and Re-assessment for all Institutions.

3. Mode of Payment-Online:

The fees should be paid online through the online payment option available in the OU portal.

XII. GETTING READY FOR SUBMISSION OF SELF - STUDY REPORT (SSR)

The OUs have to submit SSR online only through the portal. The portal will be made available to the Institution on the NAAC website in 'Apply Online Tab'. It would be helpful if the institution reads the Manual carefully and gets ready with all kinds of details required to be filled up in online format. Use this Manual for understanding the process of A&A and preparing for the submission of SSR in the online format.

Some significant tips are reiterated below:

- While submitting the IIQA, ensure that there is adequate number of days for processing the SSR within the stipulated period, after the date of its acceptance by NAAC.
- The SSR has to be filled online. For this NAAC will provide access to the respective portal on the website for institutions, according to pre-declared timeline.
- Read instructions about where to upload the documents and data, in what format data have to be presented for the various metrics and required verbal explication for the qualitative metrics.
- Kinds of information to be filled in the SSR are given in the QIF, presented in Section B.
- The Profile of the Institution given in Section B is self-evident in seeking information about the institution.
- The QIF given in Section B indicates the kinds of data and documents required for each of the Metrics while filling up the SSR and also kinds of responses to be given.
- In an initial exercise, the institution can prepare details as sought in the QIF (Section B) about the various aspects of its functioning and upload them in a protected space on the institutional website. This will make it easy to upload and/or make them available through hyperlinks whenever required.
- Some of the documents indicated such as minutes of various committees/bodies, financial details and similar items for which the institution may not like to provide in open access could be kept ready and made available through hyperlinks whenever required.
- Keep all the relevant documents and data indicated in the QIF for each Metric under all KIs as a template so that when access to online SSR is available, it's easy to provide pertinent data.
- Wherever verbal descriptions are required write briefly as indicated (eg. . . in not more than 500 words.... or.... in not more than 200 words..., etc). Contemplate well and prepare the write ups explicating the highlights of the sought details about the institution without wasting space/words on 'frill' details.

- The online formats (templates) for submitting data with respect to Quantitative Metrics (QnM) is given in Sub Section 6 of Section B. The same template in excel format can be downloaded from NAAC website available in an 'Apply Online Tab'.
- Ensure authentic, correct data are provided through out. Incorrect data or false details could lead to disqualification or penalty.
- > Strictly adhere to the time specifications given by NAAC.
- > Keep a brief executive summary for upload as per details given in Section B.
- > Do not send any information as hard copy to NAAC unless specified.
- Read the Manual completely including the Glossary and Notes. This will help in clear understanding of the terms used in the Quality Indicator Framework (QIF).
- For Metric related to finance, the preceding financial year (1st April to 31st March) may be used to consolidate data, for publication related data preceding calendar year (1st January to 31st December) data to be entered and for the other metrics the preceding academic year may be taken for data to be entered in 'data capturing format' of portal. Wherever the requirement of current year data is mentioned, use the data of last completed academic year.

XIII. MANDATORY DISCLOSURE ON OU'S WEBSITE

To ensure the transparency in the process of Assessment and Accreditation, it is necessary for the OU to upload the SSR along with other relevant documents on Institutional website. Thus it is suggested to create a separate NAAC tab/link on the website and upload the following documents till the validity period of Accreditation is over:

- 1) SSR submitted online, to be uploaded after DVV process only (.pdf format).
- 2) Data templates which are uploaded along with SSR (in password protected mode, if needed).
- 3) Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR Year wise)
- 4) Accreditation outcome document viz., Certificate, Grade sheet, etc.

The OU may suitably design their NAAC tab/link to accommodate all relevant documents.

SECTION-B

Data Requirements for Self - Study Report (SSR)

This section gives details of various data required for filling up the online format of the Self - Study Report, viz.,

1. Executive Summary

- 2. Profile of the Open University
- 3. Extended Profile of the Open University
- 4. Quality Indicator Framework (QIF)
- 5. Data Templates / Documents (Quantitative Metrics)

1. Executive Summary

Every OU applying for the A&A process shall prepare an Executive Summary highlighting the main features of the Institution including

- **Introductory Note** on the Institution: location, vision mission, type of the institution etc.
- **Criterion-wise Summary** on the Institution's functioning in not more than 250 words for each criterion.
- Brief note on **Strength Weaknesses Opportunities and Challenges (SWOC)** in respect of the Institution.
- Any additional information about the Institution other than ones already stated.
- Over all conclusive explication about the institution's functioning.

The Executive summary shall not be more than 5000 words.

1. Profile of the Open University

1. Basic Information

Name and	Name and Address of the University:				
NT					
Name					
Address :					
City :					
Pin :					
State :					
Website:					

2. For Communication:

Designation	Name	Telephone with STD code	Mobile	Fax	Email
Vice Chancellor					
Registrar					
CIQA Coordinator					

3. Type of University:

Under UGC Act 1956: Section: i. 2 (f) ii. 12 (B)	Date, Month & Year of Establishment
Created by an Act of Central Legislature (Specify Act no.)	
Created by an Act of State Legislature (Specify Act no.)	

(Enclose the Certificate of Recognition u/s 2 (f) and 12 (B) of the UGC Act/ Copy of the Ministry of Human resource Development Notification)

4. Territorial Jurisdiction of the University

5. Income and Expenditure over past five years

Sources	Sources of income							
Year	Grants from Government	Grants from UGC	Student Fees and other charges	Self Financing	Others	Total		
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Expenditure

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Year	Salary	Construction of Building	Infrastructure Development	Student Support Services	Staff Training and Development	Others	Total

6. Details of Recognition:

Details of recognition/approval by UGC and other statutory/regulatory bodies like AICTE, NCTE, MCI, DCI, PCI, RCI etc (other than UGC).

Statutory/Regulatory Authority	Recognition/Approval Status ofInstitution	Day, Month and Year (dd-mm- yyyy)	Period of Validity	Remarks

7. Does the University have autonomy (as recognized by the UGC)?

Yes

No

8. Location of the University and Area

Location*	
Campus Area in sqmts	
Built up Area in sqmts	

(* Urban, Semi-urban, Rural, Tribal, Hilly Area, Any others specify)

9. Details of programmes offered by the University (Give data for current academic year)

SI. No	Programme Level	Name of the Programme	Duration	Entry Qualification	Medium of instruction	Sanctioned/ approved Student strength	No. of students admitted
1	Awareness						
2	Certificate						
3	Diploma						

4	PG Diploma			
5	Under Graduate			
6	Post-Graduate			
7	MPhil			
8	PhD			
9	Any Other			
	TOTAL			

10. Details of self – financed programmes (if applicable):

Number of	Self-financed programmes	New Programmes introduced
programs	offered	during the last five years

11. List of the Departments/ Schools and levels of programmes being offered: (respond if applicable only and do not list facilities like Library, Physical Education as departments, unless they are also offering academic degree awarding programmes. Similarly, do not list the departments offering common compulsory subjects for all the programmeslike English, regional languages etc.)

Faculty	Departments (eg. Physics, Botany, History etc.)	UG	PG	Research
Science				
Arts/ Social Sciences &Humanities Commerce				
Management Studies				
Any Other				

12. Number of teaching and non-teaching positions in the Open University

Positions		Teaching			Other Academ	Non- teaching		Technical		
	Professor	Associate	Assistant	Director/	Dy.	Assistant				
		Professor	Professor	Sr.	Director/Regio	Director/Assi				
				Regional	nal Director	stant				

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Sanctio																
ned				-												
In																
position																
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13. Qualifications of the Academic Staff:

Highest Qualification	-	fessor Female		ciate essor Female	Ass Pro Male	Total						
Permanent Teachers	Permanent Teachers											
D.Sc./D.Litt.												
Ph.D.												
M.Phil.												
PG												
Teachers on contract Ph.D.	(Consu	ltants)										
M.Phil.												
PG												
Other Academics												
Ph.D.												
M.Phil.												
PG												

- 14. Number of Visiting Faculty /Guest Faculty engaged with the University.
- **15.** Furnish the number of the learners admitted to the University during the last five academic years.

	Current Year		Yea	Year 2		Year 3		4	Year 5	
Categories	Μ	F	Μ	F	М	F	Μ	F	Μ	F
SC										
ST										
OBC										
General										
Others										

16. Number of learners awarded Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees during the last five years

SI. No	Program Level	Current year	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	Awareness					

Certificate			
Diploma			
PG Diploma			
Under Graduate			
Post-Graduate			
MPhil			
PhD			
Any Other			
TOTAL			

17. Unit Cost of Education:

Unit Cost of Education	Including Salary Component	Excluding Salary Component

* (Unit cost = total annual recurring expenditure (actual) divided by total number of students enrolled)

18. Date of accreditation* (applicable for Cycle 2, Cycle 3, Cycle 4 and reassessment only)

Cycle 1: (dd/mm/yyyy)Accreditation Outcome/Result.....

Cycle 2: (dd/mm/yyyy) Accreditation Outcome/Result.....

Cycle3: (dd/mm/yyyy) Accreditation Outcome/Result.....

Cycle 4:..... (dd/mm/yyyy) Accreditation Outcome/Result.....

19. Date of establishment of Centre for Internal Quality

Assurance (CIQA) (dd/mm/yyyy)

20. Details regarding submission of Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQAR) to NAAC

AQAR (i) (dd/mm/yyyy) AQAR (ii) (dd/mm/yyyy)

AQAR (iii) (dd/mm/yyyy)

AQAR (iv) (dd/mm/yyyy)

3. Extended Profile of the Open University

1. Programme:

1.1. Number of Programmes offered year wise for last five years

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Year					
Number					
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1.2 Number of courses in all Programmes year wise during the last five years

Year			
Number			

1.3. Number of Schools offering academic programmes

Year			
Number of			

2. Learners:

2.1 Number of learners enrolled year wise during the last five years

Year			
Number			

2.2 Number of outgoing / final year learners year wise during the last five years

Year			
Number			

2.3 Number of learners appeared in the University examination year wise during the last five years

Year			
Number			

2.4 Number of re-evaluation applications year wise during the last 5 years

Year			
Number			

3. Institution:

3.1 Number of full time teachers year wise during the last five years

Year			
Number in			
position			
Number of			
Sanctioned			
posts			

3.2 Number of full time other academics year wise during the last five years

Year			
Number in			
position			

Number of			
Sanctioned			
posts			

3.3 Number of full time technical staff year wise during the last five years

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Year				
Number in				
position				
Number of				
Sanctioned				
posts				

3.4 Number of full time non-academic staff year wise during the last five years

Year			
Number in			
position			
Number of			
Sanctioned			
posts			

3.5 Total Expenditure excluding salary year wise during the last five years (INR in Lakhs)

Year			
Expenditure			

3.6Total number of (a) rooms and (b) seminar halls:

3.7 Total number of computers in the campus:

4. Learner support

4.1: Number of Regional Centres_____

4.2: Number of Learner Support Centres (LSCs)_____

4.3: Number of part time academic counsellors at LSCs_____

4.3: Number of part time functionaries at LSCs _____

4. Quality Indicator Framework (QIF)

Essential Note:

The format of the SSR has to be filled up only online and the IT format will be made available on the NAAC website.

The QIF given below presents the Metrics under each Key Indicator (KI) for all the seven Criteria.

While going through the QIF, details are given below each Metric in the form of:

- data required
- *formula* for calculating the information, wherever required, and
- *documents* needed to be uploaded, from which data could be compiled.

These will help Institutions in the preparation of their SSR, viz., what is the import of the item given, the kinds of data to be provided and how, kinds of documents to be made available and the mode of response.

For some Qualitative Metrics (Q_lM) which seek descriptive data it is specified as to what kind of information has to be given and how much. It is advisable to keep data accordingly compiled beforehand.

For the Quantitative Metrics (Q_nM) wherever formula is given it must be noted that these are given merely to inform the HEIs about the manner in which data submitted will be use. *That is the actual online formats seek only data in specified manner which will process digitally.* It is necessary to fill in details for denominator and the numerator, as well as the percentage and/or the value arrived at.

Metric wise weightage is also given. The actual online format may change slightly from the QIF given in this Manual which is because of rendering it to the IT format. Observe this carefully while filling up.

CRITERIA		
	Key Indicators (KIs)	Weightage
1.	1.1 Curriculum Planning, Design and Development	50
CURRICULAR	1.2 Academic Flexibility	50
AGDECTS		
ASPECTS	1.3 Curriculum Enrichment	30

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	1.4 Feedback System	20
	Total	150
2.	2.1 Learner Enrolment	10
LEARNING	2.2 Catering to Learner Diversity	35
AND EVALUATION	2.3 Teaching-Learning Process	60
	2.4 Teachers, Other academics and Academic Counselors - Profile and Quality	55
	2.5 Evaluation Process and Reforms	40
	2.6 Learner Performance and Learning Outcomes	20
	2.7 Learner Satisfaction Survey	30
	Total	250
	3.1 Research Policy and Facilities	10
RESEARCH, INNOVATIONS	3.2 Resource Mobilization for Research	10
AND	3.3 Innovation Ecosystem	40
EXTENSION	3.4 Research Publications and Awards	70
	3.5 Consultancy	10
	3.6 Extension Activities	35
	3.7 Collaboration	25
	Total	200
	4.1 Physical Facilities	20
INFRASTRUC TURE AND	4.3 Learning Resources	40
LEARNING RESOURCES	4.2 IT Infrastructure	40
RESOURCES	Total	100
5.	5.1 Learner Support	65
LEARNER SUPPORT AND PROGRESSIO N	5.2 Learner Progression	25
	5.3 Alumni Engagement	10
	Total	100
	6.1 Institutional Vision and Leadership	10
GOVERNANC	6.2 Strategy Development and Deployment	15
E, LEADERSHIP AND	6.3 Faculty Development and Empowerment Strategies	30
MANAGEMEN	6.4 Financial Management and Resource Mobilization	20
Т	6.5 Internal Quality Assurance System	25
	Total	100
	Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities	50
INSTITUTION	Best Practices	30
AL VALUES AND BEST	Institutional Distinctiveness	20
PRACTICES	Total	100

CRITERION I- CURRICULAR ASPECTS (150) Key Indicator- 1.1 Curriculum Planning, Design and Development (50)

Metric		Weightage
No. 1.1.1 Q _n M	Number of programmes on offer	10
QnIVI	Total number of programmes offered year wise during last five years	
	Data requirement: (As per Data Template B)	
	Name of the Programme (Programme code)Year of launch	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) UGC letter of Recognition for the programmes on offer Minutes of relevant Academic Council/ BoS meetings Any additional information 	
1.1.2 Q _i M	Relevance of curricula planned, designed and developed /adopted	
(h)	 Write a description(within a maximum of 500 words each)on the following: a. the relevance of the curricula planned, designed and developed /adopted to the local/ national / regional/global needs, and b. the conformity of all Programmes offered by the University with the university's mission and goals. 	10 (5+5)
	 Supporting documents (Upload) PPR of all programmes (in single PDF file) Any additional information 	
1.1.3	Electronic media and other digital components in the curriculum	
Q _n M	What percentage of the Programmes on offer have incorporated electronic media and other digital components in their curriculum during the last five years	
	Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B)	
	 Names of the Programme (s) (With Programme Code (s)) incorporating electronic media and other digital components in the curriculum Total number of programmes on offer during the last five years 	10
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Details of Programmes incorporating electronic media and other digital components offered in last 5 years 	
	• Any other information	

1.1.4 QnM	 Revision of programmes What percentage of Programmes have been revised or are under revision out of total number of Programmes offered during the last five years Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Names of the Programme (s) revised or under revision (with Programme Code (s)) Total number of programmes on offer Supporting documents (Upload) Minutes of relevant Academic Council/BoS/ School Board meetings Any other information 	10
1.1.5 QnM	 Courses being offered as MOOCs or using OERs. Number of courses being offered as MOOCs or using OERs to supplement the existing courses in the current year. Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Name of the Programme (with Programme Code) Name of the courses being offered as MOOCs or using OERs (with Course code (s)) Credit weightages of the courses Total number of courses being offered. Supporting documents (Upload) Link to the list of MOOCs approved by the respective National Coordinator (s) Curriculum/ Syllabus of the / courses being offered as MOOCs or using OERs Minutes of the Boards of Studies/ School Boards/ Academic Council meetings for approvals of these courses 	10

Key Indicator – 1.2: Academic Flexibility (50)

Metric No.		Weightage
1.2.1 Q _n M	Enabling provision for its programmes being adopted/ adapted	
	1.2.1.1 Does the University have enabling provisions for allowing its programmes to be adopted/ adapted by other HEIs? Give the number of programmes of the OU adopted/ adapted by other HEIs over the past five years	10
	 Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Name of the Programme(s) of the Open University adopted/ adapted by other HEI 	

	1.2.1.2 What is the number of other HEIs adopting/ adapting the programmes of the University over past five years?	10
	 Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Names of the HEI (s) adopting/ adapting the programmes of the OU during past five years Programmes adopted/adapted by HEIs 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Letter of Agreement Details of Programme Details of OU Any additional information 	
1.2.2	Enabling provision for lateral entry / vertical mobility for learners	
Q _n M	How many learners have been admitted in the University through lateral entry/ vertical mobility based on credit transfer, during the last five years?	10
	Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B)	
	 Name of the programme (with code) Number of the learners admitted through lateral entry/vertical 	
	 Number of the learners admitted through lateral entry/ vertical mobility based on credit transfer during past five years 	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	Credit transfer policy List a functional harding from latency langt transfer to the latency	
	 List of programmes having provision for lateral entry/ vertical mobility 	
	 Any other information 	
1.2.3 Q ₁ M	Enabling provision for modular approach	
X 1-1-	Does the Open University have a provision for modular approach	
	providing flexible exit to the learners? Write a description within a	
	maximum of 1000 words.	10
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	• List of programmes having modular approach with flexible exit	
	options for the learnersAny additional information	
1.2.4 Q _n M	Implementation of CBCS / ECS	10
	What is the Percentage of Programmes in which Choice Based Credit System CBCS/ Elective Course System (ECS) has been implemented out of the total number of programmes requiring CBCS/ECS. (Current year data only)	
	Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B)	
	• Name of all Programmes (with Program Code) adopting CBCS	
	 Names of Programmes (with Program Code) adopting elective course system (ECS) 	
	 Number of programmes requiring adoption of CBCS or ECS 	

 Minutes of relevant Academic Council/Bos/ School Board meetings Any additional information 		 Supporting documents (Upload) Minutes of relevant Academic Council/BoS/ School Board meetings Any additional information 	
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<u>Key Indicator – 1.3: Curriculum Enrichment (30)</u>

Metric No.		Weightages
1.3.1	Integration of cross cutting issues in the curriculum	
QıM	How does the University integrate cross cutting issues relevant to Gender; Environment and Sustainability; Inclusive Education and other emerging interdisciplinary knowledge domains into the curriculum? Give a description within a maximum of 500 words.	5
	 Supporting documents (Upload) List the courses which address the Gender, Environment and 	5
	Sustainability, Human Values and Professional Ethics into the curriculum	
	Any additional information	
1.3.2	Initiatives for creating social and human capital in cross cutting domains	5
Q _l M	Describe the initiatives taken by the University for creating social and human capital in cross cutting domains within a maximum of 500 words.	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) List of initiatives for creating social and human capital in cross cutting domains Any additional information 	
1.3.3	Awareness/Soft skills / life skills etc oriented courses on offer	5
QnM	How many courses imparting awareness/ life skills / soft skills (credit/ non- credit)have been offered by the OU during the last 5 years	
	Data requirement : (As per Data Template in Section B) Name of courses imparting awareness/ life skills / soft skills (credit/ non- credit)	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Brochure or any other document relating to the listed courses Any additional information 	
1.3.4	Courses on employability/ entrepreneurship/ skill development	
QnM	What Percentage of courses on offer has focus on employability/ entrepreneurship/ skill development?	10
	Give number of courses having focus on employability/ entrepreneurship/ skill development year wise during the last five years. Also provide the total	10

	number of courses on offer during the last five years.	
	number of courses on offer during the last five years.	
	Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B)	
	 Name of the Programme (s)(with Programme Code (s)) having such courses Name (s) of Course (s)(Course Code (s))having focus on employability/ entrepreneurship/ skill development. 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Link to programme structure of such courses having focus on Employability/ Entrepreneurship/ Skill development Any additional information 	
1.3.5	Learners undertaking fieldwork / projects / internships etc.	
QnM	What is the percentage of learners undertaking field work / projects / internships /Dissertations / seminars/ extended contact programmes/ practical sessions/ workshops (current year data) across all Programmes requiring such activities?	5
	 Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) Names of the Programme involving field work/ projects / internships etc. No. of learners undertaking field work/ projects / internships etc. Number of learners enrolled in Programme involving field work/ projects / internships etc. Supporting documents (Upload) Link to Programme structure(s) Handbook/Manual for field work/ projects / internships etc. List of learners enrolled in Programme involving field work/ projects / internships etc. Any additional information 	

Key Indicator – 1.4 Feedback System (20)

Metric No.		Weig htag e
1.4.1	Feedback for design and review of curriculum	
QnM	 Does the OU seek structured feedback for design and review of curriculum? How many of the following stakeholders have been approached for the feedback and the received feedback has been analyzed and utilized? 1) Learners 2) Teachers and other Academics 3) Academic Counsellors 4) Subject Experts 5) Employers 6) Alumni 	10
	 Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) Name of the Programme (s) (Programme code (s)) / Course (s)(Course code (s)) for which the feedback has been sought 	

	• Report of analysis of feedback received from different stakeholders year wise	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) URL for stakeholder feedback report Any additional information 	
1.4.2	Action on feedback (Feedback collection, analysis and action taken)	
QnM	 Which of the following correctly represents the feedback processes of the institution for design and review of the programmes? Feedback collected, analyzed and incorporated; the feedback is available on website: A. Feedback collected, analyzed and incorporated C. Feedback collected and analyzed but not incorporated D. Feedback collected only E. Feedback questionnaire designed and administered F. Feedback not initiated Supporting documents (Upload) 	10
	 URL for feedback report (s) Action taken report of the University on feedback report as stated in the minutes of the Governing Council, Syndicate, Board of Management Any additional information 	

CRITERION II – TEACHING-LEARNING AND EVALUATION (250)

Key Indicator - 2.1: Learner Enrolment (10)

Metric No.						Weightage		
2.1.1	Increase in	n the enrolment						
Q _n M	What is the over last five		e in the enrolment of	learners in the U	niversity year wise			
	Year	Fresh enrollment	*Admission into next semester (re- registration)	Total enrollment		5		
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					-			
	Current year							
	 Admission into 2nd year (3rd semester & 4th semester) / 3rd year (5th& 6th semester) for UG level learners Admission into 2nd year (3rd semester & 4th semester) for PG level learners 							
	Data requirement: • Total number of learners enrolled year wise for past five years							
			irners re-registered ye	•	•			

	 Supporting documents (Upload) Provide link of the URLs Any additional information 							
2.1.2	Efforts for reaching the unreached							
Q _l M			forts undertaken by ess to higher education					
	\$	• Pro	cuments (Upload) vide link of the UF y additional inform	RLs				
]	Key Indicator - 2.	2 Catering	to Learner I	Diversity	(35)	
2.2.1	Cate	ring to Rural P	opulation					
Q _n M			ners enrolled are fr nt areas (Rural*/U		as? Provide t	otal numb	per of learners	5
	Yea		of learners from Urban areas		of learners e ral* areas	enrolled		
	*Dur	al also includes	tribal areas					
				1-4- in C 4i	D)			
	Data	• Num	As per Data Temp ber of learners enral number of learne	olled from d	lifferent areas			
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Institutional data Any additional information 							
2.2.2	Reac	hing out to lear	rners from sociall	y backward	categories			5
Q _n M	Provi		on of enrolled lear ber of learners en					
	Year	r Sociall	y backward catego	ory wise dist	ribution			
		Number of learners from SC category	Number of learners from ST category	Number of learners from BC / OBC	Number of learners from General			

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				category	category	7				
		• Numbe	er of learners	emplate in Sect s enrolled from or arners enrolled i	different so	•	ckward catego	ries		
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	Supporting	document itutional da								
			information							
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2.2.3	Reaching or	ut to wome	en learners						5	
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Q _n M				learners across ders year wise	•			1		
			different gen	uers year wise	autiling lust	nite yeur	5			
		Number	Number							
	Year	of Male	of Fema	0	er					
		learners	learners	learners						
	Data requir		· ·	emplate in Sect			·			
			er of learners	s enrolled from	different g	enders ye	ar-wise for pas	st five		
		yearsTotal n	umber of le	arners enrolled v	vear-wise f	for nast fi	ve vears			
						ioi past ii	ve years			
	Supporting	document	s (Upload)							
		itutional da								
	• Any	additional	information							
2.2.4				abilities (PwD)						
				vere enrolled year		ring last f	ive years? Prov	vide the c	lata	5
Q _n M	for learners of Year	enrolled fro	om different	PwD categories		Munch		ו		1
		mber of			Numbe r of	Numb er of				
		rners	Number of	Number of	learner	learner				1
	wit	h	learners with	learners with	s with	s with	Total			1
	-	eech &	With Locomotor	Visual	Low	Any	enrollment			1
		ring	impairment	impairment	vision	other				1
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	1					lity				

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	•	Fotal number	As per Data T of PwD learn of learners er	ers enrolled		,					
				nono u m un	c onive	lisity					
	 Supporting documents (Upload) List of PwD Learners: Institutional data Any other document submitted by the Institution to a Government agency giving this information Any additional information 										
2.2.5	Reachin	g out to emp	loyed person	IS							5
			e enrolled lea					umber of e	mploy	/ed	2
$\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}\mathbf{M}$	and uner	nployed learr	ners enrolled y	ear wise du	ring las	st five y	/ears				
	Year		Employed le	arners			arners wh	no are			
		Including self-emplo	ved		not en	nployed	ł				
	1		<i></i>								
	2										
	3										
	4										
	5										
	 Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Number of employed / unemployed learners enrolled Total number of learners enrolled in the University Supporting documents (Upload) Institutional data Any additional information 										
2.2.6	Learners from Special Target Group: prisoners 5							5			
Q _n M	How many prisoners have been enrolled year wise during last five years?										
	Year Number of Prisoners enrolled as learners										

	 Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Number of prisoners enrolled year wise during last five years Total number of learners enrolled year wise during last five years Supporting documents (Upload) Institutional data Any additional information 							
2.2.7 Q _n M	Learners from Defence and Security Forces What percentage of persons from Defence and Security Forces background namely: Defence / Security Personnel, Ex Service men/ War widows, have been enrolled as learners year wise during last five years?	5						
	Year Number of Defence / Security Personnel , Ex Service men/ War widows enrolled as learners Total learners enrolled							
	 Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Number of persons from Defence and Security Forces background enrolled year wise during last five years Total number of learners enrolled year wise during last five years Supporting documents (Upload) Institutional data Any additional information 							

Key Indicator - 2.3 Teaching-Learning Process (60)

Metric No.		Weightage
	Development of Self-Learning Material (SLM)	
2.3.1	Write a description within a maximum of 1500 words on the process followed for development of Self-Learning Material (SLM)	20
Q _l M	 Supporting documents (Upload) Policy document Any additional information 	

2.3.2 OpM	Use of audio		5 + 5						
QnM	University ye	Give the total number of the audio and video programmes available in the University year wise during past five years. What percentage of these has been developed in the last five years?							
	Year	Total number programmes	r of audio	Total number of programmes	video				
	Current year								
	Data require •	oped year wise							
	Supporting d • Status • Any a								
2.3.3 QnM	Use of non –	10							
	Does the Uni conferencing/								
	Give the num teleconference during the cur								
	TV broadcast sessions	Radio broadcast sessions	Teleconferencing sessions	Web conferencing/ webinars sessions	Any other				
	Data require • Supporting d • S								
2.3.4	• A	ny additiona	l information			2			
Q _l M		-	d Instructional m			_			
			s provided PwD lea in accordance with						

	Give a brief description of the specialized features used for making SLMs friendly for PwD learners	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	 Details of the instructional material prepared specially for PwD Any additional information 	
2.3.5 QnM	Availability of digitized SLMs for the learners	4
	What percentage of the learning material of the University has been digitized and the SLMs are uploaded on the website / Online Repository/ e-content app / LMS for their easy availability to the learners?	
	Year Total number of programmes for which the digitized content is available for the learners Total number of programmes on offer	
	Current year	
	 Data requirement Number of Programmes whose learning material has been digitized and made available to the learners Total number of Programmes on offer Supporting documents (Upload) Digital repository Any additional information 	
2.3.6	Delivery of programmes having Project/ Practicals/ fieldwork etc.	
QıM	How is the curriculum transacted for programmes having Project/ Practicals / Skill Enhancement / laboratory based practicals / internship/ seminars/ workshops/ extended contact programmes/ field work/ project work/ dissertations/ practice sessions etc. as a compulsory component?	4
	Write a description within a maximum of 500 words on such programmes/courses on offer.	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Schedules reflecting the above mentioned components Any additional information 	
2.3.7	Support to the learners through academic counselling	10
Q _l M	How does the University provide academic counselling to its learners?	
	Write a description within a maximum of 1000 words on the academic	

counselling provided for different programmes using different modes.	
 Supporting documents (Upload) Schedules of different counselling activities Any additional information 	

Key Indicator - 2.4: Teachers and other Academics- Profile and Quality (55)

Metric No.						Weightage
2.4.1 QnM	Percenta sanction What per	10				
	other aca					
	Year	Number of	Teachers	Number of o	ther academics	
		Sanctioned posts	In position	Sanctioned posts	In position	-
2.4.2	• I • I • 2 • 2	10				
QnM		rcentage of the fu Give year wise d		s and other academic five years	cs hold a Ph.D.	
	Year	Number o	f Teachers	Number of o	ther academics	
		In position	With PhD	In position	With PhD	
	• 1	Number of Teach	ners and other A	ate in Section B) Academics having a lers and other Academ	•	

	• Institu	ocuments (Up utional data of udditional infor	teachers and othe	r academics			
2.4.3	Status of programmes on offer						
Q _n M	Give the status of programmes on offer based on the following parameters, during the last five years:						
	Number of Programm es on offer	Number of Programme developed in house	Number of Programme developed in collaboration with Government/ other agency	Number of Programmes developed by out sourcing to external agency	Number of Programme adopted/ adapted from other HEIs		
	 Numb Numb Supporting d Copie Minub Link t 	per of programm ocuments (Up as of MoUs wit	load) h other agencies Academic Counc on offer	s o external agenci il/BoS/ School B			
2.4.4 Q _n M	Participation of in-house faculty in preparation of SLMs What is the contribution of in-house faculty in design and development of SLMs of the programmes on offer?						
	Name of the Programme	Curriculum designing (programme and course coordination by in-house faculty)		Editing of blocks (content, format and language) by in-house faculty	Vetting of blocks by in-house faculty		
		ment (As per I					

2.4.5 QnM	 Number of prog In-house facult editing and vett Supporting documents Minutes of rele Credit page of I Any additional Experience of full-time Average experience of full-time 						
	Experience 0-5 years	Number of teachers	Number of other academics	5			
	6-10 years11-15 years16-20 yearsAbove 20 years						
	 Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Name and Number of full time teachers with years of teaching experiences Name and Number of full time other academics with years of experience Supporting documents (Upload) Institutional data of teachers and other academics Any additional information 						
2.4.6	Recognition earned by	v full time teachers and o	other academics	5			
Q _n M	fellowships, recognition Government recognized who were appointed as Year Data requirement: (As Number of full time t	on etc. from state /nat d bodies year wise during Head of an Institution Number of awardees as head	ademics who received awards, tional /international level from the last five years and also those including the ones appointed s of institutions				
	who were appointed as Supporting document	Head of an Institution					
	Any additional						

2.4.7	Quality of Aca	demic Counsellors		5	
QnM	2 4 7 1 · Averag	e teaching experience	e of Academic Counsellors empanelled during	-	
QIIIVI	the current year	÷ .	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	Experience Number of Academic Counsellors empanelled in the current vear				
	0-5 years				
	6-10 years				
	11-15 years				
	16-20 years				
	Above 20 years		ellors with PhD degree empanelled during the	,	
	Above 20 years 2.4.7.2: Numbe current year		eellors with PhD degree empanelled during the Number of Academic Counsellors without PhD	;	
	Above 20 years 2.4.7.2: Numbe current year Number of Aca	r of Academic Couns	Number of Academic Counsellors without	,	
	Above 20 years 2.4.7.2: Numbe current year Number of Aca with PhD Data requirem	r of Academic Couns demic Counsellors demt: (As per Data Ten Number of Academi	Number of Academic Counsellors without PhD mplate in Section B) ic Counsellors empanelled in the current year		
	Above 20 years 2.4.7.2: Numbe current year Number of Aca with PhD Data requirem	r of Academic Couns demic Counsellors ent: (As per Data Ter Number of Academi Qualifications of the	Number of Academic Counsellors without PhD mplate in Section B) ic Counsellors empanelled in the current year e empanelled counsellors	,	
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Key Indicator - 2.5 Evaluation Process and Reforms (40)

Metric		Weightage
No. 2.5.1	Process of conduct of Term-end examination	5
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Q _l M	Describe the process of conduct of Term-end examination and efforts done for fair and smooth conduct of the same, within a maximum of 500 words.	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	Schedule of Term-end examination of current academic year	
	Manual/ Handbook for conduct of Term-end examination	
	Any additional information	
2.5.2	Examination related Grievances	5
Q ₁ M	What is the mechanism of the University to deal with examination related grievances in a transparent manner? Describe in 500 words.	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	 Standard operating procedures related to Term-end examination related Grievances Any additional information 	

2.5.3	Formative and Summative Assessment	
QıM	 Give a description of the standard operating procedures employed for continuous (internal) assessment and TEE followed by the Open University within a maximum of 1000 words Supporting documents (Upload) Relevant policy documents Any additional information 	10
2.5.4 QnM	Status of automation of Examination/ Evaluation processes	
QnM	 Which of the following correctly represents the status of automation of Examination/ Evaluation Division of the OU? A. 100% automation of entire Division & implementation of Examination Management System (EMS) B. Only learner registration, Hall ticket issue & Result Processing automated C. Only learner registration and result processing automated D. Only result processing automated E. No automation of Examination/ Evaluation Division Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) Activity which are automated Date of commencement of activity Supporting documents (Upload) Current Manual of examination automation system Annual reports of examination including the present status of 	10
	automationAny additional information	
2.5.5	Reforms related to evaluation	
Q ₁ M	Describe in 500 words reforms undertaken/carried out by the University to streamline continuous assessment and term end examinations in last five years. Supporting documents (Upload) Policy documents Any additional information	5
2.5.6 Q _n M	 Involvement of internal and external experts in evaluation process What is the extent of involvement of internal teachers, other academics and external experts in the following evaluation related activities in the current year: (i) Preparation of Assignments and Projects (ii) Evaluation of Assignments and Projects (iii) Preparation of Term End question papers, moderation, evaluation of answer scripts (iv) Examination related duties as invigilator, observer, flying squad etc. (v) Conduct of term end examinations, practical, projects, internships, seminars workshops etc. 	5

	Examination	Activity	Number of	Number of
			internal	external
			experts	experts
			involved	involved
	Continuous evaluation			
	Term End theory			
	examination			
	Practical examination			
	Project work			
	Data Requirement: (A	s per Data Temp	plate in Section l	3)
•	Name of internal evaluation	tors course wise	2	
•	Name of external evaluation	ators course wis	e	
	Supporting document	s (Upload)		
•	Link to list of evaluator	S		
•	Any additional informat	tion		
	5			

Key Indicator -2.6 Learner Performance and Learning Outcomes (20)

Does the University dis website? What percenta University have its out Data Requirement	age of the Programmes of comes displayed on the U :: (As per Data Template	omes of its programmes on its fered in the current year by the niversity website?		
Does the University dis website? What percenta University have its outo Data Requirement • Number of pro	play the Programme outc age of the Programmes of comes displayed on the U :: (As per Data Template	omes of its programmes on its fered in the current year by the niversity website?		
 Total number of Supporting docum Link to Program 	of programmes offered by nents (Upload) nme outcomes	s are displayed on the OU	5	
_			15	
in minimum and maximum period. For calculating completion status in case of PG degree, the enrolment data of current minus third year and in case of UG degree, the enrolment data of current minus the fourth year shall be taken. Post graduate degree programmes (Learners enrolled in Current-3rd year)				
Total				
Entoment	Current -2nd year	Current year		
Graduate degree prog				
Total Number of learners completing programme in				
	Current year			
 Data Requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Programme wise enrolment data at UG and PG degree level Programme wise completion data at UG and PG degree level 				
	 Any additional Completion status of U Total number of learners in minimum and maxim PG degree, the enrolmed degree, the enrolment degree, the enrolment Post graduate degree p Total Enrolment Graduate degree programent Data Requirement: (A Programme wis Programme wis 	 Any additional information Completion status of UG and PG degree prog Total number of learners who have successfully in minimum and maximum period. For calculatin PG degree, the enrolment data of current minus the degree, the enrolment data of current minus the f Post graduate degree programmes (Learners enrol Total Number of learners com Enrolment Graduate degree programmes (Learners enrolled Total Number of learners com Enrolment Data Requirement: (As per Data Template in S Programme wise enrolment data at UG a 	 Any additional information Completion status of UG and PG degree programmes Total number of learners who have successfully completed PG and UG Degree, in minimum and maximum period. For calculating completion status in case of PG degree, the enrolment data of current minus third year and in case of UG degree, the enrolment data of current minus the fourth year shall be taken. Post graduate degree programmes (Learners enrolled in Current-3rd year) Total Number of learners completing programme in Enrolment Graduate degree programmes (Learners enrolled in Current-4th year) Total Number of learners completing programme in Enrolment Current -2nd year Current year Data Requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Programme wise enrolment data at UG and PG degree level Programme wise completion data at UG and PG degree level 	

	Link to declaration of resultsAny additional information
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Key Indicator - 2.7 Learner Satisfaction Survey (30)

Metric No.		Weightage
2.7.1	Online learner satisfaction survey regarding teaching-learning process	
Q _n M	Furnish data regarding learner satisfaction with respect to teaching learning process.	30
	The survey would be conducted by NAAC	
	Data Requirements : (As per Data Template in Section B)	
	Name/ Class/ Gender	
	• Learner Id number	
	Mobile number	
	• Email id	
	• Programme	
	(Database of all currently enrolled learners need to be prepared and shared with	
	NAAC along with the online submission of QIF)	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	Database of all currently enrolled learners	
	Any additional information	

CRITERION III – RESEARCH, INNOVATIONS AND EXTENSION (200)

Key Indicator - 3.1 Policy and Research Facilities (10)

Metric		Weightage
No.		
211	Policy for promotion of research	4
3.1.1	Describe in maximum of 400 words University's policy for promotion of systemic	4
Q _l M	and discipline based research.	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Minutes of the Governing Council/ Syndicate/Board of Management / Academic Council/ Research Council related to research promotion policy adoption Policy document on promotion of research Any additional information 	
3.1.2	Policy on research ethics	
Q _l M	Describe mechanism adopted by the University for ensuring compliance to research ethics in about 200 words.	2
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	 Policy for research ethics of the University 	
	Notification of Research Ethics Committee	

	Any additional information	
3.1.3 Q _n M	University facilities for teachers, other academics and learners	4
Quive	Which of the following facilities are available to the teachers, other academics and learners of the University for pursuing research?	
	 Reference Library Online subscription to major research journals Science laboratories Computing Lab and support for both qualitative and quantitative data analysis Language laboratory Central Instrumentation Centre Animal House/Green House / Museum Research/Statistical Databases Animal Ethics Policy Data curation and sharing facility Any other 	
	 Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) List of facilities available Date of procurement / launch / establishment Supporting documents (Upload) URLs of the available facilities Any additional information 	

Key Indicator - 3.2 Resource Mobilization for Research (10)

Metric No.		Weightage
	Government and Non-government grants for research projects and Chairs	
3.2.1		5
	How much of Grants for research projects and Chairs sponsored by the	
QnM	government and non-government sources has been received by the	
	University year wise during the last five years? (INR in Lakhs)	
	Year	
	INR in	
	Lakhs	
	Data na minamanti (A a nan Data Tamulata in Sastian D)	
	 Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Name of the Project 	
	 Name of the Principal Investigator 	
	 Department of Principal Investigator 	
	 Year of Award 	
	 Funds provided 	
	 Duration of the project 	
	Funding Agency	
	• Total amount of funds received	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	

	 Award letters for research projects sponsored by government and non-government Any additional information 	
3.2.2 QnM	Research projects granted to teachers and other academics	5
	Number of teachers and other academics having research projects funded by government and non-government agencies during the last five years	
	Year	
	Number	
	 Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Title of the research project Name of Principal Investigator Department/ School of recipient Duration of project Amount / Fund received Name of funding agency Year of sanction 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) List of research projects Document from Funding Agency Link of the funding agency website Any additional information 	

Key Indicator - 3.3: Innovation Ecosystem (40)

Metric No.		Weightage
3.3.1	Establishment of Innovation centre / cell in the University	
Q ₁ M	 Does the OU have an Innovation Cell/Centre or has appointed a Nodal Officer (Innovation) for developing an innovative ecosystem? Describe available Innovation Cell/Centre and evidence of its usage (activity) within a maximum of 200 words Supporting documents (Upload) URL of the Centre/ Cell Any additional information 	2
3.3.2 Q ₁ M	 Innovative initiatives of the University Has the OU taken innovative initiatives for providing access to diverse groups of learners including PwD and other marginalized learners? Describe innovative initiatives undertaken by the OU in providing access to diverse groups of learners (especially PwDs) within a maximum of 500 words Supporting documents (Upload) Initiatives taken by OU 	5

	Any additional information	
3.3.3 QnM	Workshops / seminars / content developed on innovative practices Total number of workshops/seminars conducted, content material developed year wise during the last five years on: • Intellectual Property Rights (IPR); • Open Educational Resources (OERs); • Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs); • Technology-Enabled Learning; • Learning Management System; and • other innovative technologies,	8
	Number Image: Number Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) • Name of the workshops / seminars/ materials developed • Number of Participants • Schedule of the activity conducted • Report of the workshops / seminars Supporting documents (Upload) • Report of the event/ link to the material developed • List of workshops/seminars during last 5 years • Any additional information	
3.3.4 QnM	Awards for innovation How many awards for innovation have been received by different sections of the University? Give details of the awards for innovation received by the University, its teachers/other academics/ research scholars/students year wise during the last five years Year	5
	Year Image: Section B image:	
3.3.5 Q _n M	Introduction of innovative practices Has the University introduced innovation practices in its functioning? Give number and details of innovative practices introduced by the OU during the last	5

	five years	
	Year	
	Number	
	 Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) List of the innovative practices introduced Year of commencement Supporting documents (Upload) Link/ Report of the innovative practices introduced Any additional information 	
3.3.6 QnM	Industry-Academia Innovative practices How many Industry-Academia Innovative practices the University has introduced? Provide the number and details of Industry-Academia Innovative practices introduced by the OU, year wise, during the last five years	5
	Year	
	Number	
	 Year of commencement Contact information of the industry Supporting documents (Upload) Sanction order/ MoU/ MoA of the University with the Industry Link to Industry website Any additional information 	
3.3.7	Impact and outcome of innovations	5
Q _i M	What has been the impact of the innovative practices implementation by the University? Describe the impact of innovations implemented by the University on learners/ neighboring community/adopted village (if any), within a maximum of 500 words.	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) URL of the innovation implemented Activity report Any additional information 	
3.3.8	Integration of recent technologies in teaching learning process	5
Q _l M	Has the University integrated recent technologies in its teaching learning process? Describe how the University has integrated recent technologies in teaching learning process within a maximum of 500 words. Supporting documents (Upload) • Minutes of the statutory body	

Policy documentAny additional information	

Key Indicators - 3.4 Research Publications and Awards (70)

Metric		Weightage
No.		
3.4.1	Mechanisms to check malpractices and plagiarism in research Does the University have a mechanism to check malpractices and plagiarism in	_
Q _l M	Research? Give a description in about 500 words.	5
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	URL of anti- plagiarism platform	
	Any additional information	
3.4.2	Ph.Ds and M.Phils awarded and teachers recognised as guides	10
QnM	3.4.2.1: How many research scholars have been awarded PhD and MPhil degrees during last 5 years? Provide details of the MPhil and PhD degrees awarded during	
QIIM	last five years.	
	Year	
	Number of MPhil	
	degrees awarded	
	Number of PhD	
	degrees awarded	
	3.4.2.2 : How many teachers have been recognized as guides during the last five years? Provide the number of teachers recognized as research guides during the last five years Year	
	Number of teachers	
	 Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) Name of the PhD / MPhil scholar Name of the Department Name of the guide/s Year of registration of the scholar Year of award of PhD / MPhil List of teachers recognised as research guides 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) URL to the research page on HEI web site List of PhD scholars and their details like name of the guide , title of thesis, year of award etc Any additional information 	

3.4.3	How man	n publications per teacher and oth ny research papers on an average ha	ve been published by teach		
QnM	teachers	es of the University? Provide detai and other academics of the Unive	rsity in the Journals notif		20
	Year	peer reviewed journals during the la Number of teachers and other academics	Number of papers published		
		uirements: (As per Data Template	in Section B)		
	•	Title of paper Name of the author/s Department/ School/ Division/ Cent	re/ Unit/ Cell of the teacher	r/ academic	
	•	Name of journal Year of publication ISBN/ISSN number			
	Support	Total number of Teachers and other ing documents (Upload)			
		URL of research papers by title, aut Centre/ Unit/ Cell, name and year of Any additional information	-	Division/	
3.4.4	How man	nd Chapters in edited volumes etc. ny books / chapters in books on an a	verage have been publishe		20
QnM	course m conferen	academics of the University? Prov aterials) and chapters in edited volu ce-proceedings published by teacher e during the last five years	imes & papers in national	/international	
	Year		Number of books / chapters in books published		
	•	quirements: (As per Data Template Title of the paper: Name of the teach Title of the book: Name of the author conference Name of the publisher: National / In	ner/ academic or/s: Title of the proceeding	gs of the	
	•	National / international : ISBN/ISSN Year of publication:		5	
	•	ing documents (Upload) URL of research papers by title, aut Centre/ Unit/ Cell, name and year of		Division/	

3.4.5 Q _n M	 Publications on Distance Education How many books, chapters in books and research papers in the area of Distance Education have been published by teachers and other academics of the University? Provide details of the publications teachers and other academics of the University year wise during the last five years. Data Requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) Title of the paper: Name of the teacher/ academic Title of the book: Name of the author/s: Title of the proceedings of the conference Name of the publisher: National / International National / international : ISBN/ISSN number of the proceeding Year of publication: 	5
	 Supporting documents (Upload) URL of research papers by title, author, Department/ School/ Division/ Centre/ Unit/ Cell, name and year of publication Any additional information 	
3.4.6 Q _n M	Bibliometrics of the publications What is the impact of the research publications from the University? Provide the Bibliometrics of the publications by teachers and academics during the last five years based on average Citation index in Scopus/ Web of Science or PubMed/ Indian Citation Index etc. Data Requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) • Title of the paper • Name of the author • Title of the journal • Year of publication • Citation Index	5
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Any additional information Bibliometrics of the publications during the last five years The Data obtained from INFLIBNET will be used for the purpose of calculation of scores. 	
3.4.7	h-index of the InstitutionWhat is the h-index of the University? Provide the details of the publications of the teachers and other academics of the University during the last five years to calculate	5
QnM	 h-index of the Institution based on the Bibliometrics of the publications. Data Requirements: Title of the paper Name of the author 	
	• Title of the journal	
	Year of publicationh- index	
	Supporting documents (Upload) Any additional information 	

Metric No.		Weightage
3.5.1	Policy on consultancy	2
QnM	Does the OU have a policy on consultancy including revenue sharing between the institution and the individual/ agency? (Yes /No) Supporting documents (Upload) • Upload minutes of the Governing Council/ Syndicate/Board of Management related to consultancy policy • Upload soft copy of the Consultancy Policy • Upload any additional information • Paste URL of the consultancy policy document	
3.5.2	Revenue from consultancy	4
QnM	How much of revenue has been generated by the University from consultancy? Provide details of the total revenue generated from consultancy provided by teachers and other academics of the University year wise during the last five years (INR in lakhs) Year Revenue	
	generated (INR in lakhs)	
	 Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Names of the teacher/ academic Name of consultancy project Consulting/Sponsoring agency with contact details Revenue generated (amount in rupees) 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Audited statements of accounts indicating the revenue generated through consultancy List of teachers and other academics providing consultancy Any additional information 	
3.5.3	Revenue from training/ seminars/ conferences/ etc.	4
QnM	How much of revenue has been generated by the University by conducting training programmes/ seminars/ conferences/ etc.?	
	Provide details of the revenue generated by the University from training / seminars/ conferences/ etc. for government and non-government bodies, year wise during the last five years (INR in lakhs)	
	Year	
Revenue generated (INR in		

lakhs)		
Data Requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B)		
• Title of the Training Programme		
• Agency seeking training with contact details		
• Revenue generated (INR in lakhs)		
Number of trainees		
 Total revenue generated in rupees 		
Supporting documents (Upload)		
 Audited statements of account indicating the revenue generated through training 		
Schedule of the training programmes		
Any additional information		

Key Indicators - 3.6 Extension Activities (35)

Metric		Weightage
No. 3.6.1	Extension activities	
Q _l M	What has been the impact of the extension activities of the University in the community during the last five years?	
	Describe the impact of extension activities of the University in sensitizing learners to social issues and sustainable development within a maximum of 500 words	5
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Brochures of the activities Activity Reports Any additional information 	
3.6.2 QnM	Recognition of extension activities Have the extension activities of the University been recognized by government /	10
	other recognized bodies?	
	Provide the details of the number of awards and recognition received for extension activities from Government /recognized bodies year wise during the last five years	
	Year	
	Number of awards and recognition	
	 Data Requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Name of the activity Name of the Award/ recognition 	

	 Name of the Awarding government/ recognized bodies Year of the Award 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Awards for extension activities Scanned copy of the award letters Any additional information 	
3.6.3	Collaborative extension and outreach Programmes	10
QnM	How many extension and outreach Programmes have been conducted by the University in past five years?	
	Provide details of the number of extension and outreach Programmes conducted in collaboration with Jails, Armed Forces, Community Based Organizations, and non-Government Organizations year wise during the last five years	
	Year	
	Number	
	 Data Requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Name and number of the extension and outreach Programmes Name of the collaborating agency Supporting documents (Upload)	
	 Reports of the event organized Any additional information 	
3.6.4	Participation in extension activities	10
QnM	How many employees and learners participate in extension activities?	
	Provide details of the number of employees and learners participating in extension activities conducted by the University with Government Organizations, Non-Government Organizations and Programmes such as <i>Swachh Bharat</i> , AIDS Awareness, Gender Issue, etc. year wise during the last five years	
	Year	
	Number of employees and learners participating	
	 Data Requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Name of the activity Name of the scheme Year of the activity Number of employees participating in such activities Number of learners participating in such activities 	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	Report of the eventAny additional information	

Key Indicator - 3.7 Collaboration (25)

Metric No.		Weightage
3.7.1	Collaborative activities Total number of Collaborative activities for research and faculty exchange	5
QnM	during the last five years Year Number of collaborative activities Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) • Title of the collaborative activity • Name of the collaborating agency with contact details • Source of financial support • Year of collaboration • Duration • Nature of the activity Supporting documents (Upload) • Scanned copies of collaboration document • Any additional information	
3.7.2 QnM	Linkages with institutions/industries Number of linkages with institutions / industries for faculty exchange, learner exchange, internship, field trip, on-the-job training, research, establishing Chairs, etc during the last five years	10
	Year Image Number Image Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) • Title of the linkage • Name of the partnering institution/ industry /research lab with contact details • Year of commencement • Duration(From-to-) • Nature of linkage Supporting documents (Upload) • Link of website of collaborator • MoU of the collaboration (s)	
3.7.3	Any additional information Functional MoUs	10
QnM	Number of functional MoU(s) with institutions of national, international importance, other universities, government bodies, industries, corporate houses, armed forces etc. related to academic and research activity during the last five years (only functional MoU (s) with ongoing activities to be considered)	
	Year	

I	 Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) Organisation with which MoU is signed: name of the institution/ industry/ corporate house, etc. Year of signing MoU Duration Newher of learners/teachers/correlations are used on MoU (s) 	
S	 Number of learners/teachers/ employees covered under MoU (s) Supporting documents (Upload) MoUs with institution (s)/ industry (ies)/ corporate house (s) Any additional information 	

CRITERION IV – INFRASTRUCTURE AND LEARNING RESOURCES (100)

Key Indicator - 4.1 Physical Facilities (20)

Metric No		Weightage		
4.1.1 Q _i M	Facilities at University Headquarters Describe the infrastructural facilities viz., academic units, administrative units, audio/video, e-content production units, storage and dispatch units, library, laboratories, etc. within a maximum of 500 words. Also provide the following data.			
	UnitsArea (in sqft)Academic Units			
4.1.2 Q ₁ M	Facilities for learner support at Regional Centres What are the facilities for learner support at the Regional Centres (RCs)? Give a description of the facilities for learner support at RCs within a maximum of 500 words. Also specify the area/size, year of establishment, infrastructure and equipment available for learner support at RCs.	5		

	Also provide the following data RC wise				
4.1.3	Also provide the following data, RC wise. Facilities at Regional Centre Area (in sqft) Academic Units	5			
4.1.5 Q ₁ M	Facilities for learner support at Learner Support Centres				
	Regional centre LSC Year of establish ment Physical infrastru of classroo Number of labs available (science / psycholo gy /etc.) Image: Supporting documents (Upload) Image: Supporting documents (Upload) Image: Supporting documents (Upload) Image: Physical centre Profile of LSCs Photographs of infrastructure facilities at a few LSCs Image: Physical centre Image: Centre Image: Centre Image: Physical centre Image: Centre Image: C				
4.1.4 Q _n M	Budget allocation and expenditure incurred for infrastructure augmentation 4.1.4.1: What is the average percentage of budget allocation of the University towards infrastructure augmentation? Provide details of the budget allocation for infrastructure augmentation and total expenditure excluding salary, year wise, during the last five years (INR in lakhs) Year Budget allocation for Budget allocation for	5			

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Key Indicator – 4.2: IT Infrastructure (40)

Metric No.		Weightage
4.2.1	ICT enabled facilities at HQs	5

QnM	What percentage of the rooms and seminar halls of the University Headquarters IT enabled? Provide details of the number of rooms and seminar halls with ICT facilities/Wi-Fi/LAN at the University HQs (current year data) and total number of rooms and seminar halls.	
	Number of IT enabled rooms at HQTotal number of rooms at HQNumber of IT enabled Seminar halls at HQTotalnumber of Seminar halls at HQ	
	 Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) Number of rooms and seminar halls with ICT facilities/Wi-Fi/LAN Total number of rooms and seminar halls at the University HQs 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Photographs of IT infrastructure facilities at HQs Any additional information 	
4.2.2 QnM	ICT enabled facilities at RCs What percentage of the rooms and seminar halls of the Regional Centres (RCs) IT enabled? Provide the details of the number of rooms with ICT facilities/Wi-Fi/LAN at RCs. (current year data) at RCs (cumulative). Also provide the total number of rooms (cumulative) at the RCs.	5
	Number of IT enabled rooms at RC*Total number of rooms at RCNumber of IT enabled Seminar halls at RCTotal number of Seminar halls at RC* Provide separate data for all RCs	
	 Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) Number of rooms with ICT facilities/Wi-Fi/LAN at RCs Total number of rooms (cumulative) at the RCs 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Photographs of infrastructure facilities at a few RCs Any additional information 	
4.2.3 QnM	ICT enabled facilities at LSCs What percentage of the rooms of the learner support centres are IT enabled? Provide details of rooms with ICT facilities/Wi-Fi/LAN (current year data) at Learner Support Centres (cumulative) and total number of rooms at the LSCs (cumulative)	5
	Number of IT enabled rooms at LSC** Total number of rooms at LSC Number of IT enabled Seminar halls at LSC Total number of Seminar halls at LSC ** Provide data for all LSCs under each RC	
	 Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) Number of rooms with ICT facilities/Wi-Fi/LAN at LSCs Total number of rooms (cumulative) at the LSCs 	

	 Supporting documents (Upload) Photographs of infrastructure facilities at a few LSCs Any additional information 	
4.2.4	Frequency of updating of IT facilities	_
QıM	How often are the IT facilities updated at the Headquarters and the Regional Centres of the University? Describe IT facilities including Website, online system, etc at HQs and RCs with date and nature of updating within a maximum of 500 words	5
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Scanned copy of agreement/ tender Any additional information 	
4.2.5	Internet Bandwidth at the HQs	
QnM	What is the available bandwidth of the internet facility at the Headquarters of the University? Provide details of the internet connection (s) in the University (Leased line) in terms of the number and available bandwidth.	5
	 Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) Available internet bandwidth Supporting documents (Upload) Relevant documents on available bandwidth of internet connection in the Institution Any additional information 	
4.2.6	Facilities for media production	5
QnM	Which of the following facilities for audio, video and e-content development are available and are in use at the OU?	
	Audio- video and e-Content production facilities:	
	 Audio studios Video studios Editing unit Outdoor shooting equipment Outdoor audio recording Post production unit Preview theatre Duplication unit Graphics workstation Direct Reception Sets (DRS) Down linking facilities Set Scenic unit Make-up unit Setallite unlink earth station 	
	 Satellite uplink earth station E-Platform Workstations with broadband connectivity 	

	 Cloud space Authoring software Uninterrupted web connectivity IT security system Any other Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) List of the audio, video and e-content production facilities Supporting documents (Upload) Relevant photographs of the facilities for audio, video e-content production Any additional information 	
4.2.7 Q _n M	 Facilities for radio and TV broadcasts What are the facilities for radio and TV broadcasts available in the OU? Radio channels TV channels Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) List of the radio and TV broadcast facilities (channel details and frequency, studios, etc.) Details of technical staff Details of relevant infrastructure Supporting documents (Upload) Links to photographs of the facilities available Any additional information 	5
4.2.8 Q ₁ M	Automation systems What is the level of automation of different aspects of University? Describe the features of Office Automation System/ERP/MIS(Online Support to Learners, Staff, RCs and LSCs) within a maximum of 500 words Supporting documents (Upload) • Link to automation system • Any additional information	5

Key Indicator - 4.3 Learning Resources(40)

Metric No.		Weightage
4.3.1	Provision of learner support services	10
Q _l M	What are the provisions of learner support services of the University at different levels? Describe the support services to the learners through the support system established at the different levels by the University (Three tier/ two tier) within a maximum of 1000 words	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	• List of support services in tabular form provided at headquarters, Regional Centres, Learner Support Centres	

	Organizational chart of supAny additional information	-		
4.3.2 QnM	Regional Centre wise learner and How many learners on an averag different Regional Centres? Wha propotion to the number of LSC up all the regional centres.	ge are enrolled at Learner t is the ratio of learners e	Support Centre (s)of mrolled in the RC in	10
	Name of the Regional Centre (s)	Total no. of Learner Support Centres associated with the Regional Centre	Total Enrolment(Fresh and Re-registration)ofcurrentyeartheRegionalCentre	
	Data requirement: (As per Data T • Name of RC • Number of learners enrolle • Number of active LSCs Supporting documents (Upload): • Enrolment details of the cu • Distribution of learners LS • List of RCs with their oper • Any additional information	ed urrent year RC wise SC wise rational area		
4.3.3	Academic counselling sessions he			10
Q _n M	How many counselling sessions of under each Regional Centre?Pro- sessions (for theory and practical each Regional Centre during the c	vide the total number of courses)held at Learner S	academic counselling	
	programmesTheoryPost Graduate DegreeUnder GraduateDegreeDiplomaCertificateCertificateData requirement: (As per Data Tomos of Programme• Name of Programme• Programme wise enrolmer	nt in the current session ne wise counselling session 's counselling sessions	s held at LSCs under	

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	7.	Special Reports					
	8.	Doctoral Dissertations					
	9.	Audio CDs					
	10	Video CDs					
	11	Linkages with other library/ Archives/ other knowledge repositories					
	12	Any Other					
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4.3.6	Availability of remote access to e-resources of the library	1
Q _n M	Does the University have provision of remote access to e-resources for the learners and faculty?	
	Yes/No)	
	Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B)	
	• E-resources	
	Contact person details	
	Connectivity Bandwidth available	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	• Details of remote access to e-resources of the library	
	Any additional information	

CRITERION V - LEARNER SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION (100)

Key Indicator - 5.1 Learner Support (65)

Metric No.		Weightage
5.1.1 Q ₁ M	 Promotional activities for prospective learners How does the University promote its programmes for the prospective learners? Describe the activities undertaken by the University for reaching out to the prospective learners within a maximum of 1000 words. Supporting documents (Upload) Links to relevant URLs on activities undertaken Any additional information 	10
5.1.2	Pre-admission counselling services	
QıM	How does the University provide pre-admission counselling to the prospective learners? Describe the activities undertaken by the University for providing pre-admission counselling services to prospective learners at University HQs, Regional Centers and Learner Support Centers within a max of 500 words.	5
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Links to relevant URLs on activities undertaken Any additional information 	
5.1.3	Online Admission and related activities	5
QıM	 What is the status of online admission and related activities of the University? Describe the process of online admission including deposition of fee within a maximum of 500 words. Supporting documents (Upload) URL of website for Online Admission and related activities Any additional information 	

5.1.4 Q _l M	Dispatch of study material to learners	5
Qµ.vi	What is the strategy followed by the University for dispatch of study material to learners? Describe the process within a maximum of 500 words.	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) URL of website for material dispatch related activities Any additional information 	
5.1.5	Induction for the newly enrolled learners	5
Q ₁ M	How does the University induct the freshly enrolled learners? Describe the activities undertaken by the University for conducting Induction Programmes for the new enrolled learners within a max of 500 words.	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Report of the induction meetings for the current year Any additional information 	
5.1.6	Attending to learners' queries	
QnM	What are the modes employed by the University to attend to learners' queries? Enlist the approaches given below, used by the University to attend to learners' queries:	10
	 Automated interactive voice response system Call centre Online Help Desk Social media App based support Chat Box E-mail Support Interactive radio counselling Teleconferencing Web-conferencing Student Services Centre/ Inquiry Counter Postal communication Any other (please specify) Supporting documents (Upload) Links to Online Help Desk, App based support, Chat Box, Interactive radio counselling, Web-conferencing, Student Services Centre, any other Any additional information 	
5.1.7	Academic counselling services	10
QnM	What are the modes employed by the University to provide academic counselling to its learners? Enlist the approaches, of the following, used by the University to attend to provide counselling services to the learners:	
	Face to face counselling sessionsInteractive radio counselling	

	 Online LMS based counselling Teleconferencing Web-conferencing Laboratory based counselling Internship Workshops Field study Seminar Extended Contact Programme (ECP) Enhancement of Professional Competency (EPC) Any other (please specify) Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Name of the Programmes Modes employed by the University to provide academic counselling for theory courses Modes employed by the University to provide academic counselling for practical courses Supporting documents (Upload) Links to counselling schedules for current year Any additional information 	
5.1.8	Addressing learners' grievances	5
QıM	 Does the University have a transparent mechanism for timely redressal of learner grievances including sexual harassment cases? Describe within 500 words the mechanism of timely redressal of learners' grievances including sexual harassment cases. Data requirement:(As per Data Template in Section B) Learner grievance redressal mechanism of the University Minutes of meetings of prevention of sexual harassment committee etc. Supporting documents (Upload) Policy and details of Committee for prevention of sexual harassment committee Details of learner grievances relating including sexual harassment cases Any additional information 	
5.1.9 Q _l M	Special Learner Support Centres Describe the Special Learner Support Centres established by the University for reaching out to special learners like persons with disabilities, jail inmates, employees of defence or security forces, transgenders, SC and ST, minorities, women, learners from rural and remote areas etc, within a maximum of 500 words. Supporting documents (Upload)	5

	Provide Link to Special Learner Support CentresAny additional information	
5.1.10 QnM	Support to learners of disadvantaged groups What percentages of learners of disadvantaged groups are benefited by fee waivers provided by the Government? Provide the number of the learners of disadvantaged groups benefited by such waivers provided by the Government year wise during the last five years	5
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	 Data requirement:(As per Data Template in Section B) Name of the scheme Number of learners benefiting Supporting documents (Upload) Link to notifications issued by the University Any additional information 	

Key Indicator - 5.2 Learner Progression (25)

Metric No.	Submission of assignments	5
5.2.1 Q _n M	What percentage of learners enrolled in the current year (only freshly enrolled) have submitted assignments as per the academic calendar? Give details about the freshly enrolled learners in the current year who have submitted assignments as per the academic calendar. Also provide the total number of freshly enrolled learners	
	Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B)	
	 Name of the programme and courses Programme wise Enrollment details Number of assignment(s) per course Number of assignment(s) submitted per course 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) List of programmes on offer URL of assignments of programmes on offer URL of monthly monitoring report of RC Any additional information 	

5.2.2		
	Number of learner registered for term end examination	5
$\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}\mathbf{M}$		
	What percentage of learners enrolled in the current year (only freshly enrolled)	
	have registered for Term End Examination? Give details about the freshly	
	enrolled learners in the current year who have registered for Term End	
	Examination. Also provide the total number of freshly enrolled learners.	
	Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B)	
	• Name of the programme and courses	
	 Programme wise enrollment details 	
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	Name and enrolment number of learners (only freshly enrolled)registered for term end examinations	
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	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	List of programmes on offer	
	• URL of examination schedule	
	• List of learners (only freshly enrolled)registered for term end	
	examinations	
	Any additional information	
5.2.3	Number of learners appeared for term end exam	
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$\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{n}}\mathbf{M}$	What percentage of learners enrolled in the current year (only freshly enrolled)	
	have appeared for Term End Examination? Give details about the freshly	
	enrolled learners in the current year who have appeared in Term End	
	Examination. Also provide the total number of freshly enrolled learners.	
	Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B)	
	• Name of the programme and courses	
	Programme wise Enrollment details	
	 Name and enrolment number of learners (only freshly enrolled) 	
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	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	List of programmes on offer	
	 URL of examination schedule 	
	• List of learners (only freshly enrolled) who have registered for term end examination	
	 Any additional information 	
5.2.4	Number of learners passed out term end exam	5
Q _n M	What percentage of learners enrolled in the current year (only freshly enrolled)	J
	have passed in the Term End Examination? Give details about the freshly	
	enrolled learners in the current year who have passed in the Term End	
	Examination. Also provide the total number of freshly enrolled learners.	
	Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B)	
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	• Name of the programme and courses	
	Programme wise Enrollment details	

	 Supporting documents (Upload) List of programmes on offer URL of examination schedule List of learners (only freshly enrolled)who have passed term end examination Any additional information 	
5.2.5	Placement services provided to the learners	E
Q _n M	 What are the mechanisms adopted by the institution for providing placement services to the learners and how many initiatives have been undertaken during the past five years? How many learners have been given placement? Data requirement:(As per Data Template in Section B) Number of placement drives held during last five years Details of the collaborating agencies 	5
	• Number of learners given placement	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Reports of the campus placement drives Any additional information 	

Key Indicator - 5.3 Alumni Engagement (10)

Metric		Weightage
<u>No.</u>		
5.3.1	Functional alumni association	1
QnM	Does the University have a functional Alumni Association?	
	Yes / No Supporting documents (Upload) • Copy of the notification regarding formation of alumni association • Any additional information	
5.3.2	Extent of involvement	4
QnM	What percentage of passed out learners are enrolled in Alumni Association? Provide details about the learners enrolled in the alumni association. Also provide the cumulative number of passed out learners.	
	Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B)	
	The number of learners enrolled in the alumni association.Cumulative number of passed out learners.	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Link to URL of Alumni Association Any additional information 	

5.3.3	Facilities for Alumni Engagement	
QnM	5.3.3.1 Does the Alumni Association facilitate online enrolment for its membership?	3
	(Yes/ No) 5.3.3.2 Does the University facilitate online networking amongst its Alumni members? (Yes/ No)	
	5.3.3.3 Does the University facilitate online payment of fees, donation by Alumni etc.?	
	Data requirement:(As per Data Template in Section B) (Yes/ No)	
	Name of the programme Name of the Administrator Copy of the notification	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Link to URL of the Alumni Association Any additional information 	
5.3.4	Contribution of the Alumni Association	2
Q1M	Has the Alumni Association contributed significantly to the development of the University through financial and non financial means during the last five years. Describe contribution of alumni association to the institution within a maximum of 200 words	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Link to activities of Alumni Association Any additional information 	

<u>CRITERION VI – GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT (100)</u> Key Indicator - 6.1 Institutional Vision and Leadership (10)

Metric No.		Weightage
6.1.1	Governance in accordance with Mission and Vision	5
Q _l M	 Describe the vision and mission statement of the University and its manifestation in terms of governance, leadership, perspective plan and participation of the teachers in the decision making bodies of the University within a maximum of 500 words Supporting documents (upload) Vision and mission statement of the University Any additional information 	
6.1.2	Decentralization and participative management	5
Q _l M	Describe at least one case study showing decentralization and participative management in the University in practice within a maximum of 500 words Supporting documents (Upload) • Information pertaining to the above • Any additional information	5

Key Indicator - 6.2 Strategy Development and Deployment (15)

Metric No.		Weightage
6.2.1	Perspective and strategic plan and deployment documents	4
Q ₁ M	Describe one activity successfully implemented based on the perspective and strategic plan within a maximum of 200 words each	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	Perspective Plan and Strategic Plan and deployment documents on the website	
	Any additional information	
6.2.2	Organizational structure of the University	2
Q _I M	Describe the organogram of the University indicating the organizational structure of the University Supporting documents (Upload) • Organogram of the University	
	 Link to University website 	
	 Any additional information 	
6.2.3	Implementation of e-governance in different areas of operation	6
	In which of the following areas of operation of University has e-governance been implemented.	
Q _n M	 Planning and Development Administration Finance and Accounts Student Admission and Support Examination 	
	 Data requirements: (As per Data Template in Section B) List of areas of operations where e-governance has been implemented Name of the vendor (if any), with contact details Year of implementation 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) ERP Document Screen shots of user interfaces 	
	Any additional information	
6.2.4	Effectiveness of various bodies <i>vis-a- vis</i> implementation of their resolution.	3
Q ₁ M	Describe one activity that is successfully implemented based on the Minutes of the meetings of various Bodies/ Cells and Committees within a maximum of 300 words	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	Information of the above activity	
	Any additional information	

Key Indicator - 6.3 Faculty Development / Empowerment Strategies (30)

Metric No.		Weightage
6.3.1	Welfare measures for teaching and other academic; and non-academic staff	5
QıM	Describe the existing welfare measures being implemented for teaching and other academic; and non-academic staff within a maximum of 500 words Supporting documents (Upload)	
	Any additional information	
6.3.2	Financial support for faculty development	5
Q _n M	Number of teachers and other academics provided with financial support to attend conferences / workshops and towards membership fee of professional bodies year wise during the last five years	5
	 Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Name of teacher/ academic 	
	 Name of conference/ workshop attended for which financial support provided Name of the professional body for which membership fee is provided 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Letters to teachers and other academics provided with financial support to attend conferences, workshops etc. Any additional information 	
6.3.3	Organizing programmes for professional development	5
Q _n M	State the total number of professional development / administrative training Programmes organized by the University for teaching and other academic; and non-academic staff year wise during the last five years	5
	Year Image: Second state	
	 Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Title of the professional development Programme organized for teaching and/or other academic, Title of the administrative training Programme organized for non-academic staff Number of participants 	
	 Dates (From-to) Supporting documents (Upload) 	
	 Schedules of programmes organized for teaching and other academic; and non-academic staff Any additional information 	

6.3.4	Teachers and other academics attended Professional Development Programmes (PDPs)	5
Q _n M	Average percentage of teachers and other academics attending Professional Development Programmes, viz.: Orientation Programme, Refresher Programme, Faculty Development Programme (FDP), year wise during the last five years.	5
	Year	
	Number of teachers and other academics attended PDPsImage: Comparison of the second se	
	 Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Total number of teachers and other academics in position Total number of teachers and other academics attended PDPs Title of the Programme Duration (From- to -) 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) CIQA report summary Reports of the Human Resource Development Centres (UGC ASC or other relevant centers). Letters to teachers and other academics attending PDPs during the last five years (Data Template) Any additional information 	
6.3.5	Non- academic staff attending administrative training Programmes	5
Q _n M	Average percentage of non-academic staff attended training Programmes, year wise during the last five years	-
	YearNumber of non-academic staff attended administrative training programme	
	 Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B) Total number of non-academic staff in position Total number of non-academic staff attended administrative training programme Title of the Programme Duration (From- to -) 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) CIQA report summary Letters to non-academic staff attending administrative training programmes 	

	Any additional information	
6.3.6	Mechanism of promotion for teachers and other academics; and non- academic staff	5
Q _l M		
	Describe the Mechanism of promotion for teachers and other academics; and non-academic staff within maximum of 500 words	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	Ordinance on promotion/CAS for teachers and other academic; and non-academic staff	
	Any additional information	

Key Indicator – 6.4 Financial Management and Resource Mobilization (20)

Metric No.		Weightage
6.4.1	Regular internal and external financial audits	5
Q ₁ M	Enumerate the various internal and external financial audits carried out during the last five years with the mechanism for settling audit objections within a maximum of 500 words Supporting documents (Upload) • Audit reports	
	Any additional information	
6.4.2	Mobilization and utilization of resources	
Q ₁ M	Describe the resource mobilization policy and procedures of the University and give an account of their optimal utilization within a maximum of 500 words	5
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	Policy document (if any)	
	Any additional information	
6.4.3	Revenue ploughed back into learner support services	10
Q _n M	What percentage of revenue earned by the University is being ploughed back into learner support services?	
	 Data requirement (as per data template): Revenue generated by the University in last five years Allocation of budget for learner support services in the University budget 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Annual Budget of University for last five years Any additional information 	

Key Indicator - 6.5 Internal Quality Assurance System (25)

Metric		Weightage
No.		
6.5.1	Institutionalizing the quality assurance through CIQA	15
Q _n M		
	Give details of the activities of CIQA listed below:	
	1. Number of Programme Project Reports (PPRs) prepared	
	2. Number of workshops/ seminars organized on quality related themes	
	3. Number of innovative practices implemented for quality enhancement	
	4. Number of initiatives undertaken for system based research	
	5. Number of feedback mechanisms developed for different stakeholders	
	6. Activities undertaken for recognition and accreditation of the University	
	7. Any other activity	
	Data requirement :(As per Data Template in Section B)	
	• PPRs prepared	
	Details of workshops/ seminars organized	
	Innovative practices implemented	
	Initiatives for system based research	
	Feedback mechanisms developed	
	• Activities for recognition and accreditation	
	Supporting documents (upload)	
	Reports of the activities	
	Any additional information	
6.5.2	Reforming institutional processes	10
	Describe any two examples of institutional reviews and implementation of	
Q _l M	teaching learning reforms within maximum of 1000 words	
	Supporting documents (upload)	
	Reports/ Minutes	
	Any additional information	

CRITERION VII – INSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND BEST PRACTICES (100)

Key Indicator - 7.1 Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities (50)

Metric No.		Weightage
110.	Empowerment and Inclusion (15)	
7.1.1 Q _n M	Strategies for the facilitating the marginalized and the weaker sections	5
	List the special strategies undertaken by the University year wise during the last five years for facilitating the learning of the marginalized and the weaker sections, the disadvantaged: women, SC, ST, OBC, PwD, transgender, jail inmates, defence personnel, persons residing in rural and remote areas, backward and tribal areas.	
	Data requirement:List of strategies undertaken year wise (as per data template)	

	• Date of implementation of the strategy	
	 Category of beneficiaries 	
	Total number of beneficiaries	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	• List of strategies undertaken organized by the University	
	Minutes of relevant statutory bodies like Academic Council/ BoS	
	meetings etc Properties of the event(a)	
	Report(s) of the event(s)Any additional information	
	• Any additional information	
7.1.2		
	Gender sensitivity at work place	
Q _l M		
	University shows gender sensitivity in providing facilities such as:	
	a) Safety and Security at the work placeb) Grievance redressal for sexual harassment at work place	
	c) Addressing issues related to all marginalized sections	5
	d) Welfare amenities	5
	Describe sensitization initiatives undertaken by the Institution on the	
	above specified areas within a maximum of 500 words each	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	Policy Against Sexual Harassment at Workplace	
F 1 0	Any additional information PwD friendliness	
7.1.3	PwD iriendiness	
	Which of the following, PwD friendly amenities are available in the University	5
	1) Lifts	
	2) Ramps	
Q _n M	3) Rails	
_	4) Rest Rooms	
	5) Scribes	
	6) Braille sign boards	
	7) Braille Software/facilities	
	8) Audio books,9) Sign language facilities,	
	9) Sign language facilities,10) Accessible website	
	11) Accessible study material	
	12) Any other similar facility (Specify)	
	Data requirement:	
	• Type of disability friendly amenities available	
	• Date of procurement/launch/establishment	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	 Link to photos and videos of amenities for PwD 	
	• List of amenities available in the institution for PwD	
	• Minutes of relevant statutory bodies like Academic Council/ BoS	
	meetings etc	
	• Access audit report, if available	
	Any additional information	

	Environmental Consciousness and Sustainability (10)		
7.1.4	Green Practices		
QnM	Which of the following Green practices are being implemented in the University for past five years?		
	Plastic free campus		
	Paperless office		
	Rainwater harvestingWaste management		
	 Renewable energy initiatives 		
	 Energy efficiency practices 		
	 Any other 		
		10	
	Data requirement:	10	
	• List of green practices implemented		
	• Power requirement met by renewable energy sources		
	Total power requirement		
	Supporting documents (Upload)		
	Photographs of green initiatives		
	Green audit report of the University		
	• Audited reports of details of green initiatives and expenditure		
	Any additional information		
	Human Values and Professional Ethics (25)		
7.1.5	Code of conduct for different stakeholders		
Q _n M	For which of the following stakeholders code of conduct exists in the University?	3	
	• Teachers and other academics		
	 Non-academic staff 		
	Supporting documents (Upload)		
	 University code of conduct for teachers and other academics University code of conduct for non-academic staff Any additional information 		
7.1.6	Core values displayed on website	1	
Q _n M	Are the core values of the University displayed on its website?		
	(Yes/No)		
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Provide URL of website that displays core values 		
	Any additional information		

7.1.7	Efforts for increasing consciousness about constitutional obligations	2
Q _n M	University plans and organizes appropriate activities to increase consciousness about national identities and symbols; Fundamental Duties and Rights of Indian citizens and other constitutional obligations amongst different stakeholders	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Photographs of activities organized to increase consciousness about national identities and symbols Reports of activities Any additional information 	
7.1.8	Course on Human Values and Professional Ethics.	1
Q _n M	Does the University offers a course on Human Values and Professional Ethics?	
	Yes/ No	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Provide link to Courses on Human Values and professional ethics Any additional information 	
7.1.9 Q _n M	Orientation of teachers and other academics; and non-academic staff to ODL system	10
	The University conducts programmes for o rienting the teachers and other academics; and non-academic staff. What percentage of the University staff has been oriented to ODL system? Provide the details of trained and untrained staff:	
	Total Staff Strength Number Trained Number Untrained	
	Teachers: Other academics:	
	Non academic staff:	
	 Data requirement:(As per Data Template in Section B) Title of the Programme organized for teaching and other academic; and non-academic staff Number of participants Dates (From-to-) 	
	 Supporting documents (Upload) Reports of activities Photographs of activities Any additional information 	
7.1.10	Promotion of universal values and fundamental duties	
Q _n M	Number of activities conducted for promotion of universal values (Truth, Righteous conduct, Love, Non-Violence and peace); national values, human values, national integration, communal harmony and social cohesion as well as for observance of fundamental duties year wise during the last five years	2

	Year	
	Number	
	Number	
	Data requirement: (As per Data Template in Section B)	
	• Title of the Programme/Activity	
	Duration (From-to-)	
	Number of participantsHandbooks, manuals and brochures on human values and	
	• Francebooks, manuals and brochures on numan values and professional ethics.	
	 Report on the student attributes facilitated by the Institution 	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	 Reports of activities conducted for promotion of universal value 	
	Photographs of activities	
	Any additional information	
7.1.11	Celebration of national festivals etc.	1
Q _l M	Describe efforts of the University in organizing national festivals and	1
Quu	birth / death anniversaries of the great Indian personalities within a	
	maximum of 200 words	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	Reports of activities	
	Photographs of activities	
	Any additional information	
7.1.12	Transparency in functioning	
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Transparency in randoming	5
Q _l M	Describe efforts of the University towards maintenance of complete	
	transparency in its financial, academic, administrative and auxiliary	
	functions within maximum of 500 words	
	Supporting documents (Upload)	
	 Policy document (if any) 	
	 Any additional information 	

Key Indicator - 7.2 Best Practices (30)

<u>Metric</u>		<u>Weightage</u>
<u>No.</u> 7.2.1 Q ₁ M	Best practices Describe two best practices each under A, B and C given below implemented successfully by the University separately in maximum of 500 words each :	30 (10+10+10)
	 A . Responsiveness towards learners The institution has a dedicated online / offline helpdesk / toll free no. Grievance redressal mechanism is in place Institutional system of learner feedback is in place Any other B. Accountability 	

	 Meetings of all the statutory bodies are held as per statutory provisions Auditing and budgeting is carried out as per rules All procurement is done as per the defined process Academic calendar is being followed strictly Any other
C. 7	 Fransparency Proper sharing of information with the concerned stakeholders Transparent system of monitoring and evaluation Proper institutional system of inclusive planning All relevant information is made available in public domain Any other
Suj	 porting documents (Upload) Reports of activities Policy document (if any) Any additional information

Key Indicator - 7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness (20)

	Weightage
Areas of distinctiveness	
Describe the University's performance in any 5 of the following areas distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust within a maximum of 400 words each area.	
 E-Governance Globalized Content Technology enabled Learner Support Penetration into Remote and Tribal Areas Content in Regional languages Enhancing Research and Innovation Social Responsibility Endeavours Secure Databases Modern Infrastructure Facilities Landscaping the Campus National/ International Recognition Any other (appropriate for ODL system) 	20
Any additional information	
	 Describe the University's performance in any 5 of the following areas distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust within a maximum of 400 words each area. 1. E-Governance 2. Globalized Content 3. Technology enabled Learner Support 4. Penetration into Remote and Tribal Areas 5. Content in Regional languages 6. Enhancing Research and Innovation 7. Social Responsibility Endeavours 8. Secure Databases 9. Modern Infrastructure Facilities 10. Landscaping the Campus 11. National/ International Recognition

6. Data Templates / Documents (Quantitative Metrics)

The online formats (Templates) for submitting data with respect to Quantitative Metrics $(Q_n M)$ are given in consecutive pages.

Kindly Note:

For each Quantitative Metric the kinds of data to be uploaded are indicated in tabular form and/ or documents required are listed.

- Documents such as minutes of meeting, decisions, statements of accounts, award letters, letters of appointments, etc., need to be uploaded as required; wherever these are in bulk, hyperlinks to the appropriate website be given.
- There could be some variation in the metrics from the QIF; this is due to rendering it to the IT format for online submission.
- The list of documents to be uploaded is only suggestive. If the Institution has any other relevant documents to substantiate its claims, the same may also be uploaded.

Data Templates / Documents - Quantitative Metrics (Q_nM)

	ognition for the program	Name of the Departmen	nt/ Programme name	Programme Code	-
letter of Rec		nmes on offer			
additional inf		oS meetings	onic media and other digital co	mponents in their curriculum	during the last five
he nt/ School	Programme name	Programme Code	Name of Electronic media and other digital components incorporated		
	percentage of he nt/ School documents:	percentage of the Programmes on off he nt/ School documents:	percentage of the Programmes on offer have incorporated electron he nt/ School Programme name Programme Code documents:	percentage of the Programmes on offer have incorporated electronic media and other digital content of the Programme name Programme Code Name of Electronic media and other digital components incorporated	percentage of the Programmes on offer have incorporated electronic media and other digital components in their curriculum he nt/ School Programme name Programme Code Name of Electronic media and other digital components incorporated documents:

Name of the pro	gramme revised	Programme Code	Name of the Department School	/ Year of Int	troduction	Year of revisior
Any othe	of relevant Academic Council/ r information					
Sl. No.	f courses being offered as MOO Programme name	Programme Code	Names of the courses in being offered as MOOCs or using OERs	Course code	Cred	it weightages of ourses

	Key Indicator - 1.2 Academic Flexibility (50)							
5.	1.2.1.	1: The number of programmes of the C	DU adopted/ adapted by other HEIs over the past five ye	ars (10)				
		Name of the Programme	Name of the adopting/adapting HEI	Year of adoption/ adaption				
		adopted/adapted						

Name	of the HEI	Name of the Pro	ogramme	Year of adoption/	adaption
Supporting de					
	of Agreement				
	s of Programme s of OU				
	dditional information				
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	any learners have been admi	itted in the University thro	ugh lateral entry/ vertical mobili	ty based on credit tr	ransfer, during the last five
(10)			Number of the learners ac lateral entry/ vertical mol	dmitted through	
	any learners have been admi Programme name	Itted in the University thro	Number of the learners ad	dmitted through	Total no. of learner
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7	6 .	grammes in which Choice E quiring CBCS/ECS. (Current	2	Elective Course	System (ECS) has been implem	nented out of the total
	Name of all	Name of all	Name of all			Link of the
	Programmes	Programmes adopting	Programmes adopting	Programme	Year of implementation of	relevant
	requiring adoption	CBCS	ECS	Code	CBCS / ECS	document

of CBCS				
 Supporting documents : Minutes of relevan Any additional info 	t Academic Council/BoS/ So ormation	chool Board meetings		

	e Name Pr	ogramme Code		ne courses awareness/ life skills (credit/ non-	Course Co		ar of nch	
Any ac	ure or any oth Iditional infor			l courses lity/ entrepreneurship/ s	kill developm	 nt?		
Give number of	of courses hav	ing focus on empl	oyability/ entrep	oreneurship/ skill develo			the last five year	s Also pro
number of cou	rses on offer of	during the last five	e years. (10)				ine fust nive year	5. <i>1</i> 1150 pro

10	0	•		nships /Dissertations / seminars/ extended contact programmes/
10	practical sessions/ workshops (curre	ent year data) acro	oss all Programme	es requiring such activities (5)
	Programme name requiring	Programme	Number of	No. of learners undertaking field work / projects / internships/
	such activities	Code	learners	dissertations/ seminars/ extended contact programmes/

such activities	Code	learners enrolled in the	dissertations/ seminars/ extended contact programmes/ practical sessions/ workshops
		programme	
Supporting documents :			
Link to Programme	a structure(s)		

• Link to Programme structure(s)

• Handbook/Manual for field work/ projects / internships etc.

• List of learners enrolled in Programme involving field work/ projects / internships etc.

• Any additional information

Key Indicator - 1.4 Feedback System (20) 11. 1.4.1: OU seek structured feedback for design and review of curriculum? How many of the following stakeholders have been approached for the feedback and the received feedback has been analyzed and utilized? (10) 1) Learners, 2) Teachers and other academics 3) Academic Counsellors, 4) Subject Experts, 5) Employers, 6) Alumni Year **Report of Report of Report of Report of Report of Report of** analysis of analysis of analysis of analysis of analysis of analysis of feedback feedback feedback feedback feedback feedback received from received from received from received from received from received from Learners teachers and Academic **Subject Experts Employers** Alumni other academics Counsellors Supporting documents:

- URL for stakeholder feedback report
- Any additional information

Criterion II - Teaching-Learning and Evaluation (250)

	Key Indicator - 2.1 Learner Enrolment	t (10)
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12. 2.1.1. Percentage of increase in the enrolment of learners in the University year wise over last five years (5)

Year		*Admissio	n	Total	% of increase
	Fresh	into	next	enrollment	over the
	enrollment	semester	(re-		previous year
		registratio	n)		

year	ent				
*	Admission into 2 nd y Admission into 2 nd y orting documents	ear (3 rd so ear (3 rd so	emester a emester a	& 4 th semester) / 3 rd & 4 th semester) for P	ear (5 th & 6 th semester) for UG level learners 6 level learners
	Provide link o				
	 Any additional 	a morma	ation		
Кеу	Indicator - 2.2 C	atering	g to Lea	rner Diversity (5)
2.2.1	Percentage of learn	ers enro	lled are fi	rom rural areas? Prov	ide total number of learners enrolled from different areas (Rural*/Urban) (5)
				r	
Yea	r Total enrolment (No.)	Urban (No)	Rural* (No.)	% of Rural learners	

- Institutional data
- Any additional information
2.2.2. Distribution of enrolled learners across different socially backward categories? Provide the total number of learners enrolled from different Social Categories year wise during last five years (5)

	Year	Number of	students admi	tted from Soc	Total number of learners enrolled		
		SC	ST	OBC	Gen	Others	
14.							

Supporting Documents:

- Institutional data
- Any additional information

2.2.3. Distribution of enrolled learners across different genders? Total number of learners enrolled from different genders year wise during last five years (5)

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Year	Number of learn	ners enrolled from diffe	rent genders	Total number of learners enrolled		
	Number of Male learners	Number of female learners	Number of transgender learners			

Supporting Documents:

• Any additional information

• Institutional data in prescribed format

16. 2.2.4: Percentage of PwD learners were enrolled year wise during last five years? Provide the data for learners enrolled from different PwD categories.(5)

Year	Number of learners with Speech & hearing impairment	Number of learners with Locomotor impairment	Number of learners with Visual impairment	Number of learners with Low vision	Number of learners with Any other Disability	Total number of PWD learners applied for admissions	Total number of PWD learners enrolled	Percentage of PWD learner enrolled

Supporting Documents:

- List of PwD Learners: Institutional data
- Any other document submitted by the Institution to a Government agency giving this information
- Any additional information

17 2.2.5. Percentage of the enrolled learners is employed? Provide total number of employed and unemployed learners enrolled year wise during last five years (5)

Year	Number of Employed learners Including self-employed	Number of learners who are not employed	Total number of learners enrolled

Supporting d	ocuments:									
	utional data									
 Any a 	dditional information									
2.2.6: Total r	6: Total number of prisoners have been enrolled year wise during last five years (5)									
Year	Number of learners enrolled under category of	Total number of learners enrolled								
Supporting d • Instit	Ocuments: utional data									
Instit Any a 2.2.7: Percen	ocuments: utional data additional information	-	_	amely: Defence / S	ecurity Personnel,	Ex Service men/ War widows	s, have			
Instit Any a 2.2.7: Percen	ocuments: utional data additional information tage of persons from Def	-	_	amely: Defence / S Total number of learners enrolled	ecurity Personnel,	Ex Service men/ War widows	s, have			

	the last five y Total number		Total number of v	/ideo
Year	programmes		programmes	
Current year				
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	for which the digitized	on offer	
	content is available for the		
	learners		
Current			
year			
	documents		
•	Digital repository		
•	Any additional information		

Key Indicator - 2.4 Teachers and other Academics- Profile and Quality (55)

23. 2.4.1 Percentage of the sanctioned posts is occupied by full time teachers and other academics respectively during the last five years.(10)

Year	Number of 7	Feachers	Number of other Academics				
	Sanctioned posts	In position	Sanctioned posts	In position			

- Institutional data of teachers and other academics
- List of the faculty members authenticated by the Registrar of the University
- Any additional information

Year	Number of		Number of othe					
	In position	With PhD I	n position	With PhD	_			
					_			
					-			
					-			
	documents:							
		f teachers and o	ther academics					
• Any	additional info	ormation						
2 4 3 Status	of programme	s on offer based	on the following par	ameters during	he last five	vears (5)		
2.4.5 Status	or programme.	s on oner bused	on the following par	ameters, during	ne last nve	years (5)		
Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of				
Programme		Programme	Programmes	Programme				
on offer	developed in		developed by	adopted/				
	house	collaboration with	out sourcing to external agency	adapted from other HEIs				
		Government/	external agency	other fillis				
		other agency						
		ļ						

26 2.4.4 : Contribution of in-house faculty in design and development of SLMs of the programmes on offer (15)

furriculum esigning programme nd course oordination	units by in- house faculty	blocks (content, format and language) by in-house	blocks b in-hous faculty
y in-house aculty)		faculty	

Supporting documents

- Minutes of relevant Academic Council/BoS/ School Board meetings
- Credit page of Blocks/ Courses
- Any additional information

2.4.5 Average experience of full-time teachers and other academics in position in the University. Give data for the current year (5)

27.	Sl. No	Name of the Full- time teacher and other academic	PAN	Designation	Department/School	Year of appointment	Total years of Experience
	Supporti	ng documents:					

- Institutional data of teachers and other academics
- Any additional information

Sl. No	Name of full time teachers and academics receiving awards/	Year of Award/appointment					
	recognition/ fellowships/ from state level, national level, international level/ appointed as Head of an Institution		PAN	Designation	Name of the award, fellowship, received from Government or recognized bodies/Institution where appointed as head	Incentives given by the OU in recognition of the award	Link for the relevant documents

29.	2.4.7.1: Average teaching experience of Academic Counsellors empanelled during the current year (3)
	2.4.7.2: Number of Academic Counsellors with PhD degree empanelled during the current year (2)

Sl. No.	Name of academic counsellor	Year of Appointment	Qualifications (PhD)	Teaching experience in years

- List of Academic Counsellors with details of qualifications
- Any additional information

Key Indicator - 2.5 Evaluation Process and Reforms (40)

30	2.5.4 Status of automation	of Examination	/ Evaluation Division	of the OU (10)
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Sl. No.	Name of the activity automated	Date of commencement of activity

Supporting documents

- Current Manual of examination automation system
- Annual reports of examination including the present status of automation
- Any additional information

31 2.5.6: Extent of involvement of internal teachers, other academics and external experts in evaluation related activities in the current year (5)

Sl. No.	Course Name and code	Name of internal evaluators	Name of external evaluators	Activity

- Link to list of evaluators
- Any additional information

,	Total Number	of programmes o	offered		otal Number of pr	rogrammes di	splayed on we	bsite with	outcomes	_	
S	supporting do	cuments									
	• Link to	Programme out	comes								
	 Any ad 	ditional information	tion								
	.6.2: Total nur				ed PG and UG De ar and in case of						
ca (1	.6.2: Total nur ase of PG degr 15) Name of the		nt data of current	t minus third ye							
ca (1	.6.2: Total nur ase of PG degr 15)	Total enrolment	nt data of current	t minus third ye Number of lear programme	ar and in case of						
ca (1	.6.2: Total nur ase of PG degr 15) Name of the	ree, the enrolmer	nt data of current	t minus third ye	ar and in case of						

	Key Ind	icator - 2	.7 Learne	r Satisfaction St	urvey (30)					
34.	2.7.1 Onli	ne <u>l</u> earner s	atisfaction s	urvey regarding tea	ching-learning p	rocess (30)				
	(Online su	rvey to be	conducted an	nd details of the lea	rners in the form	nat mention	ned below sh	ould be uploa	ded)	
	Name of	Gender	Category	State of	Nationality (if	Email	Program	Student	Mobile	Year of joining
	the			Domicile	other than	ID	me name	Unique	Number	
	learner				Indian)			Enrolment		
								ID		

• Database of all currently enrolled learners

Key Indicator - 3.1 Polic	y and Research Facilities (10)				
3.1.3: University has the follow	ving facilities for teachers, other academics and learners for pursuing research				
12. Reference Library					
13. Online subscription to major	research journals				
14. Science laboratories	research journais				
15. Computing Lab and support for both qualitative and quantitative data analysis					
16. Language laboratory					
17. Central Instrumentation Cent	re				
18. Animal House/Green House	Museum				
19. Research/Statistical Database	S				
20. Animal Ethics Policy					
21. Data curation and sharing fac	ility				
22. Any other					
Options:					
A. Any four facilities exist					
B. Three of the facilities exist					
C. Two of the facilities exist					
D. One of the facilities exist					
E. None of the facilities exist					
Name of the facility	Date of procurement / launch / establishment				
	Date of procurement / launen / establishment				

- URLs of the available facilities
- Any additional information

	Key	/ Indicator - 3	3.2 Resource M	obilization for R	Research (10)				
36.	wise	during the last fiv	ve years? (INR in La	(khs) $(5)\hat{\&}$		non-government sources has be rnment and non-government age			
	SI. No	Name of the Project/ Chairs	Name of the Principal Investigator/ Co Investigator	Name of the Funding agency	Type (Government/ Non- Government)	Department/ School of Principal Investigator/ Co Investigator	Year of Award	Funds provided (INR in Lakhs)	Duration of the project
		Any additi Supporting docu List of research Document from	ers for research pro- ional information iments: h projects n Funding Agency nding agency websit	jects sponsored by gov	vernment and non-go	vernment			

	Key Indicat	or - 3.3 Innovat	ion Ecosystem	(40)		
37.	3.3.3: Total nun	nber of workshops/s	eminars conducted	/ content material deve	loped on: Intellectual Property Rights (IPR);	Open Education Resources
	(OER); Massive	Open Online Course	es (MOOCs); Techno	ology-Enabled Learning	; Learning Management System; and other inner	ovative technologies,
	year wise during	g the last five years	(8)			_
		Name of the	Number of		link to the activity report/ URL of the	Date of establishment
	Year	workshop/	Participants	Date From – To	materials developed, on the website	of IPR/ OER/MOOCs

	seminar and content development		cell
• List of w	uments of the event/ link to the material dev vorkshops/seminars during last 5 ye itional information		

Title of the innovation	Name of the Awardee	Name of the Awarding Agency with contact details	Year of Award	Category- teachers/other academics/ research scholars/students
Award det	opies of award letters			

39.	3.3.5: Number of innovative pract	3.3.5: Number of innovative practices introduced by the University during the last five years (5)								
	Name of the innovations	Nature of innovations	Year of commencement	Contact information of the promoters						
	Supporting documents :									
	 Link/ Report of the innovative practices introduced Any additional information 									

40.	3.3.6: Total number of Industry-Academia Innovative practices undertaken by the OU, year wise, during the last five years (5)							
	Name of the Programme	Nature of Programme	Year of commencement	Contact information of the industry				

under Industry-Academia Innovative practices							
Supporting documents							
Sanction order/ MoU/ MoA of	the University with the Industry						
• Link to Industry website	Link to Industry website						
Any additional information							

	Key In	ey Indicator - 3.4 Research Publications and Awards (70)									
41.	3.4.2 Nu	3.4.2 Number of research scholars awarded PhD and MPhil degrees during last 5 years. (10)									
		Name of the	PhD/MPhil	Name of the	Name of the	Title of the thesis/	Year of registration	Year of			
	Sl.No.	scholar		Department/School	guide/s	dissertation	of the scholar	award			
	Supporti	Supporting documents:									
		JRL to the resear	ch page on HEI	web site							
		• List of PhD scholars and their details like name of the guide, title of thesis, year of award etc									
	• I	List of PhD schola	ars and their det	ails like name of the guide,	title of thesis, year of	of award etc					

3.4.3: Number of research papers published by teachers and other academics of the University. Provide details of the research papers published by teachers 42. and other academics of the University in the Journals notified on UGC website / peer reviewed journals during the last five years (20) **Department School**/ Division/ Centre/ Link of the recognition in Unit/ Cell of the ISSN UGC enlistment of the Name of the Year of teacher/ and other **Title of paper** author/s Name of journal publication number Journal academic Supporting documents:

• URL of research papers by title, author, Department/ School/ Division/ Centre/ Unit/ Cell, name and year of publication

Sl.		Title of	he last five yea	Title of the	Name of the	National /	Year of	ISBN/ISSN	Affiliating	Name
Ν	of the	the	the paper	proceedings of	conference	internation	publication	number of	Institute at	the
0.	teacher / other acade mic	book/cha pters published /edited		the conference		al		the publication	the time of publication	publis

- URL of research papers by title, author, Department/ School/ Division/ Centre/ Unit/ Cell, name and year of publication
- Any additional information

44.				· •	books and research p	*					r academics
+	of the University? Provide details of the publications teachers and other academics of the University year wise during the last five years. (5)										
	SI.		Title of	Title of	Title of the	Name of the	National /	Year of	ISBN/ISSN	0	Name of
	Ν	of the	the	the paper	proceedings of	conference	internation	publication	number of	Institute at	the
	0.	teacher	book/cha		the conference		al		the	the time of	publisher
		/ other	pters						publication	publication	-
		acade	published						-	-	
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ł											
	Sun	porting do	cuments		1	1	I	1	1	1	1

- URL of research papers by title, author, Department/ School/ Division/ Centre/ Unit/ Cell, name and year of publication
- Any additional information

45.		3.4.6: Total number of Bibliometrics of the publications by teachers and other academics during the last five years based on average Citation index in Scopus/ Web of Science or PubMed/ Indian Citation Index etc year wise during the last five years (5)									
	SI. N o.	Name of the author	Title of the paper	Title of the Journal	Year of publication	ISBN/ISSN number of the publication	Citation Index	Name of the publisher			
	G										
	Sup	 porting documents: Any additional inform 	nation								
		•									
				ring the last five years							
		• The Data obtained from	om INFLIBNE	T will be used for the purpose of calc	culation of scores.						

SI. N o.	Name of the author	Title of the paper	Title of the Journal	Year of publication	ISBN/ISSN number of the publication	H Index	Name of the publisher
Sur	oporting documents :						

7.	Key Indicator - 3.5 Consultancy (10) 3.5.2 Total revenue generated from consultancy provided by teachers and academics of the University year wise during the last five years (INR in lakhs) (4)									
	Names of the teacher/ other academic	Name of consultancy project	Consulting/Sponsoring agency with contact details	Year	Revenue generated (INR in Lakhs)	Name of consultancy project				
	Audited statements of accounts indicating the revenue generated through consultancy In Lakins) project • Audited statements of accounts indicating the revenue generated through consultancy • List of teachers and other academics providing consultancy • Any additional information									

48.	3.5.3: Total revenue generated by the University from training / seminars/ conferences/ etc. for government and non-government bodies, year wise during the						
	last five years (INR in lakhs) (4)						
	Title of the Training Programme Title of the corporate training Programme	Agency seeking training with contact details	Year	Revenue generated (INR in Lakhs)	Number of trainees		

- Audited statements of account indicating the revenue generated through training
 Schedule of the training programmes
- Any additional information

	Key Indicator - 3.6 Extension Activities (35)								
49.	3.6.2 Number of awards and recognition received for extension activities from Government /recognised bodies during the last five years (10)								
	Name of the activity	Name of the Award/ recognition	Name of the Awarding government/ recognised bodies	Year of award					
	Supporting documents								
	Awards for extensi	ion activities							
	• Scanned copy of the award letters								
	Any additional inf	formation							

50.		3.6.3: Number of extension and outreach Programmes conducted in collaboration with Jails, Armed Forces, Community Based Organizations, Non-Government Organizations year wise during the last five years (10)									
	Name of the activity	Organising unit/ agency/ collaborating agency	Year of the activity	Number of learners participated in such activities							
	Reports of th	Supporting documents:									

-	Name of the activity	s Swachh Bharat, Aids Awareness Organising unit/ agency/ collaborating agency	Name of the scheme	Year of the activity	Number of employees participated in such activities	Number of learner participated in such activities
-	activity					such activities
-	Supporting docum Report of th Any addition 					

	Key	y Indicator - 3	3.7 Collaboration (25	5)					
52.	3.7.1	l Number of Col	laborative activities for	research and fac	ulty exchange per yea	ar (5)		1	
	SI. No	Title of the Collaborativ e activity	Name of the collaborating agency with contact details	Name of the participant	Source of financial support	Year of collaboration	Duration	Nature of the activity	Link of the relavant document
	Supj	 porting document Scanned copie Any additiona 	es of collaboration documen	t	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		1	

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53.	3.7.2: Number years (10)	er of linkages for faculty ex-	change, student exc	change, internsh	ip, field trip, on-the-job	training, research,	etc during the last five
	Title of the linkage	Name of the partnering institution/ industry /research lab with contact details	Year of commencement	Duration (From-To)	Nature of linkage	Name of the participant	Link of the relavant document
	• MoU o	ocuments of website of collaborator of the collaboration (s) dditional information					

4.	3.7.3: Number of functional MoU corporate houses, armed forces etc			1		
	Organisation with which MoU is signed	Name of the institution/ industry/ corporate house	Year of signing MoU	Duration	List the actual activities under each MoU year wise	Number of students/teachers participated under MoUs
	 Supporting documents MoUs with institution (s)/ ind Any additional information 	ustry (ies)/ corporate house (s)				

	Criterion IV – Infrastru	icture and Learning Res	ources (100)
	Key Indicator - 4.1 Physica	l Facilities (20)	
55	4.1.4.1: Details of the budget allocat	ion for infrastructure augmentation an	d total expenditure excluding salary, year wise, during the last five years (INR in
	lakhs) (5)		
	Years	Budget allocated for infrastructure augmentation	Total expenditure of the University excluding salary

	Supporting documents : Audited utilization statements Budget allocation for infrastru	
56	4.1.4.2 Details of the expenditure incu wise, during the last five years (INR iYear	es and academic support facilities and total expenditure excluding salary, year Total expenditure of the university (excluding salary) INR in lakhs)
	Supporting documents : Audited statements of account Budget and Statements of Exp Any other information	

	Key Indicator - 4.2 IT Infrastructure (40)	
57	4.2.1: Percentage of rooms and seminar halls with ICT facilities/Wi-Fi/L	AN at the University HQ (current year data) (5)
	Number of rooms and seminar halls with ICT facilities//Wi- Fi/LAN	Type of ICT facility
	 Supporting documents : Photographs of IT infrastructure facilities at HQs Any additional information 	
58	4.2.2: Percentage of rooms with ICT facilities/Wi-Fi/LAN at RCs. (curre	ent year data) at Regional Centres (cumulative) (5)
	Number of rooms with ICT facilities//Wi-Fi/LAN	Type of ICT facility
	 Supporting documents : Photographs of infrastructure facilities at a few RCs Any additional information 	

59	4.2.3: Percentage of rooms with ICT faci	lities/Wi-Fi/LAN (current	year data) at Learner Sup	port Centres (cumul	llative) (5)	
	Number of rooms and seminar hall Fi/LAN	s with ICT facilities//V	Vi- Type of IC	Γ facility		
	Supporting documents :Photographs of infrastructure facAny additional information	ilities at a few LSCs				
60	4.2.5: Details of the internet connection (s) in the University (Lease	ed line) in terms of the nur	nber and available b	bandwidth. (5)	
	Number of bandwidths Available inter					
	 Supporting documents : Relevant documents on available Any additional information 	bandwidth of internet cor	nnection in the Institution			
61	4.2.6: Facilities for audio, video and e-co	ntent development are ava	ailable and are in use at the	e OU (5)		
	S,No. Name of the audio production fac	cilities Name of the video	content production facilitie	es Name of the e-co	ontent production facilit	ies
	Supporting documents :					
	 Relevant photographs of the faci Any additional information 	lities for audio, video e-co	ntent production			
62	4.2.7: Facilities for radio and TV broadca	asts available in the OU (5))			
	Name of radio channel Frequency	Studio (owned/hired)	Name of TV channel	Frequency Stud	dio (owned/hired)	
	Details of technical staff					
	S. No. Name of technical staff Des	ignation				

Supp	porting documents :				
Supp •		the facilities availa	9		

Key Indicator - 4.3 Learning Resources (40)

Centre (s) (Fresh and Re-registration) of current year RC Supporting documents : • • Enrolment details of the current year RC wise • Distribution of learners LSC wise • List of RCs with their operational area	S. No.	Name of the Regional	Total no. of LSCs associated with RC	Total Enrolment	
 Enrolment details of the current year RC wise Distribution of learners LSC wise 		Centre (s)		(Fresh and Re-registration) of current year RC	
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• Distribution of learners LSC wise					
• Distribution of learners LSC wise	Support	ing documents :			
• List of DCs with their experimentary		0	urrent year RC wise		
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Name	of	Counselling se	ssions held at LSCs for	Total en
programmes		Theory	Practical	in the p
Regional Cent	re na	me		
Name	of		ssions held at LSCs for	Total er
programmes		Theory	Practical	in the p

- Monitoring reports of LSCsExpenditure incurred on counselling sessions
- Any additional information

65 4.3.4 Number of library resources available at the Library of the OU during the last five years. (5)

Year	Books	e-Books	Journals	e- Journals	e-Shodh Sindhu	Shodhganga membership	Doctoral Dissertations	Audio CDs	Video CDs	Linkages with other library/ Archives/ other knowledge repositories	Any Other

Supporting documents :

- Link to Library catalogues
- Link to relevant resources available in the library
- Any additional information

66 4.3.6 Availability of remote access to e-resources of the library (Yes/No) (1)

Types of E-resources	Contact person details	Connectivity Bandwidth available

- Details of remote access to e-resources of the library
- Any additional information

		ndicator - 5.1 Learn	Support and Progression (er Support (65)	
67	5.1.6 Ty	ype of the modes employed	by the University to attend to learners'	queries. (10)
			1	
	Year	Type of Approach	Number of the queries received	Number of queries addressed
	Support	ting documents :		tive radio counselling, Web-conferencing, Student Services Centre, Any other

6	8	5.1.7 Types of different	ent modes employed by the Unive	ersity to provide academic couns	elling to its learners (10)
		Name of	Modes employed to provide academic counselling for	Modes employed to provide academic counselling for	
		programme	theory courses	practical courses	

- Supporting documents :Links to counselling schedules for current year
 - Any additional information

69	5.1.10 (5)	Details of schemes implemented	d for the benefit of the learners of disadvantaged group during the last five years
	Year	Name of the scheme	Number of learners of disadvantage groups benefitted

- Link to notifications issued by the UniversityAny additional information

5.2.1 Details abou	t the freshly enrolled learners in the current	year who have submitted assignments as per the a	cademic calendar. (5)
Name of the programme and courses	Total enrollment in the programme	Number of assignment(s) per course	Number of assignment(s) submitted per course
URL of asURL of m	nents : grammes on offer signments of programmes on offer onthly monitoring report of RC onal information		

71	5.2.2 Details about the	freshly enrolled learners in the current year	ar who have registered for Term End Examination. (5)	
	Name of the	Total enrollment in the programme	Number of learners (only freshly enrolled)registered for term end examinations	
	programme and			
	courses			

- List of programmes on offer
- URL of examination schedule
- List of learners (only freshly enrolled)registered for term end examinations
- Any additional information

Name of the programme and courses	Total enrollment in the programme	Number of learners (only freshly enrolled) appeared in term end examinations
• URL of exam	nts : immes on offer ination schedule rs (only freshly enrolled) who have appeare	d in term and examination

73	5.2.4 Details about the	freshly enrolled learners in the current year	ar who have passed in Term End Examination. (5)	
	Name of the	Total enrollment in the programme	Number of learners (only freshly enrolled) passed in term end examinations	
	programme and courses			
	courses			

- List of programmes on offer
- URL of examination schedule
- List of learners (only freshly enrolled) passed in term end examinations ٠
- Any additional information •
- 5.2.5 Mechanism adopted by the University for providing placement services to the learners and how many initiatives have been undertaken during the past five years 74 (5)

Number of	Details of the collaborating agencies	Number of learners given placement
placement drives		
held during last five		
years		

Supporting documents :

- Provide reports of the campus placement drives
- Any additional information

 Key Indicator - 5.3 Alumni Engagement (10)

 5.3.2: Details about the learners enrolled in the alumni association and the cumulative number of passed out learners. (4)

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Year	Number of learners enrolled in Alumni Association	Cumulative number of passed out learners

- Link to URL of Alumni Association
- Any additional information •

Key Indicator - 6.2 Strateg	y Development and Deployment (10)	
6.2.3 Details of implementation of	f e-governance in areas of operation (5)	
Areas of e governance	Year of implementation	Link of relevant website/ document
Planning and Development		
Administration		
Finance and Accounts		
Student Admission and Suppor	t	
Examination, assessment and e	valuation	
 Supporting documents ERP Document Screen shots of user interfact Details of implementation or 	es e-governance in different areas of operation (Data Templa	ite)

• Any additional information

	Key Indicator - 6.3 Faculty Development / Empowerment Strategies (30)							
77	6.3.2 I	Details of teachers a	nd other	academics provided with financial support to attend con	ferences / workshops and towards membership	o fee of		
	professional bodies year wise during the last five years (5)							
		Name of						
		teacher / other		Name of conference/ workshop attended for	Name of the professional body for	Amount of		
	Year	academic	PAN	which financial support provided	which membership fee is provided	support		
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- Details of teachers and other academics provided with financial support to attend conferences, workshops etc. during the last five years (Data Template)
- Any additional information

Year	Title of the professional development Programme organized for teaching and/or other academic,	Title of the administrative training Programme organized for non-academic staff	Number of participants	Dates (from-to-)
Suppo •	rting documents : Details of professional development academic staff Any additional information	/ administrative training Programmes organized	by the University for t	eaching and other academic; and nor

Year	Total number of teachers and other academics in position	Total number of teachers and other academics attended PDPs	Title of the professional development Programme	Date and Duration (from - to-)
Suppo • •	-	ther academics attending	ntres (UGC ASC or other relevant centers). professional development Programmes during the last five years (De	ata Template)

1	80	6.3.5 Details of non-academic staff attended training Programmes, year wise during the last five years						
		(5)						
			Total number of non-	Total number of non-	Title of the Programme	Date and Duration (from - to-)		
		Year	academic staff in	academic staff				

	position	attended administrative training programme		
Suppo	orting documents :			
•	CIQA report summary Details of non-academ Any additional information	ic staff attending administra	tive training programmes during the	last five years

	Key]	Indicator - 6.4 Fi	nancial Managem	ent and Resou	rce Mobilizati	on (20)						
81	6.4.3 I	Revenue earned by the (10) (INR in <i>Lakhs</i>)	University is being plot	ughed back into lear	rner support service	s?						
	Year	Revenue generated	by the University in la	st five years	Allocation of budget for learner support services in the University budget							
		Supporting documents : • Annual Budget of University for last five years • Any additional information										
	Key 1	Indicator - 6.5 In	ternal Quality As	surance Syster	n (25)							
82	6.5.1 (Quality initiatives by	IQAC per year for pr	comoting quality c	culture (15)							
	Year	PPRs prepared	Details of workshops/ seminars organized	Innovative practices implemented	Initiatives for system based research	Feedback mechanisms developed	Activities for recognition and accreditation					
	Suppo •	Supporting documents : • Reports of the activities • Any additional information.										

Criterion VII – Institutional Values and Best Practices (100)

Key Indicator 7.1 - Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities (50)

83 **Empowerment and Inclusion (15)**

7.1.1 List the special strategies undertaken by the University year wise during the last five years for facilitating the learning of the marginalized and the weaker sections, the disadvantaged: women, SC, ST, OBC, PwD, transgender, jail inmates, defence personnel, persons residing in rural and remote areas, backward and tribal areas (5)

Year	Type of strategies taken	Date of implementation of the strategy	Category of beneficiaries	Total number of beneficiaries

Supporting documents :

- List of strategies undertaken organized by the University
- Minutes of relevant statutory bodies like Academic Council/ BoS meetings etc
- Report(s) of the event(s)
- Any additional information

84 7.1.3 Type of PwD friendly amenities are available in the University (5)

	Type of disability friendly amenities available	Date of procurement/launch/establishment
1		

- Link to photos and videos of amenities for PwD
- List of amenities available in the institution for PwD
- Minutes of relevant statutory bodies like Academic Council/ BoS meetings etc
- Access audit report, if available
- Any additional information

Year	Type of implemented	green	practices		requirement ble energy sour	by	Total power requirement	
	+							
	ing documents :							
•]	Photographs of g	reen initiat						
•]	0	reen initiat t of the Ur	niversity	ives and a	aun au ditura			

	Huma	n Values and Professional Ethics	(25)					
86	7.1.7 I	Details of the activities planned and or	ganized by the University to	increase consciousness about national identities and symbols; Fundamental Duties				
	and Rights of Indian citizens and other constitutional obligations amongst different stakeholders							
	(Yes/No) (2)							
	Year	Title of the program/Activity	Duration (from-to)	Provide/upload supporting documents				
			•					
	Suppor	rting documents:						
	•	Photographs of activities organized to	increase consciousness about	ut national identities and symbols				
	٠	Reports of activities						
	•	Any additional information						

87	7.1.9 Details of orientation	programmes organized by	y the University	y for the teac	hers and other	academics; and non-academic staff.			
	Title of the Programme organized for teaching and other academic; and non-academic staff	Number of participants	Dates (From-	to-)					
	_Supporting documents :								
	• Reports of activities								
	• Photographs of activity								
	Any additional inform								
88	values, national integration, c	*		· · •		, Love, Non-Violence and peace); national values, human damental duties year wise during the last five years			
	(2) Provide year-wise list of activities and upload videos/photographs								
	Year	Title of the program/Ac	ctivity	Duration	(from-to)	No. of participants			
	Supporting documents :								
		conducted for promotion of u	universal value						
	Photographs of activity								
	Any additional information								

Section C: Appendices

Appendix 1: Glossary & Notes

GLOSSARY

Academic	:	An exercise which serves to provide assurance that the delegated responsibilities
Audit	•	for quality and standards of academic provision are being appropriately
		discharged.
Academic	:	The schedule of the institution for the academic year, giving details of all
Calendar		academic and administrative events.
Academic	:	Assisting and mentoring students individually or collectively for academic,
Counselling		career, personal and financial decision-making.
Academic	:	Choice offered to the students in the curriculum offering and the curriculum
Flexibility		transactions.
Academic	:	An academic cycle of twelve months duration beginning either in January or
session		in the month of July of every year
Accreditation	:	Certification of quality that is valid for a fixed period, which in the case of NAAC
		is five years
Assessment	:	Performance evaluation of an institution or its units based on certain established
		criteria
Assessors	••	Trained academics or experts who represent NAAC on peer teams.
Benchmarks	:	An example of good performance that serves as a standard for comparison of
		one's own performance. It is a technique in which an institution measures its
		performance against that of the best of others.
Bibliometrics	:	is a statistical analysis of written publications, such as books or articles
Blended	:	A mixing of different learning environments such as traditional face-to-face
Learning		classroom methods with modern computer-mediated activities.
Carbon	:	A term used to describe fuels that neither contribute to nor reduce the amount of
Neutral		carbon (measured in the release of carbon dioxide) into the atmosphere.
Catering to	:	The strategies adopted by institution to fulfill the needs of a heterogeneous
Student		group of students.
Diversity Choice Based		A made of learning in higher education which facilitates a student to have some
Credit System	:	A mode of learning in higher education which facilitates a student to have some
(CBCS)		freedom in selecting his/her own choices, across various disciplines for
		completing a UG / PG program. All UG and PG programs, as per UGC, have to
Cardina (implement CBCS
Centre for Internal	:	A Centre established by a Higher Educational Institution offering programmes
Quality		in Open and Distance Learning mode for ensuring the quality of programmes offered by it including the services provided to the learners through internal
Assurance		quality monitoring mechanism and to ensure continuous improvement in the
		entire operations of the HEI.
Citation Index	•	The number of times a research papers is referred to by other researchers in
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	•	refereed journals, and is a measure of validity of its contents.
Co-Curricular		Activities, which support the curriculum such as field trips, display of academic
Activities	•	
Collaboration		achievements, quiz, debate, discussion, seminars, role-play, etc
Collaboration	•	Formal agreement/ understanding between any two or more institutions for
<u>Cameralatian</u>		training, research, student/ faculty exchange or extension support.
Completion Rates(course/)	:	The ratio of the total number of learners successfully completing a course/
Rutes(course)		graduating from a programme in a given year to the total number of learners
		who initially enrolled on the course/programme.
Continuous	:	The assessment process followed by the HEI throughout the learning
Assessment		period, which determines the progress of the learners in achieving the expected
		learning outcomes and providing feedback for further improvement.
Course	••	A course is a unit of 2 to 8 credits in a formal program.
Counselling	:	Details of sessions being offered, its time, location, academic counsellors, which
Schedule		students must know in order to register. The counselling schedule is published
		prior to the commencement of registration for each semester / session.
Credit	:	The study input of thirty hours required by a learner to acquire the prescribed
		level of learning (learning outcome) in respect of an ODL programme equivalent
		to one printed block comprising 3-4 units; comprehending the print material;
		listening to audio; watching video; attending counselling sessions;
		teleconferencing and preparing assignment responses.
Credit transfer	:	It is a term used by an HEI for granting credit to a student for educational
		experiences or courses undertaken at another institution. The courses under
		consideration for credit transfer are evaluated to see if the courses meet the
		requirements of the receiving institution in terms of curriculum content and
		design.
Criteria	•	Pre-determined standards of functioning of an institution of higher
	•	education that form the basis of assessment and accreditation as identified /
		defined by NAAC.
Cross Cutting	•	Cross cutting issues refer to the abilities of students to have sufficient
Issues	•	disciplinary knowledge, to engage in public discussions on related issues; are
		careful consumers of scientific and technological information related to their
		0
		everyday lives; are able to continue to learn outside school; and have the skills to enter careers of their choice.
Curriculum		
Design and	:	Process of defining the contents of units of study and usually obtained through
Development		needs assessment, feedback from stakeholders and expert groups. Curriculum
		design and curriculum development are procedures which are closely linked to

:	the description of learning outcomes. An institution undergoing the accreditation process by NAAC for the first time is					
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	said to be in Cycle 1 and the consecutive five year periods as Cycle 2, 3 and so on.					
:	A degree means a degree specified under sub-section (3) of section 22 of the					
	UGC Act, 1956.					
:	The ratio of the number of seats available in a program/institute to the number of valid applications					
	They are Departments/ Centres/ Institutes exclusively established to offer					
	programmes through ODL mode by conventional universities established by an					
	Act of Parliament or State Legislature, Deemed to be universities declared by the					
	Central Government under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act,					
	1956 and institutions of national importance declared by an Act of Parliament.					
:	Eco system for innovation comprises of material resources (funds, equipment,					
	facilities, etc.) and the human resources (students, faculty, staff, industry					
	representatives, etc.) and linkages among them that make up the institutional					
	entities to promote the development of products and systems that are likely to					
	have significant economic value.					
:	Learning resources available on Internet					
:	High quality, curriculum-based, interactive content in different subjects across					
	all disciplines of social sciences, arts, fine arts & humanities, natural &					
	mathematical sciences, linguistics and languages developed under the initiative					
	of MHRD, under its National Mission on Education through ICT (NMEICT)					
	Mission. <u>http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/</u>					
:	Shodhganga@INFLIBNET provides a platform for research students to deposit					
	their Ph.D. theses and make it available to the entire scholarly community in					
	open access.					
:	e-Shodh Sindhu (<u>https://www.inflibnet.ac.in/ess</u>) provides current as well as					
	archival access to more than 15,000 core and peer-reviewed journals and a					
	number of bibliographic, citation and factual databases in different disciplines					
	from a large number of publishers and aggregators to its member institutions					
	including centrally-funded technical institutions.					
:	A choice available to students to select from among a large number of subjects.					
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:	New areas of study and research deemed important to pursue. These areas may					
	have been identified by national agencies or international bodies.					
:	Value added courses offered by institution for student empowerment.					
	They enhance the curriculum by amplifying, supplementing and replacing such					
	:					

		parts or features as have become ineffective or obsolete.					
Evaluation	:	Assessment of learning, teaching and evaluation process and reforms to					
Process and	•	increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the system.					
Reforms		increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the system.					
Examination	:	A place where examinations are conducted for the Open and Distance Learning					
Centre		mode learners and is having the requisite infrastructure and adequate					
		manpower for smooth conduct of examinations					
Examination	:	Examination management system is a well-defined document or a software					
Management		application for the planning, administration, documentation, tracking,					
System		evaluation of students responses, and announcement of grades/marks obtained					
		by students in all formal learning activities in an educational program					
Experiential	:	Is a process of learning through experience and is more specifically defined as					
Learning	•	"learning through reflection on doing".					
Extension	-						
Activities	:	The aspect of education, which emphasizes neighbourhood services. These are					
		often integrated with curricula as extended opportunities intended to help, serve					
		reflect and learn. The curriculum- extension interface has educational values,					
		especially in rural India.					
Faculty	:	Programs aimed at updating the knowledge and pedagogical skills of faculty.					
Development							
Program Feedback	-	Formative and evaluative comments given by tutors on the performance of					
recubuck	•	individual learners.					
		Evaluative comments made by stakeholders to the institution on the quality and					
		effectiveness of a defined process.					
		Response from students, academic peers and employers for review and design of					
		curriculum.					
Field Project	:	Formal projects students need to undertake that involve conducting surveys					
		outside the college/university premises and collection of data from designated					
		communities or natural places					
Financial	:	Budgeting and optimum utilization of financial resources.					
Management							
Flexibility	:	A mechanism through which students have wider choices of Programmes to					
		choose from, as well as, multiple entry and exit points for Programmes / courses.					
Formative		The assessment process followed by the HEI throughout the learning					
Assessment		period, which determines the progress of the learners in achieving the expected					
		learning outcomes and providing feedback for further improvement.					
Functional	•	Memoranda of Understanding that are currently operational, signed by the					
MoUs		Institute with national and international agencies					
Full Time	•	A teacher employed for at least 90 per cent of the normal or statutory number of					
	•						

Teachers		hours of work for a full-time teacher over a complete academic year is classified			
		as a full-time teacher.			
Graduate	:	The disciplinary expertise or technical knowledge that has traditionally formed			
Attributes		the core of most university courses. They are qualities that also prepare			
		graduates as agents for social good in an unknown future.			
Green Audit	n Audit : The process of assessing the environmental impact of an organization				
		project, product, etc			
Grievance	:	Mechanisms for receiving, processing and addressing dissatisfaction expressed,			
Redressal		complaints and other formal requests made by learners, staff and other			
		stakeholders on the institutional provisions promised and perceived.			
Higher	:	Education, imparted by means of conducting regular classes or through			
Education		distance education systems, beyond twelve years of schooling leading to the			
		award of a Degree or Certificate or Diploma or Postgraduate Diploma.			
H-index	:	An index that attempts to measure both the productivity and impact of the			
(Hirsch Index)		published work of a scientist or scholar. The index is based on the set of the			
		scientist's most cited papers and the number of citations that they have received			
		in other publications.			
Human Resource	:	The process of assessing the human power requirements, recruiting, monitoring			
Management		the growth and appraising them periodically and plan the staff development			
C		programs for the professional development and provide the necessary incentives			
Humanities		and feedback.			
International	:				
Complete		humanities. This database provides citation information for articles, essays and			
		reviews, as well as original creative works including poems and fiction.			
ICT		Photographs, painting and illustrations are also referenced			
101	·	Information and Communication Technology Consists of the hardware, software, networks and media for the collection, storage, processing,			
		transmission and presentation of information (voice, data, text, images) as well			
		as related services.			
Impact factor	•	A measure of the citations to science and social sciences journals. The impact			
(IF)	•	factor for a journal is calculated based on a three-year period and can be			
		considered to be the average number of times published papers are cited up to 2			
		years after publication.			
Inclusion,	:	Inclusiveness in educational institutions refers to the educational experiences			
Inclusiveness		practiced with reference to gender, ethnicity, social class and differently abled.			
INFLIBNET		Information and Library Natural Contra maintains a database on 1 - 1 - 1			
Database	:	Information and Library Network Centre maintains a database on books, theses			

		and serials					
Infrastructure	:	Physical facilities like building, play fields, hostels etc. which help run an					
		institutional Programme.					
Institutional	:	QA is a requirement, which needs to be submitted online by all categories of					
Information		HEIs					
for Quality Assessment							
IIQA)							
- / Institutional	:	Institutional distinctiveness is characterized by its reason for coming to					
Distinctiveness		existence, vision, mission, nature of stakeholders, access to resources, cultural					
		ambience and physical location					
Institutional	•	Focuses on the institution's responsibilities to the public in terms of					
Social		protection of public health, safety and the environment, the public ethical					
Responsibility		behaviour and the need to practice good citizenship.					
(ISR) Interdisciplinar							
y research	:	An integrative approach in which information from more than one discipline is					
-		used in interpreting the content of a subject, phenomenon, theory or principle.					
Internal Quality	:	Self regulated responsibilities of the higher education institutions aimed at					
Assurance		ontinuous improvement of quality for achieving academic and					
System (IQAS)		administrative excellence.					
Internship	:	A designated activity that carries some credits involving more than 25 days of					
		working in an organization under the guidance of an identified mentor					
ISO	:	ISO 9001 certification enhances customer satisfaction by meeting customer					
Certification		requirements. The institution is able to provide right services. ISO certification					
		enhances functional efficiency of an organization.					
Leadership	:	Term used for setting direction and create a student- focused, learning oriented					
		climate, clear and visible values and high expectation by ensuring the creation of					
		strategies, system and methods for achieving excellence, stimulating innovation					
		and building knowledge and capabilities					
Learner	:	Learner Support Centres is a Centre established by the university in a College or					
Support Centre		Institute affiliated to a recognized university)other than a Private University (or					
		a Government recognized Higher Educational Institution offering conventional mode programmes of equivalent level in the same broad areas under the					
		relevant faculty and having all the necessary infrastructure and availability of					
		appropriate number of qualified faculty not below the rank of qualified Assistant					
		Professors of recognized Colleges or Institutes offering a similar programme for					
		engaging theory contact sessions and supervising practical sessions in laboratory					
		or field.					
	I	L					

Learner		Services provided by a Higher Educational Institution in order to facilitate the
Support	•	
Services		acquisition of teaching-learning experiences by the learner to the prescribed level
-		in respect of a programme of study.
Learning	:	A learning management system (LMS) is a software application for the
Management Systems		administration, documentation, tracking, reporting and delivery of educational
Systems		courses or training Programmes. They help the instructor deliver material to the
		students, administer tests and other assignments, track student progress, and
		manage record-keeping. MOODLE is an example of open source LMS
Learning	:	Specific intentions of a Programme or module, written in clear terms. They
Outcomes		describe what a student should know, understand, or be able to do at the end of
		that Programme or module
Library as a	:	The library holdings in terms of titles of books, journals and other learning
Learning		materials and technology aided learning mechanism, which enable the students
Resource		to acquire information, knowledge and skills required for their study.
Modular	•	The approach followed by an HEI in which the curriculum is divided into
Approach	•	learning units called modules. A module is a well structured or self-contained
		learning unit which is complete with specific objectives, contents, teaching /
		learning strategies and assessment mechanism. A learner can exit from a
Num		programme after successful completion of a module(s) and will be certified.
New Technologies	:	Digital tools and resources (hardware and software) and their application in
		the field of education.
NIRF	:	National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), approved by the MHRD,
		outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country. The parameters
		and sub-parameters associated with this mechanism are evolving from year to
N-LIST		year. <u>https://www.nirfindia.org/Docs/Ranking_Methodology_And_Metrics_2017.pdf</u>
N-L151	:	N-LIST stands for "National Library and Information services Infrastructure for
		Scholarly Content". <u>http://nlist.inflibnet.ac.in/faq.php</u>
Open and Distance	:	This a mode of providing flexible learning opportunities by overcoming
Learning		separation of teacher and learner using a variety of media, including print,
		electronic, online and occasional interactive face-to-face meetings with the
		presence of an Higher Educational Institution or Learner Support Services to
		deliver teaching-learning experiences, including practical or work experiences.
Open	:	Educational materials and resources offered freely and openly for anyone to
Educational		use and under some licenses to re-mix, improve and redistribute.
Resources		
Open University	:	They are single mode HEIs offering programmes through ODL mode,
		established by Acts of the Central or State Legislature, which impart
		education through distance education or Open and Distance Learning
		mode: using multiple media to impart instruction like print, audio, video,

		Examples: BA (Economics) BSc (Physics). All possible formal degree Programmes are identified by UGC		
rigramme		A range of learning experiences offered to students in a formal manner over a period of one-to-four years leading to certificates/ diplomas/ degrees.		
Programme	-	Quantitative Metrics (Q _n M) as per the final score after the DVV Process. If the HEI does not clear the Pre-qualifier stage then they will have to apply afresh by submitting the IIQA and its fees.		
		DVV process. As a Pre-qualifier, the institution should score at least 30% in Ω approximation of the process. If the process of the process.		
		based on Institutional system generated score (SGS) in all Q_nM after undergoing		
		has proposed a pre-qualifier test. It is a condition for peer team visit and will be		
Pre-qualifiers	:	For the Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) in revised framework the NAAC		
Promotion of Research	•	proposals, seek funding, conduct research, publish, and evaluate and reward the research done.		
Policy for	•	Processes defined by the institution to facilitate the teachers to write research		
		efficiently and the growth of the infrastructure to keep pace with the academic growth of the institution.		
Physical Facilities	:	Infrastructure facilities of the institution to run the educational Programmes		
Perspective Development	:	Is a blue print regarding the objectives and targets of long term growth		
_		the institution's decision making process.		
Participative Management	:			
		act, monitor, evaluate and reflect.		
		analyze and enhance their knowledge of their life and conditions, and to plan,		
Learning		behaviours and relationships, which enable and empower people to share,		
Participative	:	Participatory Learning and Action is a family of approaches, methods, attitudes,		
Activities		community interaction		
Outreach	:	Is the practice of conducting local public awareness activities through targeted		
	•	do at the end of a Programme/ course/ instructional unit.		
Outcome	•	An outcome of an educational Programme is what the student should be able to		
		and the relationships between the relative ranks of its part and position/ job. It is also known as Organisational Structure.		
Organogram	:	Organogram is the word, a diagram that shows the structure of an organization		
		sharing of facilities for interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary Programmes.		
Utilization of Infrastructure		maximum utilization. e.g. Extended hours for computer center and library,		
Optimum	: The infrastructure facilities are made available to the stude			
		endeavour of the distance learners.		
		broadcasts, e-resources/ digital resources, etc and to support the learning		

Programme	:	A range of courses offered to students to choose at various levels leading to					
Options		degrees/ diplomas/ certificates.					
Programme Outcomes	:	Programme Outcomes (POs) are what knowledge, skills and attitudes a graduate hould have at the time of graduation. While no agency has formally defined the POs of General Higher Education 3-year degree Programmes in India, POs of all professional Programmes in engineering and other areas are identified at national level by the concerned accrediting agency. POs are not specific to a liscipline.					
Promotion of Research and Research Support System	:	The process of promoting research culture among faculty and students by acilitating faculty and student participation in research budget allocation, esearch fellowship and other faculties.					
Regional Centre	:	Regional Centre is the unit established or maintained by the University for the purpose of coordinating and supervising the work of the Learner Support Centres functioning in the operational area of the region. The RC ensures the smooth delivery of ODL programmes designed and developed by the University, with the help of its LSCs and academic counsellors empanelled therein.					
Research	:	Systematic intellectual investigations aimed at discovering, interpreting and revising human knowledge.					
Research Grant	:	Grant generated/ received from different agencies by the institution for conducting research projects.					
Research Output	:	Quality research outcome beneficial for the discipline, society, industry and dissemination of knowledge including theoretical and practical findings.					
Resource Mobilization	:	Generation of funds through internal and external sources such as donations, consultancy, self-financing courses and so on.					
SCOPUS	:	The world's largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature and quality web sources.					
Self Learning Material	•	Study material specially designed and developed for the learners, in print or non-print media, which is inter-alia self-explanatory, self-contained, self-directed at the learner, and amenable to self-evaluation, and enables the learner to acquire the prescribed level of learning in a course of study, but does not include textbooks or guide-books.					
Situatedness	:	Situatedness refers to involvement within a context. It also refers to placement of learning experiences in authentic contexts or settings					
SJR (SCImago Journal Rank)	:	This takes three years of publication data into account to assign relative scores to all the sources (journal articles, conference proceedings, review articles, etc.) in a					

		citation network (Journals in SCOPUS database).						
SNIP (Source	:	Is the ratio of the source's average citation count per paper in a three year						
Normalized		citation window over the "citation potential" of its subject field?						
Impact per								
Person)								
Special Learner	:	A centre established by the HEI for imparting instruction to persons referred to						
Support Centre		in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, including the employees of						
		Defence or Security Forces and jail inmates interested to study through the Open						
		and Distance Learning mode. However, in case of programmes like those being						
		developed by the Government for Skill Development or Lifelong Learning, the						
		Study Centre or Learner Support Centre could be opened in Government						
		institutions having capabilities for learner support services in the respective						
		areas.						
Stakeholder	:							
Relationship	•	the actions of the institutions and the ability to influence its actions, decisions,						
		policies, practices or goals of the organization.						
		policies, practices of goals of the organization.						
Strategic Plan	:	A specific, action-oriented medium or long-term plan for making progress						
		towards a set of institutional goals.						
Strategy	:	Formulation of objectives, directives and guidelines with specific plans for						
Development	-	institutional development.						
Student Centric	:	Methods of instruction that focus on products of learning by the students						
Methods								
Student Profile	:	The student community of the institution, their strength and the diversity in						
		terms of economic and social strata, location and other demographic aspects						
		such as gender, age, religion, caste, rural/ urban.						
Student	:	Vertical movement of students from one level of education to the next higher						
Progression		level successfully or towards gainful employment.						
Student	:	Facilitating mechanism for access to information fee structure and refund						
Support		policies and also guidance and placement cell with student welfare measures						
		to give necessary learning support to the students.						
Summative	:	It is the assessment of the learners at the end of the academic year to assess a						
Assessment		student's mastery over the given subject areas and can typically be awarded a						
		pass/fail grade/marks.						
SWAYAM	:	SWAYAM is a Programme initiated by Government of India and designed to						
		achieve the three cardinal principles of Education Policy viz., access, equity and						
		quality. <u>https://swayam.gov.in/</u>						
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Teacher	:	A composite term to indicate the qualification of the faculty, the adequacy				
Quality		meant for recruitment procedures, professional development, recognition and				
		teachers characteristics.				
Terminal	••	t is the assessment of the learners at the end of the academic year to assess a				
Assessment		tudent's mastery over the given subject areas and can typically be awarded a				
		pass/fail grade/marks.				
Value Added	:	Courses of varying durations which are optional, and offered outside the				
Courses		curriculum that add value and helping them students in getting placed.				

Appendix 2: Abbreviations

A&A (A/A)	-	Assessment and Accreditation
AC	-	Academic Council
AIM	-	Assessors Interaction Meetings
AISHE	-	All India Survey on Higher Education
AMC	-	Annual Maintenance Contract
AVRC	-	Audio-Visual Research Centre
AICTE	-	All India Council for Technical Education
AQAR	-	Annual Quality Assurance Report
ASC	-	Academic Staff College
BoM	-	Board of Management
BoS	-	Board of Studies
CAL	-	Computer Aided Learning
CAS	-	Career Advancement Scheme
CBCS	-	Choice Based Credit System
CD	-	Compact Diskette
CGPA	-	Cumulative Grade Point Average
CIQA	-	Centre for Internal Quality Assurance
Cr	-	Criteria
Cr-GPA(s)	-	Criterion-wise Grade Point Average(s)
CSIR	-	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
DCI	-	Dental Council of India
DDE	-	Directorate of Distance Education
DEB	-	Distance Education Bureau
DEC	-	Distance Education Council
DELNET	-	Developing Library Network
DEP	-	Distance Education Programmes
DLitt	-	Doctor of Literature
DRS	-	Direct Reception System
DSc	-	Doctor of Science
DVV	-	Data Validation and Verification
EC	-	Executive Committee
ECS	-	Elective Course System
ECP		Extended Contact Programme
EMS	-	Examination Management System
EPC	-	Enhancement of Professional Competency
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ERP	-	Enterprise Resource Planning
FDP	-	Faculty Development Programme
GC	-	Governing Council
GST	-	Goods and Services Tax
HEI	-	Higher Education Institute
HQs	-	Headquarters
ICT	-	Information and Communication Technology
IIQA	-	Institutional Information for Quality Assessment
ILMS	-	Integrated Library Management System
INR	-	Indian Rupees
IQAC	-	Internal Quality Assurance Cell
IQAS	-	Internal Quality Assurance System
INFLIBNET	-	Information and Library Network
IPR	-	Intellectual Property Rights
ISBN	-	International Standard Book Number
ISSN	-	International Standard Serial Number
KI	-	Key Indicator
KI-GP(s)	-	Key Indicator-wise Grade Point(s)
LAN	-	Local Area Network
LSC	-	Learners Support Centre
MCI	-	Medical Council of India
MHRD	-	Ministry of Human Resource and Development
MoA	-	Memorandum of Association
MoC	-	Memorandum of Contract
MOOC	-	Massive Open Online Courses
MoU	-	Memorandum of Understanding
MIR	-	Minimum Institutional Requirements
MIS	-	Management Information System
NAAC	-	National Assessment and Accreditation Council
NCG	-	National Consultative Group
NCTE	-	National Council for Teacher Education
NET	-	National Eligibility Test
NIRF	-	National Institutional Ranking Framework
NGO	-	Non Governmental Organization
NPE	-	National Policy Education
NPTEL	-	National Programmed Teaching Enhanced Learning
OBC	-	Other Backward Class
ODL	-	Open and Distance Learning

OER	-	Open Educational Resource
OU	-	Open University
PCI	-	Press Council of India
PDP	-	Professional Development Programme
PG	-	Post Graduate
Ph.D.	-	Doctorate of Philosophy
POA	-	Programme of Action
PPR	-	Programme Project Report
PTR	-	Peer Team Report
PwD	-	Persons with Disabilities
QA	-	Quality Assurance
QAA	-	Quality Assurance Agency
QIF	-	Quality Indicator Framework
Q_lM	-	Qualitative Metrics
Q _n M	-	Quantitative Metrics
RC	-	Regional centre
RCI	-	Rehabilitation Council of India
SAP	-	Special Assistance Programme
SC	-	Scheduled Caste
SET/SLET	-	State Level Eligibility Test
SGS	-	System Generated Scores
SLM	-	Self Learning Material
SSR	-	Self-Study Report
SSS	-	Student Satisfaction Survey
ST	-	Scheduled Tribe
SWOC	-	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges
TEE	-	Term End Examination
UG	-	Under Graduate
UGC	-	University Grants Commission
URL	-	Uniform Resource Locator
Wi-Fi	-	Wireless Fidelity

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