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Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the ICFAI University, Dehradun held on July 29, 2025 at 11:00 hrs. in Board room, IUD

Members present:

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh (Vice-Chancellor)	Chairman
Dr. Ramesh Chand Ramola (Registrar)	Member
Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh (Director, IQAC)	Member
Mr. Amit Kumar Bera (Deputy Director, IQAC)	Member
Prof. Latha Pillai (Senior Advisor, ICFAI Group)	Member
Prof. T.S. Rama Krishna Rao (Dean, Accreditation IBS) (through video conferencing)	Member
Dr. Monica Kharola (Associate Dean, ILS)	Member
Dr. Meena Bhandari (Dean/In-charge, IEd.S)	Member
Dr. Alka N. Choudhary (Principal, ISPS)	Member
Dr. Rishi Dwesar (Dean, IBS)	Member
Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta (Research Coordinator, IUD)	Member
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (Associate Dean, ITS)	Member
Mr. Mohit Kumar Arya (IT Coordinator)	Member
Mr. Manohar Sisodiya (Deputy Librarian)	Member

Invitees:

Dr. Avishek Raj (Associate Professor, ILS)
Dr. Saurabh Siddhartha (Assistant Professor, ILS)
Dr. Praveen Dube (Assistant Professor, IBS)
Dr. Gyanendra Rawat (Assistant Professor, IEd.S)
Dr. Amit Das (Assistant Professor, ITS)
Dr. Mrigankshi Wilson (Assistant Professor, ILS)
Mr. Atm Prakash Rai (Assistant Professor, ILS)
Ms. Priya Chanana (Assistant Professor, ILS)

The 22nd meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) commenced with a warm welcome by the Chairman. He extended his heartfelt greetings to all the esteemed members present. The meeting witnessed active participation and meaningful engagement from the members, whose diverse expertise contributed significantly to the discussions.

22.01 Grant of Leave of absence, if any

The following members were unable to attend the 22nd IQAC meeting: Mr. G. F. Chakravarti (Controller of Examinations), Ms. Pratima Menon (Nominee from Local Society), Ms. Neetu Jaitely (Stakeholders Nominee), Ms. Meghna Sharma (Nominee from Alumni), Adv. Meenakshi Yadav (Nominee from Employers), Mr. Ritesh Dhiman (Nominee from Industry), and Mr. Abhinav Joshi (Student Nominee). In acknowledgment of their unavoidable absence, the Chairman granted leave of absence.

22.02 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 21st Meeting of the IQAC

The minutes of the 21st Meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, held on April 29, 2025, were presented before the members. After due consideration and review, the minutes were confirmed and approved by the members.

22.03 Follow up Action on the Minutes of the 21st Meeting of the IQAC

As part of the follow-up action on the minutes of the 21st IQAC Meeting, the Director, IQAC presented a comprehensive Action Taken Report (ATR) supported by relevant evidence. The committee members acknowledged and appreciated the proactive and systematic efforts undertaken by the IQAC team in implementing the decisions of the previous meeting. During the deliberation, the members suggested that the University should maintain a balance between the sanctioned seats and actual admissions in the programs where the sanctioned seats and admitted student's ratio is a matter of concern. Furthermore, it was recommended that the University rationalize its course offerings and obtain formal approval from the competent authorities for the discontinuation of courses, wherever necessary, to enhance the percentage of revised or skill development courses.

22.04 Attribute Wise Progress Report (Basic Accreditation Framework)

The Attribute In-Charge presented a Metric-Wise Progress Report aligned with the draft Basic Accreditation Framework (BAF) as of June 19, 2024. The report offered a comprehensive analysis of the University's performance across the ten attributes prescribed by NAAC, highlighting key developments and quality enhancement measures. The committee members reviewed each attribute and noted significant improvements compared to the previous meeting. Notable progress was observed in several areas, including the systematic collection and analysis of stakeholder feedback, increased faculty participation in recognized Faculty Development Programs (FDPs), a rise in research publications and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) filings, the preparation of the Institutional Development Plan (IDP), and the upgradation of IT infrastructure. The members appreciated the concerted efforts made by the University toward continuous quality improvement and institutional excellence.

22.05 Quality Performance Appraisal (From 29-04-2025 to 28-07-2025)

Under the agenda item "Progress towards NAAC (From April 29, 2025, to July 28, 2025)", the Director, IQAC presented an overview of the University's key achievements and initiatives undertaken during the period. Several significant developments were highlighted, showcasing the University's continuous commitment to academic excellence and institutional quality enhancement. Notable activities included the successful conduct of multiple Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) namely, "Holistic Professional Excellence: Integrating Leadership, Emotional Intelligence, and

Well-being for Sustainable Success” (July 7–13, 2025) and “Empowering Educators for Effective Teaching and Learning” (March 24–28, 2025) along with a two-day FDP on “Integrating Technology in Management Education” (April 30–May 1, 2025) organized by ICFAI Business School. The ICFAI Education School (IEd.S) hosted a vibrant Alumni Meet on June 26, 2025, themed “Reconnect, Relive, Reignite.” The University also organized the 5th International Conference on Intelligent Vision and Computing (ICIVC 2025) in collaboration with the Soft Computing Research Society (SCRS), New Delhi, on June 13–14, 2025. Furthermore, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi on May 9, 2025, to foster academic and research collaboration. The Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA) was successfully conducted by the National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET), QCI, New Delhi, on May 2, 2025. The Committee appreciated and noted these progressive initiatives contributing significantly to the University’s preparedness for the upcoming NAAC assessment.

The members of the IQAC recommended the following actions for further improvement in institutional quality:

- a) The University should ensure the approval of NEP-related documents through the Academic Council and complete all necessary documentation in a timely manner.
- b) The University should classify and report NSS-related activities separately, to enhance visibility and systematic tracking of social outreach initiatives.
- c) The University may consider appointing one or two senior professionals as “Professors of Practice”, which would help bring valuable industry insights and provide mentorship to faculty members.

22.06 Other Information Items

The University should focus on upgrading its modern infrastructure, including classrooms, laboratories, and new buildings, to provide an enhanced learning environment. The members emphasized that a comprehensive campus facelift would significantly contribute to attracting the present generation of students and improving the overall institutional image.

22.07 Any Other Items

The Chairman informed the committee that the University has received approval for one NSS Unit with a student strength of 10, under Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (HNBGU), Srinagar, Uttarakhand, effective from October 3, 2023. The University has been actively conducting various social outreach activities in and around the campus, fostering community engagement and promoting the spirit of social responsibility among students.

22.08 Date for the Next meeting

It was suggested that the next meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) be tentatively scheduled for October 2025, in consultation with the external experts. The final date and agenda of the meeting will be communicated to all members in due course.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh
Chairman