

Information/Input for Internal Academic Audit Report

Department of Bengali

DEPARTMENT OF BENGALI
INTERNAL ACADEMIC AUDIT REPORT

1. Academic

We are committed to fostering student development through a range of initiatives.

- a. NEP-Aligned Syllabus: We are aligning our curriculum with the National Education Policy (NEP) to provide modern and relevant education.
- b. Language Learning Courses: We are introducing language learning courses, including add-on and certificate programs, to enhance students' linguistic abilities.
- c. Teacher Training Workshops: Our faculty is actively engaged in participating in and conducting teacher training workshops to continually improve their teaching skills.
- d. Research-Oriented Presentations: We encourage our students to incorporate research methodology into their presentations, equipping them with critical thinking skills.
- e. Online Reading Resources: We provide essential reading materials for online classes, ensuring that students have access to necessary resources.
- f. UPSC Preparation: Some of our students are preparing for UPSC exams, with Bengali as one of their subjects.
- g. International Engagement: Several of our students are pursuing higher education at foreign universities, gaining a global perspective.
- h. Virtual Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTM): We have successfully conducted PTMs via Zoom and Google Meet, where we gathered valuable feedback from students using Google Forms. This feedback has played a crucial role in shaping our institution's development.

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- i. Student Counseling: We prioritize one-on-one counseling sessions with students to address their challenges and explore the opportunities available to them, ensuring their holistic development.

2. Co-curricular

- a. Language Lab and Multilingual Journal: We are collaborating with other language departments to establish a language lab and create a multilingual journal, providing a platform for talented students to showcase their work.
- b. Inter College Competitions: To enhance both cultural and academic proficiency, we organize inter-college competitions every three months.
- c. Creative Writing and Translation Courses: Our curriculum includes courses on creative writing and translation, where English and Hindi literature are translated into Bengali.
- d. Philanthropic Engagement: Our students actively participate in philanthropic activities through partnerships with NGOs like STOP.
- e. Social Causes: Our students are deeply involved in various social causes, including data collection and interviews to support illiterate workers. They use their research to write newspaper articles and apply for government aid.
- f. Journalism Skills: We are dedicated to instilling journalistic writing skills in our students, preparing them for careers in media and journalism.
- g. International Seminar: In collaboration with the International Society for Bengal Studies, we are organizing an upcoming international seminar on "Probashi Sahityo ebong Sanskriti" (Diaspora Literature and Culture). This event promises to be an enriching experience for participants and scholars.

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- h. Annual Memorial Lecture (Gopa Dey Smarok Boktrita): We are honored to have received a generous donation to establish an annual memorial lecture in memory of Gopa Dey. This initiative allows us to award students with prize money from the fund, recognizing and encouraging academic excellence.

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3. Challenges faced: Under the able guidance of our Principal Madam, Department of Bengali has made significant progress. However, challenges remain and we need to continue to persevere and improve in these following areas

- a. Size of Faculty: There have been appointments made over the last one year but we need to increase the number of teachers to be able to cater to wider range of curriculum and larger number of students
- b. Library: Our library is good but needs to be continuously refreshed with latest research and publications
- c. Lack of awareness: about courses offered and their nuances like difference between literature courses and language courses

4. Future plans

- a. Advocacy and raising awareness for need to increase size of faculty.
- b. To improve the library
- c. To create awareness about courses offered

In summary, our institution is committed to holistic student development, focusing on language proficiency, teaching excellence, research, and community engagement. We provide a comprehensive educational experience that equips our students for diverse career paths and social responsibilities.