# St John's College, Anchal

## **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**

### Annual Report 2018- '19

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of St John's College, Anchal held two meetings during the academic year on 27/06/2018 and 26/11/2018. The shift towards a Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) signaled a major shift in the accreditation process of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and the institution wholeheartedly received the new system which imparted greater objectivity and opportunity in the process. The IQAC identifying the need to sensitise the faculty on the RAF took it upon itself to organize a programme in this regard. In addition to this the IQAC also took up two more initiatives this academic year.

#### 1. Orientation on RAF

An orientation programme was organized on 22/10/2018 and we were fortunate to have Dr Sudheer S., NAAC peer team member and Director, UGC-ASC, University of Kerala as the resource person. In order to assess the effectiveness of the programme feedback was collected from the faculty and subjected to extensive evaluation and discussion in the second meeting of the IQAC. This proved to be the ideal stepping stone for the institution to enter into the new era based on the RAF, subsequently the IQAC Coordinator, Dr Sooraj Kumar lead the initiatives to get the institution enrolled into the NAAC portal.

## 2. Creating research culture

The IQAC during the academic year also took up certain initiatives in areas that required improvement, the need for a good research centre was an important item that the IQAC identified, susequently the IQAC created the frame work to be utilized for developing a research laboratory with modern equipments in tune with the requirements of contemporary research. The Department of Chemistry being a centre of vibrant research culture was entrusted to pioneer the efforts, with the sanction

of funding under the FIST programme by Department of Science and Technology (DST) a full-fledged research laboratory was established enabling the upgradation of the Department of Chemistry into a research department.

## 3. Introduction of Add on courses

The IQAC identifying the need for more add on course developed an action plan in this regard with the faculty. The objective was to enhance the number of courses which was a miserable two in number to atleast 50 with all departments offering atleast two or three courses. The proposal was placed before the IQAC in its second meeting and after discussions it was distributed to the faculty for implementation.

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