

Dear Sir/Madam,

IQAC of Asansol Girls College, Asansol-04, District- Burdwan (West Bengal) is going to organize a One-Day UGC Sponsored State Level Seminar on *Challenges of Higher Education: The Role of IQAC* on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. The Seminar will be inaugurated by Prof. Sadhan Chakraborty, the Honourable Vice Chancellor of Kazi Nazrul University.

**Basic Theme of the Workshop:**

Higher education system in any country seeks to relocate itself as the world is gradually but steadily turning into a global village. Synchronization among the higher educational institutions across the globe is urgent to nurture the young minds to accustom them to the desired changes. Moreover, the practices of bringing together students from all parts of the world benefit them to obtain the expertise of the renowned academicians. In this way a synchronisation may create a balance and research thereafter.

In India, however, the problem of higher education is deep-rooted. They include the difficulty in quality of learning and teaching, standard of research activity, adoption of emerging technology, problems of student employability, and irregularities in assessment and publication of results, integration of knowledge and cross-curricular initiatives, higher education governance and management etc.

The higher education system in India has responded positively by substantial reforms such as the establishment of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) by the UGC at Bangalore in 1994 to ensure and enhance the quality of higher education in India. NAAC introduced Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) to all the higher education institutions as a post-accreditation quality measure. As quality enhancement is a continuous process, the IQAC has to become an integral part of the institution's system and needs to work towards fulfilment of the goals. The concern of IQAC is to develop a system for conscious and consistent improvement in the overall performance of the institution.

The IQAC in Asansol Girls College has sincerely and consistently endeavoured to perform its function to reach the desired goals since its very inception following its First Cycle of NAAC assessment in 2007. Its earnest effort has yielded expected result when it was awarded 'A' Grade by the NAAC Peer Team in its Second Cycle of assessment last year (2016). The NAAC Peer Team also recommended to declare this prestigious institution as an 'Autonomous College'.

Now, the authority of the college has decided to share its experience with other institutions of higher education and arrange a One-Day Seminar on *Challenges of Higher Education: The Role of IQAC* organized by the IQAC of our prestigious institution on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. Exponents of higher education from reputed institutions of our state will illumine the seminar with their erudite presentation and valuable insights.

**Sub themes:**

1. Infrastructural development and higher education
2. Financial management and higher education
3. Academic audit and green audit in higher education
4. Social responsibility and higher education
5. Question of autonomy in higher education
6. Computer literacy and digital wisdom in higher education
7. Higher education and the role of the students
8. Gender issues in higher education
9. Government policies and challenges in higher education
10. Need for Holistic approach in higher education
11. Any other relevant topics.

**Call for Papers:**

Papers are invited on any one of the sub-themes in English/ Bengali/ Hindi. The papers should be original (plagiarism is to be strictly avoided), unpublished and adherent to the subject-matter of the seminar. Participants are requested to submit their abstract within 250 words through e-mail within 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 and a soft copy of full paper is to be sent within 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 via e-mail.

The e-mail address where the abstracts and full paper are to be sent:

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Selected papers will be published in book form with ISBN.

**Venue: Asansol Girls' College**

Asansol Girls' College is placed in the industrial city of Asansol. It is 4.5 Km away from the Asansol Railway Station and 3 Km away from Asansol City Bus Stand. Asansol- Bus, Mini Bus and auto service ply from the Railway Station/Bus Stand. Nearest bus stoppage is Asansol Court.

**Registration:**

Delegates may register himself/herself on spot payment of Rs. 300/- (Rupees Three Hundred) by cash only.

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