6.5.3 *Post accreditation quality initiatives (second and subsequent cycles of NAAC A/A)*

Research and development: Research policy was framed to give boost to the morale of faculty, by giving incentive in form of cash and awards, for quality research papers, bringing research projects from various agencies, consultancies and for getting national and international awards. Two centralized labs spending ample amount for high class research laboratories. Large number of highly sophisticated scientific instruments have been purchased costing 69.71 lacs. Nearly 588 publications have been made with citation number 4386 and h-index 38 and received 17 projects from external sources. University has instituted University Research Fellowship for PhD students and providing seed grant to the newly joined faculties. Anti-Plagiarism cell created to check plagiarism in research articles and PG thesis with *turnitin* software.

Curriculum design and revision: With IQAC efforts 27 new programmes were started and 541 new courses were added. Almost all the programmes were made as per the directions of UGC i.e. with choice based credit system. Maximum stress to have experiential type of system i.e. course with practicals.

ICT for teaching-learning: IQAC efforts to update ICT teaching and learning helped in online classes due to the onset of the COVID pandemic. The university has strengthened ICT-enabled teaching all departments equipped with Interactive Panel Board (IPB) connected with internet, overhead projectors, and computers.

Examination system: The first hourly examination was removed to save time of students, the marks distribution for internal and external as per the credits of the courses were defined, the mid-sessional practical examination for theory + practical combo courses were abandoned, passing of theory and practical were made mandatory, pre-thesis seminar was allowed online. Model question papers were uploaded on the website for the convenience of students.

Administration: IQAC always stressed the need to decentralize the administrative powers by making committees for all types of Co-curricular/ extra-curricular/ ceremonies/ convocations/ conferences etc. Deans offices were established with manpower to ease and make effective administrations. Minimum budget allocation for all departments and offices was implemented. Encouragement to faculty to attend seminars/conferences/induction/ career advancement courses. All colleges were asked to conduct minimum two workshops every year, which were seen to be effective.

Postgraduate programs: Allocation of Major supervisor to PG students the rules were framed and made effective to be transparent. The thesis requirement for the partial fulfilment of the degree was made optional in order to ease the students, not pursuing research in their career.

Establishment of SDG: Sustainable Development Goals committee was constituted, and many activities were carried out. Under the banner of International Times Higher Education Impact Ranking, in the University ranked 3rd in Zero Hunger, 4th in Climate change and 5th in No poverty among Indian Universities.

Environment, Green Audits: Sustained efforts by the IQAC for audits have been carried out and the recommendations have been implemented. The waterless urinal has been installed. The CLF bulbs have been replaced with LED.

Alumni registration: The Alumni Association of the Eternal University got registered under the provision of Himachal Pradesh Societies Registration Act. 2006 on the 10th Day of December, 2021. Many activities have been carried out under its banner.