



INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

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REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF IQAC 2020-21

Along with other activities and initiatives to raise quality benchmarks, the IQAC took steps to conduct programmes for quality enhancement and assurance for students, faculty and non-teaching staff.

- As the United Nations celebrated its 75th year, St. Albert's College (Autonomous) and the Albertian Foundation organized UN-75, a series of 7 Global Dialogues, a platform for young, bright minds to discuss 7 globally pertinent issues. The event was inaugurated by Mr Billy Batware, Project Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC), on 5 June 2020. The topics were The Climate Crisis – A Race We Can Win, The Impact of Digital Technologies, A New Era of Conflict and Violence, Investing in Health for an Equitable Future, Women and Girls: Closing the Gender Gap, Shifting Demographics, and Inequality: Bridging the Divide.
- For educators, the COVID-19 Pandemic was a quintessential adaptive and transformative challenge, one for which there was no preconfigured playbook that could guide appropriate responses. The College had to swiftly design responses – and with specific contexts in mind – as the pandemic ran its course. It was in this context that the second phase of the Albertian Knowledge Webinar Series was conducted. The webinars touched over a rich library of curriculum-aligned lessons in subjects including languages, math, science, technology, and humanities, among others.
- A webinar on Cyber Ethics was conducted on July 13, 2020, in collaboration with the Department of English, in view of making students responsible citizens who would stand for the truth and fight against contemporary evils of today's society, uphold the dignity of the nation and have moral accountability.
- An online talk on Intellectual Property Rights and Kerala Economy from a Geographical Indication Perspective was organized on July 29, 2020, in collaboration with the Post Graduate Department of Economics of St. Albert's College (Autonomous) and the Institution's Innovative Council (IIC).

- A National webinar for academicians and research scholars on the topic National Education Policy NEP 2020 for India: A Complete Revamping of the Education System for Catering the 21ST Century Needs was conducted on the 11th of August, 2020. The main talks for the webinar were delivered by Prof. T V Kattimani, Former Vice-Chancellor of Indira Gandhi Tribal University and the Drafting Committee Member of the National Educational Policy 2020, Prof. M A Sudheer, Professor Emeritus, Former Dean, School of Education Gandhigram University and the Drafting Committee Member of National Educational Policy 2020 and Prof. Jancy James, former Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Kerala and Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.
- On 20th August 2020 the IQAC in collaboration with the Department of Business Administration, St. Albert's College (Autonomous) Ernakulam organized a National Webinar on Leadership Paradigm.
- Internal Quality Assurance Cell and the Library of St. Albert's College conducted a National Webinar on the topic E-Resources for Teaching, Learning and Research on 21 August 2020. The resource person was Dr A.T Francis, University Librarian, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur.
- The Internal Quality Assurance Cell and The Office of Dean, Training and Development, St. Albert's College (Autonomous), Ernakulam initiated the Archbishop Joseph Attipetty Memorial International Lecture Series from 4 September 2020 as part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of the College. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Spinner Innovation Model, Integrated and Intelligent Rooftop Greenhouses, Neuroscience and Language Learning, Creating a Unique Model of Excellence, Globalization & Social Justice: Amartya Sen and Martha Nussbaum's Capabilities Approach, Importance of Primes in Crypto Systems, Maturity Models in Management of Information Systems etc. were a few of the topics on which international resource persons delivered talks.

- On 6th November 2020, an International webinar on the topic: Research Methodology: Research Paper Writing and Publishing. was conducted in collaboration with the Department of Travel & Tourism.
- Schola Brevis 2020- the Induction Programme for the Undergraduate (2020-23 batch) was conducted from November 9th to 13th , 2020 and for PG (2020-22 batch) from November 16th to 20th , 2020.
- The Internal Quality Assurance Cell, St. Albert's College (Autonomous) organized an International Webinar on Transforming Lives through Social Entrepreneurship by Mr Bryan Lee, CEO, Krishi Star, Mumbai on 11 November 2020. Mr. Bryan Lee heads Krishi Star, whose vision is to improve lives for smallholder farmers and deliver quality food to customers by transforming agricultural value chains in India.
- IIC Albertian Institute of Management (IIC AIM) along with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell organised several one-day lectures on Intellectual Property Rights.
- A Training Programme on First Aid was conducted for the non-teaching staff of the College on December 9, 2020. The training helped to educate the employees on how to engage safety consciousness at work.
- A series of career talks were conducted to provide guidance and assistance for students to achieve their career goals as well as to create awareness regarding available career options which would help students in identifying their career objectives. The objective of career talks was mainly to provide required and accurate information to students as well as handholding for future courses of action.
- The Internal Quality Assurance Cells (IQAC) of St Albert's College and St Paul's College jointly conducted a National Workshop on the topic Introduction of Bloom's Taxonomy in Teaching and Evaluation on December 19, 2020.

- A series of international lectures in memory of Archbishop Daniel Acharuparambil was organized by the Office of the Dean, International Affairs and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell in collaboration with the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India from November 19, 2020, to January 15, 2020. Lectures on topics like Question of Identity in Bioethics, Business Ethics and Responsible Entrepreneurship, The Future of Higher Education, Economical Ideas and Social Market Economy, Relationship between Different Kinds of Knowledge, Positive Emotion and Psychopathology were delivered by eminent resource persons.
- Albertian Knowledge Summit (AKS) – An International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research has been conducted every year since 2016-17. AKS has now become an icon of St. Albert's College (Autonomous) and it has contributed to improving the research aptitude, motivation and knowledge of the students, research scholars, and teachers from and outside the College. The Inauguration Lecture of AKS 2021 was by Prof. Gottfried Muenzenberg GSI Darmstadt, Germany.
- The Grand Chevalier Prof. L M Pylee Memorial Quarterly Lecture Series was inaugurated on 1 November 2020. The theme was India: Its Neighbours, Alliance and Hostilities in the 21st Century. The session was inaugurated by Shri V S Sunilkumar, Minister of Agriculture, Government of Kerala. There was also a video message by Dr Shashi Tharoor MP, Former Minister of State (HRD and External Affairs), Government of India. The second edition of the quarterly lecture series was organized on 23 May 2021. The theme for the session was Peace and Conflict.
- The Internal Quality Assurance Cell in collaboration with many Departments conducted a series of talks on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). The objective of the webinars was to create awareness about IPRs, especially patents and copyrights among faculty members, to guide researchers/inventors in respect of patenting their inventions & to provide insight into practical applications of IP such as patent drafting, patentability search and freedom to operate search, validity/invalidity search, and evidence of use analysis. The talks also helped to provide an overview of the statutory, procedural, and case law underlining these processes and their interplay with litigation.

- The Department of Software Development in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell organized an online session on Research Methodology for the Students and faculty members.
- Orientation on E-Learning/LMS orientation was given to the teaching community and the training stressed the aspect of being up-to-date. E-Learning education makes learning simpler, prolific, and productive. The faculty were encouraged to clearly frame learning objectives which would help identify the level of complexity of the learning outcomes, which in turn would help select the most suitable instructional design strategy for each course.
- A National Webinar on the topic Looking Ahead: Learning And Inspiring Through Uncertain Times was organised by the IQAC for the teaching faculty. While so much remained uncertain about what the future holds for the remainder of the academic year, this webinar helped the teaching community go the extra mile to support students and families and help provide some sense of normalcy at a time when everything had been turned upside down.
- Faculty Induction Programme (Gurudakshitha) was conducted from 22nd - 26th of November 2021, which included four possible types of development: personal, instructional, organizational and professional.



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