

Patkai Christian College (Autonomous)
Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
Two Institutional Best Practices (2018 – 2019)

1. Updating the Syllabus Every Three Years

Patkai Christian College as an autonomous institution adheres to the UGC- NAAC requirement of updating its syllabus every three years enabling the college to keep pace with the ever- changing landscape of academia in a quest to maintain the quality of education imparted. The syllabus revision takes place following all the protocols laid down by UGC involving the Departmental Board (Board of Studies) and the Academic Council. The present syllabus (CBCS) was implemented in 2016 with a view to maintain the quality assurance initiatives of the institution as an autonomous College.

The requirement for more faculties on implementation of the CBCS was faced by a big challenge. However, the IQAC with full dedication undertook the onus task of carefully analysing the requirements of the CBCS so that it does not overwhelm the college in the long run. The IQAC held several rounds of meetings with the faculties, students and Alumni, and the members of the Senatus. After much deliberation and careful analysis on the whole implication of the CBCS, it was decided that it would be implemented only in the Under Graduate level. Within the permissible 30% modification of the syllabus for each course, the academic departments incorporated regional and state-specific course contents in some of the courses. In adopting this method, the standard of the courses to be delivered to generic students was carefully considered with the understanding that if their score is good and; provided that they opt for the same subject in all the four Generic courses, they can progress to the study of Masters in the same subject.

The new system puts an emphasis on project works in most of the departments. Few departments have incorporated dissertation writing in their syllabus too. Apart from that, the Skill Enhancement Courses and many more courses offer to enhance the employability and entrepreneurial skills of students.

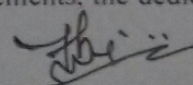
Following the expiry of the three years of the CBCS this academic session (2018 – 2019), the IQAC of the college undertook several initiatives to review the syllabus: Design of Questionnaire on the Syllabus and Conduct of Survey and Analysis of the Feedback; Arrangement of the course contents into five (5) uniform units; Syllabus revision upto 25% and; Passing of the Syllabus in the Academic Council.

2. Quality Faculty and Staff

Patkai Christian College is a liberal arts college that offers to develop students' knowledge and ability to think. It believes in the wholesome development of man with the motto of the college '*Lux et Veritas: Light and Truth*' which stands for truth, righteousness and beauty thereby giving meaning to the ideal of a Biblical Christian faith and practice along with academic excellence. The college is the first in the region (North East India) to achieve the status of Autonomous; first to be assessed and accredited by NAAC in the state; first with CPE status in the state and; the first affiliated autonomous college to introduce PG programme; first in the state to introduce the CBCS syllabus in UG level for Arts, Commerce and BCA programmes. The stride made by the college (in a rural set-up) could not have been achieved without the selfless effort of the most dedicated faculty and staff of the college.

The college continuously strives to upgrade itself in terms of academic progress, infrastructural capacities and administrative skills to uphold the vision of the college which is to impart high quality education in all fields (Arts, Science, Commerce, B. Voc etc.), especially to the tribals. The college promotes its vision of academic and moral standards in all the academic fields that it provides by a careful selection and recruitment process of its faculty and staff as per UGC norms. In this light, the college has highly efficient and committed faculty and staff who are inspired and guided by the founding principles of the college.

The strength of the college in a good measure lies with the faculty who continuously make an effort to hone and update their skills and academic credentials by pursuing higher learning and attending various Faculty Development Programmes. It would be worthy of mention that in addition to the present strength of highly qualified and committed faculty; from 2016 – 2019, nine (9) of Patkai faculty on roll have attained PhD degree which is not a small feat for a private institution where monetary incentives are not as attractive as in the government-run institutions. It may be also added that few of the faculty are on the verge of completing their PhD. Apart from the high academic qualifications; the high moral and ethical standards of the faculty are contributory to the achievements that the college has made thus far. These are testaments to the quality of teaching and learning that the college provides (and maintains) true to the core of its establishment. Moreover, the camaraderie and trust shared between teachers and students is an asset of the college, and integrity- indicator to the trajectory that the college has travelled over the years. In all these achievements, the dedication and role on the part of the support staff cannot be undermined.


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