

Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA) University of Kashmir Srinagar

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Letter of Gratitude

Heads /Directors /Coordinators of the Departments / Centres/Directorates Nodal officers of DIQAU. Adm. Heads of various Units General Administration Staff/ Coordinators of DIOA

Dear Sir/ Madam

Let me start by wishing you and your loved ones a healthy and joyous 2021. Thanks to your generous support in helping Directorate of Quality Assurance (DIQA) to meet and implement our stated goals for the academic year 2020-2021.

With your support and cooperation we have been able to submit the data to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2021 Delhi and we look forward to a better ranking for our institution.

This academic year we have also completed the Annual reports 2018, 2019 and AISHE 2019-2020 which have already been uploaded on our website. We had also sought the inputs from you for the submission of Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQAR) 2018-19 & 2019-20 and Statistical Digest 2019 which are being compiled and will also be uploaded soon. As already communicated from this year onwards the University has shifted the periodicity of Annual Report from calendar year to the academic year which means the departments and the individual teachers and other Units of the University have to submit the information from 1st April to 31st March for the annual report 2020-21, Statistical Digest 2020-21, AQAR 2020-2021 and AISHE 2020-21.

To give representative character for effective monitoring, management, organization and assessment, each Department/Centre/Satellite campus, etc elects one of their teacher/officer as Nodal Officer as the main functionary of the Department for DIQA activities. Each such Department / Centre, etc. has a unit called Departmental Internal Quality Assurance Unit, (DIQAU) that plays pivotal role in implementing policies for quality enhancement. I congratulate each unit for the exemplary work and support to DIQA. Due to the consolidated efforts of all stakeholders, the University was awarded "Grade A+" by NAAC and is valid for next five years. We also were encouraged to get 48th rank in NIRF 2020 among Indian Universities and 78th Rank in overall category besides we were within 56-60th position in QS India University Ranking 2020 and between 450-500 in QS Asia University Rankings 2020-21. Recently also we are ranked at

19th position among 70 best state Universities in India by a survey carried by outlook India. API unit of the DIQA is working tirelessly and we are happy to note that some 22 files for Professors and 18 Assistant Professors were cleared in the recent University Council under Career Advancement Scheme. Besides 30 cases under CAS for stage-II & III.

To facilitate hassle free services DIQA, is working on a programme for creation of a common format for gathering and consolidating of the information received from various quarters, which will be shared with you soon for the academic year 2020-21

Under the dynamic leadership of our Hon'ble Vice chancellor, who is also the chairman of DIQA advisory, we are trying our best to make quality, both academic and administrative, the defining element of higher education through a combination of self and external quality evaluation, promotion and sustenance initiatives. We are also working towards our goals to stimulate academic environment of teaching-learning and research for fostering global competence and promoting collaboration with global institutions for undertaking quality related research studies, consultancy and training programmes.

I am personally thankful to our Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor for his support and guidance to help achieve these goals . I am thankful to Dean Academic Affairs, Dean Research, Dean Colleges Deans of various schools, Registrar University of Kashmir, Heads of the Departments, Teaching & Non-teaching associations, Coordinators and staff of the DIQA for their consistent support.

Thank you once again for your valuable support for DIQA and its mission. We will send you updates over the next few months so that you know exactly what we are doing and the impact that we have been able to create together.

With all my gratitude,

Director DIQA/Rankings

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- 1. Dean Academic Affairs
- 2. Dean Research
- 3. Dean College Development Council/Controller of Examinations
- 4. HOD's/Directors /Coordinatorsof various Departments/Centres/Directorates
- 5. Director, North /South /Kupwara Campuses
- 6. Special Secretary to Vice-Chancellor for kind information of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.
- 7. P.A. to Registrar for information of the Registrar
- 8. All concerned
- 9. File