

Staff Seminar Report 2018

The IQAC Cell organized a One Day Seminar exclusively for the teaching staff of Queen Mary's College, on 18th August 2018. The seminar was aimed at updating the staff with the requirements for the New NAAC criterion for accreditation. In addition to this, the agenda included emphasis on the use of ICT in teaching methodology and raising quality consciousness among the teaching staff. The programme began with the welcome address by the IQAC co-ordinator Dr. C. Kalaivani Ashok, followed by the Presidential address by Dr. S. Santhi, Principal, QMC. In her address, Madam Principal scanned through the developments in the global and local environment that warrant use of ICT in higher education to remain relevant and competent. She underlined the need to focus on quality in academics and hoped the seminar would sensitize the teaching staff and transform them into keepers of quality in every area of academics. In the first session, Prof. Dr. S. Sivasubramanian, Former Vice Chancellor, Bharathiar and Noorul Universities delivered a commanding and comprehensive lecture on the use of ICT for critical and creative thinking. He essayed the role of a teacher, effective incorporation of ICT in the teaching methodology, the appropriate use of blended learning, flipped learning, e learning and e platforms. He also detailed the application of MOOC's and the portals available for inclusion of MOOC. Dr. Subhashini Muthukrishnana, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Bangalore, conducted a stimulating interactive session on Quality Consciousness in Academics. She engaged all staff in an introspective exercise which led them to the discovery of the various personal and environmental factors that contributed to satisfaction or dissatisfaction when handling classes. Staff found the activity interesting and thought provoking with great scope for improving quality in their teaching performance. The final session was on Curriculum Construction and Curriculum Transaction by Dr. V. Mohanasundaram, IQAC PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore. He outlined the new NAAC criterion and the points to be considered with regard to preparation for accreditation. Finally, the programme ended with the Vote of Thanks by Dr. T. Bhuvaneshwari, IQAC Cell member. In sum, the seminar was a meaningful venture, in keeping abreast with the changing times and newer standards.