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Meeting Notice

Sub: CIQA Meeting for VTU Online Degree Programme- reg

A meeting of the Committee for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) is scheduled to be held on the 03rd November 2025, under the Chairmanship of Prof. Vidyashankar S, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, VTU, Belagavi. The meeting will be conducted through blended mode.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Revision of fee structures for VTU Online Degree Programmes.
2. Measures to improve student admissions for VTU Online Degree Programmes.
3. Withdrawal of PG Diploma Programmes.
4. Any other subject matter with the permission of the Chair.

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Hence, the chairman and the members of the CIQA committee are requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting. Further, the proceedings of the meeting may be submitted to the undersigned for needful action.

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To,
The Chairman /Members of CIQA Committee.

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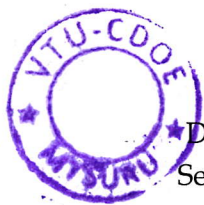
1. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor through Secretary to VC, VTU, Belagavi for kind information.
2. The Registrar (Evaluation), VTU, Belagavi – for information.
3. The Finance Officer, VTU, Belagavi for kind information.
4. The Director, VTU CDOE, Mysuru – for kind information and needful
5. The Programme Coordinator, Computer Applications Programme, VTU CDOE, Mysuru - for information and needful.
6. The Regional Director, VTU Regional Office, Mysuru for information and to make necessary arrangements for disbursement of Sitting Fees as per VTU norms to all the above members.
7. Office file.



Minutes of the Committee for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) Meeting

The meeting of **Committee for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA)** of VTU Online Degree Programmes was conducted on 03.11.2025 through blended mode under the Chairmanship of Prof. Vidyashankar S, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, VTU, Belagavi. The committee comprises with following members.

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Dr. P Sandhya, Director, VTU Centre for Distance and Online Education and Member Secretary welcomed the Chairperson and all the members to the CIQA committee meeting.

Agenda

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1. Revision of fee structures for VTU Online Degree Programmes

Discussions:

The CIQA Committee reviewed the existing fee structure for VTU Online Degree Programmes. The committee examined the fee notifications issued by the University vide Ref. Nos: VTU/MYS/VTU-COE/2023-24/2692 dated 26.08.2023, VTU/MYS/VTU-CDOE/2023-24/350/1 dated 12.01.2024, and VTU/MYS/VTU-CDOE/2023-24/5578 dated 12.01.2024.

The committee also studied a comprehensive comparative analysis of the fee structures of VTU's Online Degree Programmes (MBA, MCA, BBA, BCA, and PGD) with similar online/distance programmes offered by various other universities across India. It was observed by the committee that the current fee structure of VTU for its Online Degree Programmes is on the higher side when compared to other state and deemed universities offering similar programmes.

Resolution 1:

The CIQA Committee unanimously resolved the following:

1. The CIQA Committee recommends revision of the fee structure for VTU Online Degree Programmes (MBA, MCA, BBA and BCA) before the Fee Fixation Committee for VTU Online Degree Programmes.
2. The revised fee structure, once approved by the competent authority, shall be implemented from the next successive admission cycle to enhance affordability and increase the enrollment to VTU Online Degree Programmes.

2. Measures to improve student admissions for VTU Online Degree Programmes

Discussions:

The CIQA Committee discussed various practical measures to improve student admissions in VTU's Online Degree Programmes (ODP). The committee observed that there is a need to make the programmes more attractive through better affordability, accessibility, marketing, and quality enhancement.

The committee recommended promoting student mobility from conventional mode to online mode by framing formal regulations and notifications. This will allow students currently studying in regular programmes to switch to online degree programmes, especially those who need flexibility due to work, family responsibilities, or distance from campus. Awareness campaigns should be conducted in all affiliated colleges to highlight the benefits of self-paced online learning.



The committee also suggested offering special fee discounts to teaching and non-teaching staff members of VTU and their children. In addition, VTU may introduce fee discount schemes for deserving students from Karnataka, funded through university resources or special scholarship funds, based on clear eligibility criteria such as academic merit, economic background, or category-based concessions.

Further, the committee proposed entering into partnerships with companies registered on the VTU internship portal so that industries can sponsor fee discounts for their employees to enrol for VTU Online Degree Programmes. This will help working professionals upgrade their qualifications at lower cost and strengthen university-industry linkages. The committee also recommended offering special fee concessions to all VTU alumni to encourage lifelong learning.

It was strongly emphasized that online students should receive the same facilities and support as conventional mode students, including placement support, e-learning platforms, SEEL facilities, e-consortium, digital library resources, and journal access. Finally, the committee suggested partnering with VTU affiliated and autonomous colleges to act as local counseling centers and to conduct joint awareness sessions to reach more prospective students.

Resolution 2:

The CIQA Committee unanimously resolved to recommend the above measures for implementation by the Centre for Distance and Online Education and the concerned university authorities, with a view to significantly improve student admissions in VTU Online Degree Programmes from the academic year 2025-26 onwards.

3. Withdrawal of PG Diploma Programmes

Discussions:

The CIQA Committee reviewed the current portfolio of Online Degree Programmes offered through VTU Centre for Distance and Online Education. The following programmes are currently offered:

Undergraduate Programmes

1. BBA in Digital Marketing
2. BCA in Data Sciences
3. BCA in Data Analytics

Postgraduate Programmes

4. Master of Computer Applications (MCA)
5. MCA in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science
6. MCA in Cyber Security and Cloud Computing
7. MBA in Digital Marketing
8. MBA in Human Resources (HR)/Marketing Management (MM)/Financial Management (FM)
9. MBA in Business Analytics



PG Diploma Programmes (proposed for withdrawal)

10. PG Diploma in Big Data Analytics

11. PG Diploma in Software Testing

12. PG Diploma in Financial Analytics, Marketing Analytics, HR Analytics

13. PG Diploma in Investment Management, Risk Management, Financial Management, Retail Management

The committee carefully examined the proposal to withdraw the above PG Diploma Programmes. It was noted that these programmes are currently of two-year duration, which is unusually long for diploma-level offerings and nearly equivalent to the duration of full postgraduate degree programmes. As a result, student preference has clearly shifted towards the corresponding full Master's degree programmes (MBA and MCA specialisations), which carry higher academic recognition, better employability value, and stronger acceptance by employers and higher-education institutions. Admission data over recent cycles has shown consistently low enrolment in the PG Diploma programmes when compared with the PG degree programmes. Continuing to run low-enrolment programmes places an avoidable burden on academic resources, faculty time, and administrative capacity without delivering proportionate academic or institutional benefit. In the present higher-education context, where quality, relevance, and sustainability are paramount, it is academically prudent to consolidate offerings around high-demand degree programmes rather than maintain parallel diploma pathways that attract limited interest.

Pros of withdrawal include: better utilisation of faculty and infrastructure resources; sharper focus on improving the quality and delivery of the core UG and PG degree programmes; reduced administrative complexity; and clearer positioning of VTU Online offerings in the market. Cons include a temporary reduction in the variety of short-cycle credentials available to working professionals and the need to counsel any remaining diploma students regarding transition options or completion pathways. Overall, the committee considered the academic and institutional advantages of withdrawal to outweigh the drawbacks.

Resolution 3:

After detailed deliberation, the CIQA Committee unanimously resolved as follows:

1. The PG Diploma Programmes listed above (PG Diploma in Big Data Analytics; PG Diploma in Software Testing; PG Diploma in Financial Analytics, Marketing Analytics, HR Analytics; and PG Diploma in Investment Management, Risk Management, Financial Management, Retail Management) be withdrawn from the offerings of VTU Centre for Distance and Online Education with effect from the academic year 2026-27 (Feb 2027 Session)
2. The Centre shall continue to offer and strengthen the Undergraduate and Postgraduate degree programmes listed above.
3. Necessary notifications, regulatory filings (UGC-DEB / AICTE as applicable), and communication to stakeholders shall be processed by the Member Secretary in consultation with the authorities of VTU.
4. Any students currently enrolled in the PG Diploma programmes shall be provided appropriate academic support and guidance to complete their programme or to explore suitable alternative pathways within the university's online degree programmes offerings.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson and members of the CIQA committee by the Member Secretary.



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