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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 23rd March 2026, 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 Syllabus / Curriculum for VTU Online Degree Programmes.
2. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Academic Activities, Conduct of Examinations and Digital Valuation Guidelines for VTU Online Degree Programmes.
3. Extension of support facilities and academic services to Online Degree Programme students on par with conventional mode students.
4. Any other subject matter with the permission of the Chair.

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01	Dr. S. Vidyashankar Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, VTU, Belagavi	Chairperson
02	Dr. Sanjay H. A Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Visvesvaraya Technological University & Principal, BMS Institute of Technology & Management	Member
03	Dr. Santosh M Nejakar Director (I/c), IQAC Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi	Member
04	Dr. R. H. Goudar Dept. of CSE, Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi	Member
05	The Deputy Director VTU Centre for Distance and Online Education, Mysuru	Member
06	Dr. Shivakumar Programme Coordinator, Dept. of Management, VTU CDOE, Mysuru	Member
07	Dr. Swamy L N Programme Coordinator, Dept. of Computer Applications, VTU CDOE, Mysuru	Member
08	Dr. H. Rajeshwari Sreenivasa Professor, Dept. of Studies in Management KSOU, Mysuru	Member

09	Dr. M. Amulya Professor, Dept. of Studies in Management, B.N. Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences (BIMS), University of Mysore, Mysore	Member
10	Dr. Prasad B. Rampure Registrar, Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi	Member
11	Dr. Ujwal U J Registrar (Evaluation), Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi	Member
12	Dr. Prashantha Nayaka G Finance Officer, Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi	Member
13	Dr. P. Sandhya Director, VTU Center for Distance and Online Education, Mysuru	Member Secretary

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.

Copy to:

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 23.03.2026 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

1. Revision of Syllabus / Curriculum for VTU Online Degree Programmes.
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1. Revision of Syllabus / Curriculum for VTU Online Degree Programmes

Discussions:

The Committee noted that the existing syllabi for VTU Online Degree Programmes were prepared at the time of launch of the programmes and has not been comprehensively revised since then. As per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 [Clause 4, Regulation 4 Sub-Clause V (Page No. 62) and Regulation 15 – Evaluation, Sub-Clause III (Page No. 75)], the syllabus, curriculum, pedagogical approach, and academic standards of online programmes must be at par with the corresponding conventional mode programmes offered by the University.

The members observed that continuous updating of curriculum is essential to keep the programmes relevant to industry needs, emerging technologies, and the latest academic frameworks prescribed under NEP 2020. The Committee therefore recommended that the Board of Studies (BoS) for Online Degree Programmes should be re-constituted at the earliest with appropriate representation from academia and industry. Thereafter, the entire curriculum of all ongoing UG and PG Online Degree Programmes should be systematically revised so as to achieve alignment with the latest syllabi of the conventional mode programmes of VTU at par, while also incorporating flexibility, multidisciplinary components, and skill-oriented courses as envisaged under NEP 2020.

Resolution 1:

The CIQA Committee unanimously resolved as under:

1. The Board of Studies (BoS) for VTU Online Degree Programmes be re-constituted by the University at the earliest.



2. The re-constituted BoS shall undertake a complete revision of the syllabi and curriculum of all UG and PG Online Degree Programmes (BBA, BCA, MBA and MCA specialisations) so as to bring them at par with the conventional mode programmes of VTU and in conformity with UGC (ODL & OL) Regulations, 2020 and NEP 2020 guidelines.
3. The revised curriculum, after due approval from the Joint BoS, Academic Senate and Executive Council of the University, shall be implemented from the next convenient academic session.

2. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Academic Activities, Conduct of Examinations and Digital Valuation Guidelines for VTU Online Degree Programmes

Discussions:

The Member Secretary placed before the Committee the draft Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Academic Activities, Conduct of Examinations and Digital Valuation Guidelines prepared for the VTU Online Degree Programmes offered through the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE).

The Committee carefully examined the proposed SOPs. It was noted that the documents cover the complete academic cycle including learner enrolment and orientation, delivery of online academic activities, continuous internal assessment, conduct of end-semester examinations (including online proctored examinations), evaluation processes, and digital valuation of answer scripts. The SOPs also incorporate provisions relating to examination security, grievance redressal, result processing, and quality assurance mechanisms in accordance with the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and subsequent amendments, as well as the academic ordinances of Visvesvaraya Technological University.

The Committee observed that a well-defined and uniform set of SOPs is essential to ensure transparency, consistency, accountability and quality in the academic and examination processes of the Online Degree Programmes. The adoption of clear Digital Valuation Guidelines will further streamline the evaluation process, reduce turnaround time for results, and strengthen the integrity of the examination system.

After detailed deliberations, the Committee appreciated the efforts made by the Centre in preparing comprehensive SOPs and felt that the same should be finalized and implemented after obtaining necessary approvals from the competent authorities of the University.



The Committee directed the Member Secretary to incorporate any suggestions emerging from the discussion, finalize the SOPs, and place the same before the appropriate statutory bodies of VTU for formal approval and subsequent implementation.

Resolution 2:

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

1. The draft Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Academic Activities, Conduct of Examinations and Digital Valuation Guidelines for VTU Online Degree Programmes are approved in principle.
2. The Member Secretary is directed to finalize the SOPs after incorporating necessary refinements, if any, and place the same before the competent statutory bodies of the University for Formal Approval.
3. Upon approval, the Centre for Distance and Online Education shall implement the SOPs uniformly for all Online Degree Programmes with immediate effect / from the ensuing academic session, as decided by the competent authority.
4. The SOPs shall be reviewed periodically and updated as and when required in the light of regulatory changes or operational feedback.

3. Extension of support facilities and academic services to Online Degree Programme students on par with conventional mode students

Discussions:

The CIQA Committee noted that students enrolled in conventional (regular) mode programmes of VTU enjoy a wide range of academic and support facilities. These include access to the University's e-learning platforms, digital library resources, e-consortium journals, SEEL platform, placement and career guidance services, internship opportunities, soft-skill training programmes, and other learner-support mechanisms.

The Committee strongly recommended that, in the spirit of equity and as mandated under the UGC (ODL & Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, all support facilities such as placement support, digital library resources, e-consortium access, e-learning platforms, and other student services shall be extended equally to students of Online Degree Programmes. This parity will enhance the learning experience, improve student satisfaction, strengthen the brand value of VTU Online programmes, and help in attracting more admissions.

The members suggested that the Centre for Distance and Online Education should coordinate with the concerned sections (Library, Placement Cell, IT Cell, etc.) to ensure

seamless access for online students and to issue necessary circulars/notifications of reaching the availability of these facilities to the students of VTU Online Degree Programmes community.



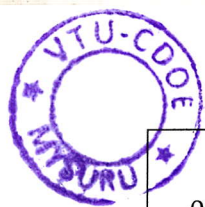
Resolution 3:

The CIQA Committee unanimously resolved that:

1. All support facilities and academic services presently available to conventional mode students of VTU – including but not limited to placement support, e-learning platforms, digital library resources, e-consortium, SEEL, internship facilitation, and career guidance – shall be extended equally to students of VTU Online Degree Programmes.
2. The Director, VTU CDOE shall take necessary steps in coordination with the concerned University departments to operationalise this parity at the earliest and issue appropriate notifications for the information of all stakeholders.

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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01	Dr. S. Vidyashankar Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, VTU, Belagavi	
02	Dr. Sanjay H. A Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Visvesvaraya Technological University & Principal, BMS Institute of Technology & Management, Bangalore	ABSENT
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11	Dr. Ujwal U J Registrar (Evaluation), Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi	Ujwal
12	Dr. Prashantha Nayaka G Finance Officer, Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi	Absent.
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