

ANNEXURE

NAAC awarded grade 'A' to VFSTR in 2015. The peer team in their assessment report made 11 recommendations and IQAC of VFSTR has taken quality initiatives to address these recommendations as follows:

Recommendation no. 01: Residential quarters for faculty and non-teaching staff members

Two apartment buildings were taken on lease to accommodate teaching and non-teaching staff very next to the institute.

Recommendation no. 02: Better infrastructure for faculty members

Faculty cabins are provided on pro-rata basis with sophisticated furniture, Computer and other accessories.

Recommendation no. 03: High quality research publications

Faculty were encouraged to focus on high quality publications by providing incentives for papers published in SCI / Scopus (unpaid) journals/ book chapters / books. The average number of publications per faculty/ year increased from 0.8 to 4.2 in the last five years (Total number of publications in peer reviewed journal during 2011 to 2015 are 581, and during 2015-2019 are 2279, while the average number of faculty raised by 25%).

Recommendation no. 04: Professional bodies /Student chapters/ events

Students are encouraged to take part in professional bodies such as IEEE, IETE, ISTE, SAE, ICI etc.

Recommendation no. 05: Upgrading University Science and Instrumentation Centre

- ✓ The Central Instrumentation Facility is augmented with additional instrumentation and data acquisition systems with the cost of RS. 30 Lakhs.

Recommendation no. 06: Availability of Wi-Fi

Following additional facilities are created:

- ✓ IT infrastructure with almost 5000 network connections through LAN.
- ✓ Extensive Wi-Fi access to all the students and staff members through routers, and WiFi hotspots.
- ✓ NKN network of 1 GBPS is hired for the university at a cost of Rs. 50 lakhs for 10 years in 2010.
- ✓ Another network of 60 MBPS is hired from Reliance communications as a standby at a cost of Rs.5 Lakhs.

Recommendation no. 07: Extra mural funding

- ✓ Projects worth of Rs.100 lakhs are approved every year by the Government agencies like DST/DBT etc. Currently proposals worth of Rs.33 crores were submitted and in the review process.

Recommendation no. 08: Training & placements activities in core companies should be more effective

Efforts are in hand to improve the placements in core companies by providing company specific training. Campus recruitment drives were conducted by around 40 core companies in the last 5 years.

Recommendation no. 09: Increasing consultancy to enhance both skill & financial resources

310 Consultancy projects worth of Rs. 416.62 lakhs were carried out in the last five years.

Recommendation no. 10: International faculties should be invited on the campus

VFSTR is having MoUs with various foreign Universities located in USA, France, South Korea and other Countries. Student exchange with those Universities is being actively pursued. At the same time we are in the process of strengthening faculty exchange programs by inviting eminent faculties from reputed Universities in abroad. In connection recently, around 30 Professors visited the campus from various countries such as South Korea, Germany, Malaysia, USA, Canada, France etc (Names & photos)

Recommendation no. 11: Strengthening IQAC

- ❖ IQAC is strengthened with a dedicated core team of 10 members & 12 departmental coordinators with a separate office to execute the quality initiatives of the institution.
- ❖ Acting as a nodal agency of VFSTR for coordinating quality-related activities including adoption and dissemination of good practices
- ❖ Outcomes of IQAC
 - ✓ Securing around 100th position in NIRF during the last 5 years
 - ✓ AICTE approvals for all technical programs– 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21
 - ✓ UGC 12(B) status - 2019
 - ✓ Accreditation by NBA for 5 UG programs in tier – I category : Biotechnology, CSE, ECE, EEE and Mechanical Engineering
 - ✓ ISO 9001-2015 certification
 - ✓ AQAR Submission
 - ✓ AISHE submission
 - ✓ Secured good ranks in i3RC Times, India Today, The week, Edu world, Deccan Chronicle etc
 - ✓ Mentored Pedanandipadu Arts and Science College, Guntur for NAAC cycle -2 (affiliated college category)
 - ✓ Mentoring other institutions such as VITS, Hyd; VPC, Guntur; VLITS, Guntur; VIEW, Vishakapatnam for NIRF, NBA and NAAC