The prime objective of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) is to prepare and implement comprehensive policy to equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to meet the dynamics of challenges that the fast changing global scenario extends in quality education, innovation and research (*National Higher Education Policy*).

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of ANNAI THERASA ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE was established in the year 2016 to achieve above mentioned prime objective. This Cell has created an association with a pool of renowned experts from academia and industries to prepare an all inclusive policy to ensure quality in teaching-learning, research, extension and high degree of transparency in governance and administration. It is an internal quality assurance mechanism of the institution which works towards realization of the goals of quality enhancement and sustenance.

IQAC is a significant administrative body that is responsible for all quality matters, to initiate, plan and supervise various activities and develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic improvement in the overall performance of the Educational Institution.

The IQAC is ensuring that its efforts reach every nook and cranny so that the Annai therasa arts and science, Mangalam can be raised to an Epitome of Excellence by creating and imparting time responsive Quality Education to address demands of changing regional Socio-Economic aligned in a global perspective, keeping Research and Development at its core, for 'Anyone' at 'Anytime' and 'Anywhere'.

Towards attaining excellence, the IQAC of the college

- Co-ordinates the dissemination of information on various quality parameters of higher education.
- Ensures accountability and transparency in documentation of various programmes and quality assessment visits.
- Organizes professional development and administrative training programmes for the teaching and non-teaching staff.
- Co-ordinates in preparation of the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR).
- Co-ordinates timely and efficient execution of the recommendations/suggestions by its members.
- Monitors quality enhancement activities of the college.

Accordingly, this cell has prepared a time responsive role to

- i) Provide platform for rural, women, socially disadvantaged and differently-abled groups to achieve Academic Excellence with in-built Employability,
- ii) Carve out a fusion between Academics and Industry with an ultimate aim to identify the gaps and accordingly, design the courses to impart skill based education as per the requirements of the region so as to improve employability and develop entrepreneurial capabilities
- iii) Provide student centric learning environment and to establish platform for inclusive research leading to the development of creative thought process amongst research scholars keeping in mind societal needs
- iv) Nurture innovative ideas shaping into products facilitating the spinoff and creating awareness to protect Intellectual Property (IP)
- v) Adopt a perennial process for bringing in excellence in teaching pedagogy by providing ICT based state-of-the-art infrastructural facilitation
- vi) Impart value added, culturally rich education by adopting the local to global approach to provide an academic corridor for cordial connectivity between the institution and its affiliates
- vii) Ensure good Governance inculcating 'Accountability' based on 'Self-evaluation' amongst all the stakeholders of the institution.

At this juncture, I take this opportunity to invite you all the stakeholders (students, teachers, alumni, parents and employer) of the institution; to join this collaborative mission of ensuring quality in teaching, learning and research and contribute towards the Nation Building.

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