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**ACADEMIC AUDIT REPORT
OF
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE,
HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, AGARTALA, TRIPURA**


The Academic Audit of the Department of Political Science, HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, AGARTALA, TRIPURA was conducted from October 4-8, 2021. The team comprised

- **Dr. D. Jeevan Kumar**, former Professor of Political Science, Bangalore University, Bangalore, Karnataka, and Hon. Prof., Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag, Karnataka, and
- **Dr. Ms. Ordetta Mendoza**, Member, Co-ordinator of Programmes, XBHEI and former Head, Post Graduate Dept. of Bioinformatics, Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai, and Co-ordinator, XB-Academic and Administrative Audit, Holy Cross College, Agartala.

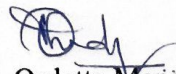
Prior to the visit, the College completed and submitted the Academic Audit manual developed and deployed by Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, Bangalore. The audit was conducted ONLINE.

The audit began with **Mrs. Sharmistha Rakshit**, making a PPT presentation of the academic functioning of the department for the last three years. This was followed by an interaction between the audit team member and the faculty of the department.

The department was established in 2009 and currently offers two UG courses: (1) A General Course in Political Science (from 2009) and (2) An Honours Course in Political Science (from 2012). There are six faculty members in the department, three of whom hold Ph.D. degrees.


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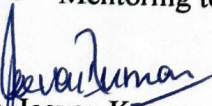
COMMENDATIONS:

- ✓ An add-on course on “*Understanding Human Rights and its Significance*” has been initiated.
- ✓ Occasional field visits for first-hand experience of learners, like visits to Tripura Legislature, visit to Indo-Bangla Border Haat, and student participation in inter-college youth parliaments and exhibitions – are organized.
- ✓ Orientation programmes are held for the students on issues like sustainability, human values and professional ethics from time to time.
- ✓ Group Discussions, Peer Teaching, Debates and Remedial Classes are held to improve the learning level of students.
- ✓ Special Lectures are organized by faculty members of other institutions and from bodies like the Legal Aid Services Authority of Tripura and the Lokayukta.
- ✓ An International Webinar was conducted on the topic, “India-China Relations in a Changing World” in 2020.
- ✓ All teachers actively participate and present papers at seminars, webinars, conferences and workshops.
- ✓ Faculty members have a few publications to their credit.
- ✓ One teacher was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in the USA.
- ✓ Students are encouraged to participate in Extension and Extra-Curricular activities.


RECOMMENDATIONS:

(in view of implementing them at least before the Assessment and Accreditation process by NAAC)

- Student intake to be increased
- Department can request the Board of Studies of the parent University to compulsorily include field work /project work in the syllabi so that the experiential learning process can be enhanced.
- Department may start more subject-related Certificate/Diploma/Add-On Courses, for the benefit of its students, as well as for other interested students.
- Mentoring to be done in a formal manner and all records to be maintained.


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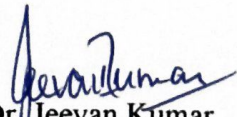

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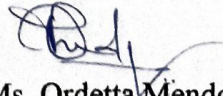
- A departmental Academic Peer Review process and a Performance Appraisal system for its faculty - may be started.
- Department may initiate MOUs with external institutions.
- Students can be sent on exchange programmes (1-3 days) or visits to other institutions to participate in programmes of their interest.
- The research component and the publication profile of the Department, requires strengthening.
- Students need to participate in more extension programmes.
- Students can be motivated to apply and benefit from government scholarships as well as other available scholarships.
- Department may organize more conferences, seminars, webinars and training programmes for the benefit of its students, as well as others.
- Faculty members must attend Orientation and refresher courses at the parent University.
- Books must be increased in the central library.
- A book bank can be initiated for the less privileged students with the help of the Alumni.
- Alumni engagement to be initiated.
- Secretarial assistance to the department can be withdrawn.

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Place: Bangalore




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