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ACADEMIC AUDIT REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, AGARTALA, TRIPURA

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

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- **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.

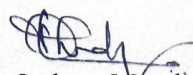
Prior to the visit, the College completed and submitted the Academic Audit manual developed and deployed by Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, Bangalore. The audit was conducted ONLINE.

The audit began with **Dr. Nirmalya Karmakar**, Head of the Department, making a PPT presentation of the academic functioning of the department for the last three years. This was followed by an interaction with the faculty of the department.

The department was established in 2018 and currently offers an Honours course in History at the UG level. There are three faculty members in the department, one of whom holds a Ph.D. degree. The two non-Ph.D. holders, however, are SET/NET-qualified.



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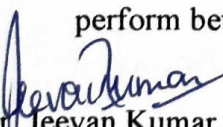
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COMMENDATIONS

- An Add-on Certificate Course on Historical Tourism and Tourist Facilitation is in the pipeline.
- The soft-study course on Human Rights offered to students of other departments.
- Besides classroom teaching, teachers employ experiential learning, role-playing activities, classroom seminars, group discussions, project works, survey methods, case study, field visits, field projects and review of books.
- The Department practices Project based Learning. This hands-on technique immerses students in a practical project that brings alive the classroom curriculum.
- One faculty member is active in presenting papers and participating in seminars, conferences and workshops.
- A two-day State-Level workshop on "*Indigenous Knowledge System and Practices of Tribal Communities of Tripura*" organized by the Department in 2021.
- Good infrastructure with ICT facilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Faculty members need to complete their Ph.D. as soon as possible
- Department may start more subject-related Certificate/Diploma/Add-On Courses, for the benefit of its students, as well as for other interested students.
- Department should request the University to ensure field work / internships and project work is specifically included in the curriculum as part of courses.
- The department needs to take a feedback on the curriculum and its transaction from relevant stakeholders, feedback must be analyzed and report given to the University through the Governing Body
- A departmental Academic Peer Review process and a Performance Appraisal system for its faculty - may be started.
- Faculty members need to attend orientation courses and refresher courses connected with the subject and organised at the University / UGC level.
- Advanced learners maybe engaged in various activities in order to encourage them perform better and also progress to higher education.


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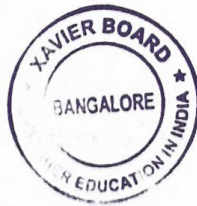




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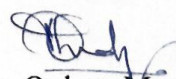
- The research component and the publication profile of the Department, requires strengthening.
- Student strength needs to be improved. Faculty may conduct programmes/ exhibitions / workshops in schools in the various districts to showcase the college and garner more admissions.
- Department may initiate MOUs with external institutions.
- Resource mobilization for research may be seriously contemplated.
- Department may organize more conferences, seminars, webinars and training programmes for the benefit of its students, as well as others.
- PO's, PSO's and CO's to be evaluated every year.
- Student survey of the Teaching-learning -evaluation process to be done every semester and feedback and action taken report to be given to the faculty concerned and the Governing Body respectively.
- Innovation Ecosystem in terms of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Research Methodology and Entrepreneurship development needs to be initiated.
- Number of books in the Central Library to be increased.
- Students should be strongly encouraged to make use of the Library especially for writing assignments and seminar work, apart from inculcating a reading habit.
- Department must follow up student progression to higher studies and maintain documentation with respect to the same (keep photocopies of their identity cards, fees paid receipts, PG degree certificates, etc.).
- Student placement needs to be strengthened.
- Alumnae engagement needs to be initiated.
- Secretarial assistance not required at the departmental level.

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