

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
on
**'Dimensions of Quality in Higher Education
in Contemporary Times'**

Organised by
**Internal Quality Assurance Cell
Shri Ram College of Commerce**

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at

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In a globalised era, economic growth and global competitiveness are being increasingly driven by knowledge. In this context, The World Development Report (World Bank, 2017) emphasizes on the complementary role of four key strategic dimensions to guide nations in their transitional path to becoming a knowledge-driven economy; *An appropriate economic and institutional regime, a strong human capital base, a dynamic information infrastructure, and an efficient national innovation system.* While tertiary education is central to all four pillars of this framework, its role is particularly crucial in building a strong human capital base and contributing to an efficient national innovation system. As such, in the past decade, the apposite term '*World-Class Institutions*' has become the underlying denomination to represent the evolution of educational institutions in the expansion of their role from improving the quality of learning and research in tertiary education to their inclusive engagement in simultaneously developing and nurturing the capacity to compete in the global tertiary education marketplace through the creation, acquisition, adaptation, transmission and spread of advanced knowledge.

Established in 1926, Shri Ram College of Commerce is a pioneer in the field of commerce and economics education in India. With a vision of being "*A College of Global*

Choice” driven by a mission of “Achieving and Sustaining excellence in teaching and research, and enriching local, national and international communities through the research, the skills of alumni, and the publishing of academic and educational materials”, Shri Ram College of Commerce aims at integration of the highest standards of quality in every aspect of its institutional functioning from imparting of education to development of the nation. The College is rated 'A+' Grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council and has been ranked the number 1 College by India Today-AC Nielsen Survey for Commerce education in the country.

In pursuit of this vision, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Shri Ram College of Commerce proposes to organize a national symposium on November 11, 2017 to address the various dimensions of quality in higher education in India with special reference to Commerce and Economics education. The intended objective of this symposium is to invite and learn from the multidimensional perspectives from the relevant stakeholders of different areas associated with the dimensions of quality in Institutions providing higher education. The symposium will deliberate upon the areas of quality as envisioned by the New National Policy on Education, 2016 and the Vision Document framework of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, 2017 such as pedagogy of higher education, role of research, socially inclusiveness, role of infrastructure and the role of administration etc. in the quality of higher education.

Objectives of the Symposium:

- To deliberate upon the various aspects of quality in higher education and address each dimension pertaining to quality education in a cohesive manner.
- To ensure quality education in seats of higher learning of education as well as its propagation in fellow academic institutions and centres of learning.
- To identify various areas of potential upgradation and strategizing the response approaches.
- To provide a platform for facilitating exchange of various stakeholder inputs in the institutional progress and creation of qualitative value from the synergy of pluralistic ideas.

Sub-themes for the Panel Discussion & Technical Sessions:

- Assessing Quality in Higher Education, especially qualitative aspects, and Challenges faced in assessing qualitative aspects in higher education
- Addressing Quality among three basic stakeholders: Faculty, Researchers and Students
- Contemporary issues in Commerce and Economics
- Innovation in Teaching methodologies-Going Beyond the Classroom
- Promotion of Quality in Research
- Inclusiveness and Diversity in Higher Education
- Role of administration and governance in quality deliverance
- Marketization and the Education Sector, Pros and Cons
- Sustainability of Quality in Higher Education
- The role of Information Technology in Higher Education

Discussion at the Symposium

The discussions at the symposium have been planned keeping in mind the multifaceted dimensions of quality in Higher Education, which would generate a wide range of synergetic perspectives from the relevant stakeholders in the education community. It would include a panel discussion with eminent experts from the spheres of academia, professional institutions, industry, and policy makers from India and abroad. The discussion would proceed to speaker sessions where eminent personalities from academics, professionals from the industry, entrepreneurs and experts would share their views on the above mentioned sub-themes.

Outcome of the Symposium

The deliberations at the symposium will focus on quality sustenance and enhancement in the institutions of higher education in the country and converging the expectations of the stakeholders towards creation of value driven education adaptable for the global scenario.