

### Minutes of the Meeting held on 15/01/2025

A meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University, Dehradun, was convened on 15/01/2025 in a hybrid mode to discuss the agendas. The meeting was attended by the following members:

1. Dr. Renu Singh, Director, FRI & VC, FRIDU/Chairperson IQAC, FRI Deemed to be University.
2. Shri Jagdish Chander, PCCF and HoFF Haryana, Van Bhawan, Sector 6, Panchkula, (Member) (Attended online)
3. Dr. S.K. Khanduri, Retd. PCCF (Member)
4. Dr. A.K. Tripathi, Dean & Registrar, FRIDU. (Member)
5. Dr. Manisha Thapliyal, Scientist-G, Silviculture and Forest Management Division, FRI (Member)
6. Dr. Pratima Patel, Scientist-E & Controller of Examination, FRIDU (Member)
7. Dr. Abhishek Verma, Scientist-B & Course Coordinator, Environment Management, FRIDU (Member)
8. Dr. Akhato Sumi, Senior Technical Officer, Forest Products Division, FRI (Member) (Attended online)
9. Shri Shubham Singh, Ph.D. student, G&TI Division, FRI (Member) (Attended online)
10. Shri Milind Golankar, M.Sc. (Forestry) student FRI DU (Member) (Attended online)
11. Dr. Santosh Birman, Junior Consultant (EM), FRIDU (Co-opted Member)
12. Dr. Priya Bisht, Junior Consultant (WST), FRIDU (Co-opted Member)
13. Dr. V.K. Varshney, Scientist-G, Chemistry & Bioprospecting Division, FRI (Coordinator)

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the members of IQAC and after that the Coordinator of the IQAC with the permission of the chair started the proceedings of the meeting.

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## Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University, Dehradun

Agenda of the meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University, Dehradun

Following agendas were proposed before the IQAC for perusal and approval.

### Agenda Item No. 5/2024:-

To consider the confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) held on 19.11.2024

Resolution No. 5/2024: A copy of the minutes was circulated to each member of the IQAC on 02/12/2024 for their review and comments. Since none of the members expressed any disagreement with the minutes, they were considered approved.

### Agenda Item No. 6/2024:-

To consider the compliance report on the resolutions of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) passed in its meeting held on 19.11.2024.

Resolution No. 6/2024: Members having gone through the compliance report accepted the same.

### Agenda Item No. 7/2024:-

Activities of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University during academic session 2025-2026 (Even semester- January, 2025-June, 2025).

Note: Following activities are proposed during academic session 2025-2026 (Even semester- January, 2025-June, 2025).

1. Declaration of result of all odd semester M.Sc. Programmes.
2. Conduction of Pre Ph.D. Compulsory Course work and Examination.
3. Commencement of regular M.Sc. even semester classes.
4. Submission of Term papers by M.Sc. students and their evaluation.
5. Conduction of study tours and field excursions for M.Sc. students.
6. Conduction of M.Sc. even semester examinations.
7. Notification for M.Sc. and Ph.D. Entrance Examination.
8. Entrance examination for M.Sc. Programmes.
9. Meeting of academic bodies by the University for timely completion of the curriculum and conduction of examinations.
10. Organization of annual sports meet.

Agenda Item No. 8/2024:-

**Activities initiated by Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University to be included under best practices during academic session 2025-2026 (Even semester-January, 2025-June, 2025).**

**Note:** Following activities are explored and identified by the Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University under best practices during academic session **2025-2026 (Even semester- January, 2025-June, 2025).**

1. Preparation of detailed academic calendar and course plan at the beginning of the semester all the M.Sc. programmes.
2. Organization of guest talks, seminars/webinars and competition/quiz for the students wherein eminent personalities from the research/corporate field are invited to share real life experiences with students. A good blend of theory and practical is experienced by the students.
3. Preparation for campus placement drive for all the M.Sc. programmes.
  - Preparation of Placement Brochure for M.Sc. Programmes
  - Campus Placement Drive for M.Sc. Programmes.
4. Conduction of regular administrative meetings.
5. Organization of workshop/ seminar for doctoral students of the FRIDU

**IQAC Chairperson, Dr. Renu Singh** emphasized redesigning the placement brochures for M.Sc. programs (2023–2025) to better showcase the university's offerings and opportunities. She directed the Registrar, FRIDU, to ensure the regular updating of the university website, mandating the immediate upload of all activities under the Registrar's supervision. She also instructed expediting the addition of executive summaries of theses on the website with a keyword search feature, noting that work for 2010–2014 is complete. **(Action: Registrar, FRIDU)**

**The Chairperson** recommended upgrading the boardroom's video conferencing facilities by improving the screen and projector, repositioning the podium, and removing the whiteboard to create a professional meeting environment. **(Action: Registrar, FRIDU)**

Regarding the incubation cell, she clarified that the university should develop its own model instead of adopting the IWST model. She emphasized making the cell operational and accessible to students, suggesting consultations with Mentor Institutes under the ASPIRE scheme and collaborations with universities such as UPES and DIT to gain insights. **((Action: Registrar, FRIDU and Dr. Vipin Prakash, Member, Incubation Cell)**

She urged the Registrar to explore strategies to increase enrollment in the M.Sc. CPT course. During discussions, the Registrar suggested seeking scholarships from cellulose and paper-based industries for students of the program. **(Action: Registrar, FRIDU)**



**IQAC Member Shri Jagdish Chander** emphasized the incorporation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into the university as a learning tool, highlighting its potential applications in forestry. He suggested hosting a special lecture to help students understand the importance of AI and its integration into their fields of study. Endorsing this suggestion, the Chairperson recommended inviting IT and forestry experts, including professionals from IIT Roorkee and other universities, to deliver lectures on the applications of AI in forestry. (Action: Dean, FRIDU)

To improve enrollment in the M.Sc. CPT course, **IQAC Member Shri S. K. Khanduri** suggested forming an alumni association and creating a dedicated webpage for this association on the FRIDU website.

**IQAC Member Dr. Manisha Thapliyal** supported the formation of an alumni association, highlighting its significance as a source of pride and a platform for fostering connections. She suggested leveraging social media to engage with alumni and encourage their active participation in university initiatives.

Building on these suggestions, **the Chairperson** emphasized the importance of forming an alumni association and institutionalizing a mechanism to bring all alumni together through a dedicated webpage on the FRIDU website. She suggested organizing alumni meets for all courses and using online tools, such as Google Forms, to enhance alumni engagement and connectivity. (Action: Dean, FRIDU and Registrar, FRIDU)

The **Chairperson** instructed to present the compliance of all the suggestions in the next meeting of the IQAC. (Action: Coordinator, IQAC)

The meeting was ended with vote of thanks given by the Coordinator of the Cell.

