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Policy/records showcasing the inbuilt institutionalization of the quality mandate



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Quality Mandate for Higher Education Institutions in India:

In its constant endeavour to ensure quality and excellence in higher education, UGC has been striving to take initiatives to continuously improve the quality in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in India. Moving ahead in this direction, UGC in 2018, set forth the Quality Mandate, an initiative, with the all-encompassing priority to improve teaching learning and innovative skills, critical thinking, inclusiveness, employability, learning outcomes curriculum framework, gender sensitization, social connect, sustainable development competitiveness, and skill development of students in the tertiary education system in India.

a book on 'UGC's Quality Mandate Initiatives', a work of dedication and commitment, which will be a torchbearer for the stakeholders of Indian Higher Education landscape, to explore through the key initiatives the higher education regulator has already undertaken to compete with the global scenario.

Various focus areas of the book relate to teacher training, induction programmes for students, faculty development programme, accreditation, assessment and examination reforms, society and industry connect, institution-industry interface, ICT-based leaning and mentoring of institutions. Special care has been taken to establish a link with India's heritage and traditions to ensure learning with a healthy mix of the ancient heritage and the twenty-first century dynamics.

UGC embarked on this journey in 2018 by setting Quality Mandate objectives and ten verticals. In the last two years committed and dedicated work has resulted in the successful implementation of all verticals and now this scholarly and adding to the glory this well-balanced book is being brought out on Quality Mandate. the HEIs and the stakeholders find the subject matter in this book immensely informative and it helps them to reflect on their own practices.

The expansion of higher education sector in the recent times is unprecedented. Since the beginning of the century, there is a fourfold increase in the number of universities, colleges, number of students and faculty members. With the record growth of higher education sector, it became important to pay sufficient attention to higher education sector to ensure that the expansion is qualitative and meaningful for students and the society. It is in this background, UGC launched "Quality Mandate" in 2018 with five objectives and 10

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