

ANNUAL QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT (AQAR) OF THE IQAC

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION:

MAULANA AZAD COLLEGE, KOLKATA

YEAR OF REPORT:

AUGUST 2009 To JULY 2010

SECTION A: PLAN OF ACTION CHALKED OUT BY THE IQAC IN THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR 2009 - 10 TOWARDS QUALITY ENHANCEMENT

INTRODUCTION:

With the introduction of new pay award for teachers in UGC recognized colleges and universities, the responsibility and accountability of the beneficiaries should come into consideration more and more. In this scenario, the IQAC is going to play a proactive role in the days ahead. The new UGC regulations in relation to service and career advancement of teachers have also come into effect on 30th June 2010. Although, the state government is yet to come out with its concurrent order to this effect, our Endeavour would be to pursue the newly published guidelines in framing the responsibilities of the teachers in general.

We are continuing to serve the society by bringing more and more girl students, students from economically weaker section and minorities in our ambit. The faith parents and guardians of these students pose upon us are never belied. There had not been a single incident of student unrest last few years. There was no complaint of any sort of harassment or gender bias. Being a government college, our goal is to extend every possible support to the deserving and the underprivileged. We are committed to fulfilling that goal without compromising with the quality. Salient features of our plan of action were as follows:

- 1. Being a government college, our goal is to extend every possible support to the deserving and the underprivileged. We are committed to fulfilling that goal without compromising with the quality.**
- 2. To introduce Semester system in Post Graduate studies in English and Urdu**
- 3. To vie for the prestigious CPE status from the UGC.**
- 4. To judiciously undertake the development programmes for which the college received Merged Grant under XI Plan period.**
- 5. To propose more major research projects and consequently upgrade the facilities for the research scholars.**
- 6. To introduce interdisciplinary hands- on training programmes for science students.**
- 7. Further improvements of all the science laboratories.**
- 8. Mobilization of E-resources and improving facilities in the library.**
- 9. Improvement of Teacher-Student ratio.**

10. Improving infrastructure of the office by complete digitization of office and administration.

11. Computerization of the entire process from admission.

12. Adding new blocks in the Baker Hostel and to celebrate the completion of 75 years of its existence. .

13. Improvement of gymnasium for both boys and girls.

14. Improvement of Common room facilities for both boys and girls.

15. Improvement of washroom facilities for teachers students, particularly girl students.

16. Improvement of Canteen facilities for both students and teachers.

SECTION B

ACTIVITIES REFLECTING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE INSTITUTION:

The Institution aims at gaining a position of pride in the hearts of the pupil and their guardians alike. Our objective is to imbibe the sense of harmony and peaceful co-existence among all the stake holders without compromising with endeavor for excellence. Our college is continuing to achieve exemplary success in this regard. More and more students from remote rural areas of West Bengal and other states are finding this college an ideal institution for pursuing higher studies. A substantial number of them belong to minority and economically challenged groups. The percentage of enrolment by girl students has increased. Many of these learners would not have found this to be possible if this college had not taken all initiatives to help them look forward. We have increased the number of seats in the Boys' hostel. We are in the process of building a Girls' hostel. Presently, there are only a few seats for them in State Government's Salt Lake Girls' Hostel.

In addition to these, the college has managed to tap all possible doors to procure a large number of scholarships for all our students in need lest any of them fall out of the path of education for want of money. In today's globalized world where education has also become a commodity, it is no less a feat to cater to every student's academic need in all possible manners. It would not have been possible many of them to fulfill their dreams of pursuing Physical sciences or microbiology, Masters in English, Urdu or Zoology had we not stood by them. The following are a few of the activities that reflect the goals and objectives of this institution:

- Providing financial aids to all students in need to pursue their academic programmes and in many cases their maintenance as well.
- Providing excellent common room, lavatory, indoor and outdoor sports, gymnasium facilities for girl students in particular.
- Providing internet access to all students.
- Providing substantial Library resources both in terms of text and reference for all students.
- Providing modern laboratory facilities to the students both at PG and UG levels.

- Organizing interactive social awareness programmes regularly in the college.
- Providing increased number of seats in Boys' Hostel.
- Procuring funds for construction of a girls' hostel.
- Opening of Post Graduate courses in Urdu and English keeping in mind the requirements of our target students

Following is a summary of Activities reflecting the Goals and Objectives of the Institution and the goals achieved:

1. The College vied for the CPE status and accordingly submitted the required data for consideration to the University of Calcutta. The University had chosen our college as one of the 5 colleges affiliated to the University for this award. The inspection team from the University of Calcutta took up an Academic as well as Administrative Audit for this purpose and the College satisfactorily presented its profile for this purpose. The College was awarded the coveted CPE status in the academic session under consideration.

2. Efforts were initiated to open Post Graduate courses in two languages of great demand in this College namely, English and Urdu. The Proposals were submitted at the beginning of the year and Autonomous Post Graduate Status were conferred on these two departments from this session.

3. The college submitted its development project under the financial assistance scheme in XI Plan Period. The proposals were successfully defended and the college received assistance for all the schemes it had sought to implement during the plan period under consideration.

4. Programme for complete digitalization of Cataloguing, lending, process in the Library was taken up at the beginning of the year. Assistance from State Achieves was also sought. At the end of the year we were able to form a state of the art, network linked digitalized Library in the College.

5. Programme for transformation of administrative and admission related office works from manual to a computerized mode was taken up at the beginning of the year. At the end of the session, we were successfully able to digitalize the entire office and admission related works in our college.

6. A target number of 8 Major Research Projects were sought to have been taken up by the P.G. Department of Zoology at the beginning of the year. Accordingly proposals were submitted to different funding authorities including UGC and CSIR.. In addition to this 4 Minor research Projects were submitted by members of the faculty. All major research projects were successfully defended and assistance to the tune of Rs. 67 lakhs were allocated for all these schemes taken together

7. We sought to enhance the number of seats in the Boys' hostel, providing them with better living conditions, ensuring better surveillance and cleanliness. Accordingly, a new annex building of the Baker Hostel has been constructed. New boarders will be allocated seats here during 2010-11 academic session. For surveillance, Ex- Servicemen were recruited. New books and periodicals, TV etc were also added.

8. No less than seven languages are taught in this college. We were longing to have a language laboratory since our NAAC inspection period. we were successfully able to digitalize the entire office and admission related works in our college.

2. NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES INITIATED (UG & PG).

In keeping with NAAC recommendations, Maulana Azad College, Kolkata proposed to introduced the following new UG and PG courses.

Sl.No.	Year of Commencement	Name of the Course	Intake Capacity
1.	2009 (Instituted)	M.A. (English)	20
2.	2009 (Instituted)	M.A.(Urdu)	30 (proposed)
3	2009(Instituted)	Botany (Hons)	20

3. INNOVATIONS IN CURRICULUM DESIGNING:

After the introduction of Post Graduate courses in English and Urdu, the new syllabus is being proposed to be split in 4 semesters in keeping with majority of institutions in the country. Transactions for innovative design took place in – 1) Respective Departments; 2) Board of Studies; 3) Sub-Councils; 4) Teachers' Council; 5) Academic Council. Experts from Universities, British Council, State Education Council and State Institute of English took part in the deliberations in framing the English syllabus. For Urdu, model syllabi of Calcutta University , Delhi University, Aligarh Muslim University, Jamia Milia University, Benares Hindu University, Hyderabad and Osmania University along with NET and UPSC examination guidelines were followed. It was proposed and agreed upon that for maintaining the fluidity of the syllabus and at the same time to make the syllabi more relevant for NET /SET specifications, the curriculum designing should be deemed as a continuous process. Accordingly, the college is hosting a number of interactive sessions aimed at achieving universality in syllabus design.

Most of the Undergraduate courses in the University of Calcutta have modified their syllabi in keeping with the Universities of national importance. Board of Studies of almost all subjects organized workshops to decide upon the framing. Apart from the members in UG Board of studies, teachers of respective subjects were free to offer suggestions on syllabi and model questions. The modified syllabi, are being followed by the students who got themselves admitted in 2009-10 academic session and are being designated as New Syllabus (1+1+1) 2009 regulations. Almost all teachers have contributed in designing these syllabi in the University of Calcutta.

4. Inter Disciplinary programmes:

All Undergraduate courses are interdisciplinary. A Language major student can opt for Social Sciences or an Economics Major student can opt for Mathematics/ Statistics as subsidiaries or vice versa. Learning an optional language and a modern Indian Language is compulsory for all the students and the college offers ample

flexibility in choice of languages as English, Bengali and Urdu are taught. Environmental Studies is obligatory for all students and this is taken care of by as many as six departments namely, Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, Microbiology, Economics and Sociology. Furthermore, the core subjects like Microbiology and Sociology are interdisciplinary in nature and being contributed by several departments simultaneously.

5. Examination Reforms implemented.

It was proposed that PG curriculum would entail performances in project/dissertation/seminars/reviews with supporting viva- voce examination. Post Graduate scripts are evaluated by both an internal and an external examiner. A double examiner system prevails in these courses. In case of variations of more than 15% there is the provision of appointing a third examiner. However, major reforms in the Undergraduate evaluation system are in the purview of the University and we, from time to time, suggest methods to improve the existing system prevailing therein.

6. Candidates qualified: NET / SLET / GATE etc.

7. Initiative towards faculty development programme

- Number of refresher courses attended by teachers in 2009-10 was 09.
- Number of orientation courses attended by teachers in 2009-10 was 03.
- Number of teachers awarded PhD degrees in 2009-10 was 05.

- The Department of Sociology was involved in organizing Sensitivity, Awareness and Motivation workshop under CBWM scheme of UGC as regional centre.

Almost all teachers were given requisite leave for attending and presenting papers in seminars. Teachers are encouraged to attend seminars, workshops, refresher courses, orientation programmes and to take up summer assignments or to visit institution home and abroad.

8. Total number of seminars and workshops conducted:

8 Seminars/Workshops and 3 public Lecture Sessions.

9. Research Projects (a) Ongoing (b) Completed

- a) 2 Major research projects and 6 minor research projects are continuing.
- b) 3 Major projects have been completed.
- c) One NSF, USA funded collaborative project in which Dr. D. P. Chattopadhyay, Associate Professor of Sociology acting as one of the Country Co-ordinators.

10. Patents Generated, if any.

11. New Collaborative research programmes

a) Dr. D.P Chattopadhyay, Department of Sociology in Collaborative Research (January 2009 to June 2009) on “ Initiative for Education of Disadvantaged Children and Empowerment of Rural Women in Bishnubati(Birbhum) and Hottor (South 24 Parganas), West Bengal run by AGAPE,Heidelberg, Germany, an International NGO.

b) Dr. D.P Chattopadhyay, Department of Sociology in Collaborative Research with the Institute for the Future (IFTF),Palo alto,CA,USA in an ethnographic project looking at “Behaviour Changes in Specific Domains like Security, Local Communities and Entrepreneurialism in Kolkata” with Dr. Mani Pande, research director,IFTF.

12. Research grants received from various agencies.

During the period July 2009 to June 2010, the research grants received were as follows.

Sl. No.	Date of the Project	Funding Authority	Nature	Amount	Completed/ Ongoing	Name of Teacher and Department
1.	April,2007	UGC	Major	Rs.10,00,100/	ongoing	Dr. S.C. Dasgupta, Zoology Department
2.	April,2008	UGC	Major	Rs.9,34,300/-	ongoing	Dr. T.N.Khan Zoology Department
3.	April,2008	UGC	Major	Rs.9,31,800/-	ongoing	Dr. Subha Manna Zoology Department
4.	October, 2008	NSF, USA	Major	\$ 589,539/-	Ongoing	Dr. D. P. Chattopadhyay, Sociology Dept.
5	27.01.2010	UGC-JRF			Sanctioned	Dr. A. Chakraborty Deptt. Of Chemistry
6.	April,2008	DST	Major	Rs.1,85,000/-	ongoing	Dr. Bhaskar De, Physics Department
7.	April 2009	UGC	6 Minor research Projects	Rs. 10.77 Lakhs	Ongoing	

13. Details of Research Scholars.

- i) Sri Kautilya Bhattacharjee UGC JRF under Dr. Sanjib Das, Zoology Dept.
- ii) Sri Anirban Sinha UGC JRF under Dr. T. N. Khan, Zoology Dept
- iii) Sri Salil Putatunda, UGC-JRF under Dr. A. Chakraborty, Deptt. Of Chemistry

14. Citation index of faculty members and impact factor

IQAC has no record regarding this .

15. Honors/Awards to the faculty: National and International

International:

- a) Dr. D.P Chattopadhyay, Department of Sociology was chosen as a collaborator (January 2009 to June 2009) in “ Initiative for Education of Disadvantaged Children and Empowerment of Rural Women in Bishnubati(Birbhum) and Hottor (South 24 Parganas), West Bengal” by AGAPE,Heidelberg, Germany, an International NGO.
- b) Dr. D.P Chattopadhyay, Department of Sociology was chosen as a collaborator
- c) with the Institute for the Future (IFTF),Palo alto,CA,USA in an ethnographic project looking at “Behaviour Changes in Specific Domains like Security, Local Communities and Entrepreneurialism in Kolkata” with Dr. Mani Pande, research director,IFTF.

National:

- Dr. S.C. Dasgupta, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, was nominated by the DPI to act as his nominee in screening committees for CAS in Zoology.
- Dr. Swapan Bhattacharyya, Associate Professor, Microbiology, was nominated to the Governing Body of Netaji Nagar College for Women
- Dr. Swapan Bhattacharyya, Associate Professor, Microbiology, was elected to the Governing Body of the College as Teachers’ representative.
- Dr. Madhumita Sen, Associate Professor,Sociology was selected an Associate at IUC at the IIAS,Shimla, Nov,2009.
- Dr. Madhumita Sen , Associate Professor,Sociology ,was awarded Guest Faculty position by department of Business Management, University of Calcutta -2010.
- Dr. D.P Chattopadhyay, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology was nominated an editor of SAGE journal entitled International Sociology-2009

16. Internal Resources Generated

The college is fully administered by the Government of West Bengal. Internal Resource Generation as per rules of the Government is not allowed as per rules. However, the Distance Education wing of the college, which is affiliated to the IGNOU, is completely self financed.

17. Details of departments getting assistance/recognition under SAP, COSIST (ASSIST)/DST, FIST, and other programmes

During the year of report following were the nature of such assistance received:

- NSF,USA Award No : 0827006 : Social Networks as agents of Change in Climate Change Policy Making : Starts on October 01 2008: Award Value: USD 589539 Recipient: Dr.D. P. Chattopadhyay, Reader, Sociology with Prof. J. Broadbent, University of Minnesota, USA.
- DST: Model Based Probes into some Aspects of Hot and Dense Partonic Matter at RHIC and LHC : Rs.1,85,000/-

18. Community Services :

i) The National Service Scheme:

The scheme is coordinated by Dr. Dabir Ahmed, Reader in Urdu and it looks after the fact that a healthy environment prevails over the college and the surrounding localities. Thanks to their efforts, amenities of the students have increased. Filtered cold water supply has been ensured in every floor and students are looking after the upkeep of these units. Healthy food is ensured and quality check of food materials sold from canteen is undertaken by the NSS in association with the Microbiology Department. The college is an epitome of amity and harmony. With majority of students from the minority communities, it needs day to day effort to see that sentiment of no one is harmed. Thanks to the yearlong NSS activity, not a single unpleasant incident has been reported ever.

ii) Environment and Law awareness programme in collaboration with State Pollution Control Board titled "Earth, Water and Law".

iii) The college continues to work in close association with SANGLAP an NGO in women empowerment and entrepreneurship programmes throughout the year.

iv) Initiatives for Education of Disadvantaged Children and Empowerment of Rural Women in Bishnubati (Birbhum) and Hottor (South 24 Parganas), West Bengal in association with AGAPE, Heidelberg, Germany, an International NGO.

v) The college arranges for scholarships for every student in need from various agencies like the Department of Minority Affairs, Central and State governments, Wakf Board etc.

19. Teachers and Officers newly recruited.

Recruitment of teachers is done by WBPSC. Recruitment of non-teaching takes place year on year basis. Support staff are recruited by the methodologies followed by the office of the DPI,WB. Following are the relevant data:

Full-timeTeacher(Transferred/joined)	08
Part-time Teachers	21
Supportive staff	Nil

20. Teaching & non-teaching ratio

During 2008-09, the teaching and non-teaching staff ratio was 2:1 (approx)

21. Improvements in the library services

New Implementations during 2009-10:

Chemical preservation and digitization of rare old books and parsian manuscripts was undertaken last year and majority of the works were completed this year. The project outlay was Rs.7,80,000/- and this was co-funded by National and State Achieves at 75:25 cost sharing basis. We have used the fund for not only preservation but arrangements have also been made for public display of the achieved articles.

- JSTOR subscription applied for.
- The reading room was further refurbished with new chairs, tables, ACs, display racks and net connectivity.
- New racks and book cases were procured for all departmental libraries.
- Net search/requisition facility for both UG and PG students.

22. New books/journals subscribed and their value

- Rs 3,83,742/- were spent as State development Grant on Books and Journals for Central Library. 1141 titles were added.
- Rs. 1,17,577/- were spent exclusively for improvement of Post Graduate Library under UGC grant and 420 new titles were added.
- 10 journals are subscribed by the Central Library in print and E-forms.
- 4 journals are subscribed to by the P.G. department of Zoology.

23. Courses in which student assessment of teachers is introduced and the action taken on student feedback.

The outgoing 3rd year students were asked to give feedback and assess the teachers and the courses. The practice is in vogue since 2007. The departments hold assessment meetings to analyze their own Strength and Weakness.

24. Feedback from stakeholders

- Parents-Teachers meetings are held in every department, either periodically or at the time of initiation after a student is admitted.
- Students Union Council is consulted to obtain feedbacks on Common Room facilities, Washroom facilities, Library, amenities in and around college and hostel. Based on their feedback, the government is being pursued to remove an out of service government milk depot, as the students complained about some activities taking place in this depot.

- Feedback is also taken from the Alumni Association. Prof. G Sarwar Head, Parsian Department, being the General Secretary of the Maulana Azad College Alumni Association is ably bridging the past students with their alma mater.

25. Unit cost of Education.

The Plan expenditure was Rs. 25,30,000/-

Taking into account the 2850 regular course students in the college the Unit Cost arrived at is Rs919/-only.

26. Computerization of administration and the process of admissions and examination results, issue of certificates.

- Admission and student information management is fully computerized.
- The college office is computerized and both student and staff section operates through customized software.
- The confidential section is fully computerized.
- Salaries, Accounts, pay- slips, etc. are also computerized.
- All departments have 100% access to computer facilities.
- The College is fully networked and DELNET-INFLIBNET connected.

27. Increase in the infrastructural facilities

- Rs.8,00,000/- were sanctioned for improvement of laboratories by the state.
- Rs. 15,70,000/- were sanctioned for remedial caching Centre and NET/SET coaching centre by the UGC. Both have started operating in July 2010.
- Rs.8,00,000/- were sanctioned for procuring chemicals and glasswares in the laboratories.
- New racks ,bookcases,chairs,tables and filing cabinets worth Rs.2,25,000/- were added this year.
- Rs.6,36,200/-were spent on maintenance of the equipments.
- Rs. 9,00,000/- was sanctioned for procuring a 20KV generator for the college.
- Extension of the Hostel facility by addition of an Annexe building has been undertaken.

28. Technology Up gradation

- Complete overhauling of electrical wirings.
- Installation of fire extinguishers in every floor and department.
- New computers were added to departments, office, students' section, library and common rooms
- New softwares and hardwares in keeping with changed syllabus in Physics, Statistics, Mathematics departments.
- New instruments to augment the need of the syllabi in all science departments.
- Computerized ID cards for all students.

29. Computer and internet access and training to teachers, non-teaching staff and Students.

- i. Computer and internet access to all teachers and students.
- ii. Every non-teaching staff including the security staff have computer and internet access.
- iii. Separate computer labs in Physics, Mathematics, Statistics, Zoology and Sociology departments.
- iv. Full internet access for teachers and students in the library.
- v. All other departments have individual computers with Internet access.
- vi. Networked computer facility in Boys' Hostel.
- vii. Computer access in Students' Common rooms.

30. Financial aid to students.

- Students from underprivileged class are exempted from paying fees.
- Students in need are supported from Student Aid Fund.
- Scholarships are given to all SC, ST, Minorities and Girl students fulfilling the minimum criteria.
- There has not been a single report of student dropping out due to inadequate finances.

31. Activities and support from the Alumni Association.

The college can boast of alumni who excelled in all spheres of life. Founder and ex-President of Bangladesh, Professor Bimal Krishna Matilal of Oxford University, Justice Ashok Kumar Ganguly, Bhatnagar Awardee Professor Bikash Chakraborty of SINP, Md.Safi, former Chief Editor of PTI are to name a few. Currently, Prof. Ghulam Sarwar, Head of the Persian Department of this college is the General Secretary of Alumni Association. The association held several meetings and met the Principal on a number of occasions. Members of alumni are invited to take part in Founders' day celebration, celebration of Milad-ul-Nabi. During the Ramadan, Iftar is organized in association with the alumni. Due to acute shortage of space, the alumni association is still functioning from the shared facilities with Persian department. Efforts are on to identify exclusive faculties for the association.

32. Activities and support from the Parent-Teacher Association

There is no Parents' Body in the College, although, Parent-Teacher meetings are held in every department. Initiation meetings are held at the time of admission. Results and other observations are shared with the Guardians on one- to- one basis. Moreover, Guardians are free to meet the Principal any time and there had been several instances where the Principal and the teachers had to undertake counseling sessions with students facing psychological trauma. These sessions proved to be extremely helpful for the guardians and students alike.

33. Health Services

Basic first-aid facilities were provided by the NSS of the college.

Every science department has first aid arrangements.

In case of emergency, links had been made with nearby Government hospitals like Calcutta Medical College and National Medical College, Calcutta.

34. Performance in sports activities:

i) College Sports-

a. large number of Boys and girls took part in 17 disciplines of athletics.

b. Inter Departmental Badminton Championship for Boys and Girls- The Girls team has been selected for competing in University tournament.

c. Inter Departmental Football Championship

d. Inter Departmental Cricket Championship

Md. Sajawat Ali Mandal and Ms. Shamshad Ara were declared outstanding sportsman and sportswoman of the year respectively

ii. The college team participated in Calcutta University Inter-college tournaments and Inter Government College Sports Meet respectively.

35. Incentives to outstanding sportspersons

Participants are given all kits, TA, Food and Medical expenses.

Scholarships are given to sportspersons in need.

36. Student Achievement & Awards.

Achievers in University Examination were facilitated by the respective departments.

Prize Distribution Ceremony was held on the concluding day of Annual Sports Meet.

37. Activities of the Guidance and Counseling unit

The college has a grievance redressal, discipline monitoring and counseling cell.

Grievances from the students were few and far between. Some interactions and counseling had to be undertaken to address emotional problems of one or two students.

Confidence building in a student is one of the foremost duties of a teacher. Fortunately, majority of the students take to this college as their second home and teachers always keep close eyes on their skill and personality development.

38. Placement services provided to students

Prof. D. P. Banerjee of the Department of English was the coordinator of career counseling and placement cell of the college. Both recruiters and institutes of higher learning had sessions during the year of report.

39. Development Programmes for non-teaching staff

- Upkeep of Staff quarters is done by the PWD.
- Recreational facility, RO purified water, computers
- A separate recreation room has been built for the staff.
- Several computers have been given to the non-teaching staff.
- Internet access was given to the staff members.
- Security staff was given proper uniform.

40. Good Practices of the Institution

The college was recognized by the UGC as a College with Potential for Excellence in March 2010 for its good practices which include:

- 21 UG and 3 PG courses.
- Autonomous PG courses with syllabi in keeping with National Universities.
- Excellent laboratories for both UG and PG students.
- Dual lending facility for the students- from central library and the seminar.
- A large number of students(> 20) qualifying for NET and GATE during post NAAC period.
- Teachers evaluated by students and external peer groups.
- Good international and national collaboration record in research and outreach.
- Healthy Teacher : Student ratio (< 40:1)
- 92% passed in final UG examination with 110 students attaining First Class
- 100% qualifying for PG degree with 100% attaining First Class.
- Good publication and research record by the faculty.
- NET qualified Ph.D students.
- All part time Teachers are NET qualified.
- Excellent pool of Guest faculty.
- Involvement of teachers in distance learning mode through in house centre of IGNOU;
- Remedial courses for weaker students / tutorial classes;
- Completely digitized library;
- Completely digitized maintenance of student database;
- Providing all assistance to SC/ST, Minorities, students from BPL families girl students for completion of their studie;.
- Negligible Drop Out rate;
- Access to online journals through DELNET-INFLIBNET;
- Amity and cordiality among students of different religious beliefs;

- Ample sports and games facilities for the students;
- Celebration of all National days of importance;
- Annual get together and Farewell ceremony to facilitate all retiring teaching and non-teaching staff;
- Regular arrangements of Educational excursions;
- Canteen facility for both students and staff;
- Recreation room for Non-teaching staff;
- 24 hour security staff recruited from ex-armymen.
- Discipline monitoring and counseling cell to support the students;
- Linkages with NGO;
- ID cards for all the students;
- New Hostel Building for boarders.
- Maintenance of a 'Bangabandhu' commemorative museum in Baker Hostel;
- Strong NSS activity;
- Strong unit of NCC;
- Hygienic maintenance of washrooms;
- Water quality check laboratory for general public;
- Environment awareness Seminar/workshops arranged.

41. Linkages developed with National / International, academic/research bodies.

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- c) Dr. D.P Chattopadhyay, Department of Sociology in Collaborative Research in 'Provisions of Safe Drinking Water in Some Rural Areas of West Bengal'. Collaboration with Public Health Engineering Department, Government of West Bengal.
- d) Dr.Subir Chandra Dasgupta, Zoology Department carrying out two UGC funded major projects in collaboration with Department of Physiology, University of Calcutta.
- e) Dr. Subha Manna, Department of Zoology, in UGC funded major project with Visva Bharati University.

- f) Dr. T.N.Khan, Department of Zoology, in a UGC funded Major Research Project with Jadavpur University.
- g) Dr. Swapan Bhattacharyya, in a DBT funded Major Project with Prof. A.K.Paul, Department of Botany, University of Calcutta.
- h) Dr. Rini Roy in Collaboration with Dr. A.Nag Choudhury, Department of Microbiology, Lady Brabourne College.
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42. Action Taken Report on the AQAR of the previous year

- Autonomous Post graduate courses started operating in English and Urdu.
- The College vied for the CPE status and accordingly submitted the required data for consideration to the University of Calcutta in 2008-09 AQAR period. This year we have received the coveted CPE status from the UGC.
- The college received assistance for all the schemes it had sought to implement during the plan period under consideration. Accordingly the programmes like 'Entry into Services for SC/ST/Minorities'; 'NET/SET Coaching Centre'; Remedial Coaching Centre'; Day Care Centre' etc. were established.
- A new annex building of the Baker Hostel has been constructed. New boarders will be allocated seats here during 2010-11 academic session. For surveillance, Ex- Servicemen were recruited. New books and periodicals, TV etc were also added.
- All major research projects were successfully defended and assistance to the tune of Rs. 67 lakhs were allocated for all these schemes taken together.
- During the last academic session we could develop a state of the art language laboratory with all audio-visual facilities in the offering.
- University result was bettered considerably during this academic session.

43. Any other relevant information the institution wishes to add.

- Maulana Azad College is one exemplary centre of amity and harmony and upholding true spirit of secular ideals.
- All underprivileged students and particularly girl students are supported financially;
- All teachers belong to transferable WBES/ WBSES cadre. So the status update includes those of the teachers who have already been transferred or have joined in this AQAR period.
- All part time teachers are UGC qualification compliant.

- All guest faculty are eminent teachers of repute from Universities and Research bodies.
- The college is one of the major distant learning centers affiliated to IGNOU with an enrolment strength of nearly 4000. Both UG and PG Degree courses and PG Diploma/Certificate courses are catered to by the regular faculty members and guests acting as counselors.

SECTION: C

Outcomes achieved by the end of the year:

On the basis of NAAC recommendations and internal reports submitted to the government we were able to implement the following:

- Post Graduate Classes in English and Urdu started in 2009-10 academic session.
- Formation of an archive of old Persian and Urdu manuscripts in collaboration with the National archives in progress.
- Altogether Rs.67 Lakh major research project have been successfully defended and will be operative in next academic session.
- Teachers of all departments contributed to the framing in syllabi according to the new regulation of the University of Calcutta through workshops.
- Security and discipline of the boarders in hostels was further improved by recruiting Ex-servicemen for the purpose.
- Number of seats and other facilities are going to be increased as construction of a new annexe building and kitchen block under way. NAAC particularly highlighted the want of required facilities in hostel and since then the college is putting in extra effort to upgrade the hostel to a great extent.
- Programme for complete digitalization of Cataloguing, lending, process in the Library was taken up at the beginning of the year. Assistance from State Achieves was also sought. At the end of the year we were able to form a state of the art, network linked digitalized Library in the College.
- We were successfully able to digitalize the entire office and admission related works in our college.
- All laboratories were upgraded further. Funds were made available from the Government as well as other funding agencies like the UGC and DST.
- New collaborations were established with both academic bodies and NGOs during the year.
- The college has been declared as a College with Potential for Excellence after it successfully defended its proposal along with four more colleges of the state.
- The college applied for the CPE status and was informed to be shortlisted till the time of this report.

SECTION - D

Plans of the HEI for the next year (2010-11)

1. To establish a School of Sociological Research in the year to come.
2. To upgrade all the science laboratories further.
3. To establish a School of Environment Awareness and Conservation to work in close association with target communities
4. To augment the requirements of a Language laboratory for making it a state of the art center.
5. To establish a controller of examination cell for the autonomous PG section.
6. To upgrade the Department of Microbiology to a Post Graduate department.
7. To increase the number of seats by at least 150 more with the opening of new Annexe building.