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Faculty Development Program

Understanding NBA Tier-I Accreditation: Pathway to Academic Excellence

All faculty members are hereby informed that a **Faculty Development Program (FDP)** on "Understanding NBA Tier-I Accreditation: Pathway to Academic Excellence." is organized by the Computer Engineering department in association with IQAC – CRCE to provide comprehensive insight into the Tier-1 accreditation framework of the National Board of Accreditation (NBA).

The FDP aims at providing comprehensive guidance and clarity on the transition from Tier-II to Tier-I accreditation under the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) framework, enabling faculty members to understand the revised criteria, enhanced Outcome Based Education (OBE) requirements, documentation standards, and strategic institutional preparedness necessary to successfully achieve Tier-I status.

Details of the Program:

- **Date:** 20/2/2026
- **Time:** 10:00am - 4:00 pm
- **Venue:** 608
- **Resource Person:** Dr. R.R. Lekurwale ,Professor, Head of Mechanical Engineering, Director IQAC, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai

List of faculty participants from each department have been attached here. Other faculty members who are interested may attend the same.

Dipali Koshti

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The following faculty members need to attend the FDP to take the benefit of the FDP.

S.N.	Name of the Department	Name of the Faculty
1	Computer Engineering	HoD, CE, Dr. Sujata Dheshmukh
2		Prof. Merley Thomas (Controller of Examination)
3		Dr. Monica Khanore
4		Dr. Ashok Kanthe
5		Dr. Roshni Padate
6		Dr. Monali Shetty
7		Dr. Kranti Wagale (IIC coordinator)
8		Prof. Ashwinin Pansare
9		Dr. Sushma Nagdeote
10		Prof. Prajakta Dhamanskar
11		Prof. Prachi Patil
12		Prof. Prashvi Shah
13		Prof. Sangeeta Parshionikar
14		Prof. Heenakauser Pendhari
15		Prof. Unik Lokhande
16	CSE	HOD, CSE, Dr. Jagruti Save
17		Dr. Dipali Koshti (Dean, IQAC)
18		Prof. Garima Tripathi
19		Prof. Vaishali Gaidhane
20	ECS	HOD, ECS, Dr. Swapnali Makadey
21		Dr. Deepak Bhoir (Dean, Academics)
22		Dr. Sailakshmi Parvathi
23		Prof. Archana Lopes
24		Prof. Prajakta Bhangale
25	MECH	HOD, MECH, Dr. Vasim Shaikh
26		Dr. Bhushan Patil
27		Dr. Abhijit Tanksale (Dean, R&D)
28		Dr. Paramjit Thakur
29	H&S	HOD, H&S Dr. Hemant Khanolkar
30		Dr. Dipak Bauskar
31		Dr. Lalit Prasad
32		Mr. Mahesh Sharma (Training & Placement Officer)
33		Librarian - Mrs. G. Jothilakshmi (Librarian)

(Dr. Supriya Kamoji) (Dr. Smita Ambarkar) CO-ORDINATORS

(Dr. Dipali Koshti) DEAN-IQAC

(Dr. Sapna Prabhu) I/C PRINCIPAL



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Report on Faculty Development Program (FDP) on

Understanding NBA Tier-I Accreditation: Pathway to Academic Excellence

The Department of Computer Engineering, in association with IQAC – CRCE, organized a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on **“Understanding NBA Tier-I Accreditation: Pathway to Academic Excellence”** on **20th February 2026** from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at **Room 608**. The session witnessed active participation from **30 faculty members representing various departments**, reflecting strong interdisciplinary interest in NBA accreditation reforms.

The FDP was conducted by **Dr. R. R. Lekurwale, Professor, Head of Mechanical Engineering and Director – IQAC, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai**, who provided comprehensive guidance on the revised NBA Tier-I accreditation framework under GAPC Version 4.0 (July 2024 format).

The session commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Dipali Koshti, Dean – IQAC, who greeted the distinguished dignitaries, including Dr. Sapna Prabhu, Principal, Dr. Sujata Deshmukh, Head of the Department of Computer Engineering, the esteemed guest speaker, and all faculty participants. She briefly outlined the objectives and significance of the FDP in the context of achieving NBA Tier-I accreditation. Following this, the Principal addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of Tier-I accreditation in enhancing academic quality, institutional reputation, and global recognition. Subsequently, Dr. Supriya formally introduced the resource person and invited him to commence the technical session.

Dr. Lekurwale began the session with an in-depth overview of the NBA Outcome-Based Accreditation framework under GAPC Version 4.0. He explained the transition from earlier Program Outcome structures to the revised framework aligned with Washington Accord Graduate Attributes. The session elaborated on the distinction between Tier-I and Tier-II accreditation, pre-qualifier requirements such as AICTE approval, Student-Faculty Ratio (SFR), Ph.D. faculty percentage, HoD eligibility, and faculty cadre ratio norms. He also discussed grading categories (Y, C, W, D), criteria-wise mark distribution totaling 1000 marks, and mandatory compliance conditions for 3-year and 6-year accreditation status.

Further, Dr. Lekurwale detailed the conceptual foundation of GAPC 4.0, emphasizing the 11 Program Outcomes (PO1–PO11) and the Knowledge & Attitude Profile components. He highlighted the increasing importance of sustainability, net-zero initiatives, SDG integration, ethics, diversity, inclusion, and digital literacy in engineering education. The session clarified the classification of engineering problems into well-defined, broadly-defined, and complex problems, and explained expectations from Tier-I institutions. He also stressed evidence-based assessment, CO–PO–PSO attainment mapping, industry collaboration, research integration, and continuous improvement mechanisms aligned with global standards.



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In the post lunch segment, Dr. Lekurwale provided step-by-step guidance on filling the Self-Assessment Report (SAR) in the GAPC 4.0 format. He explained documentation requirements across all nine accreditation criteria, including curriculum mapping, attainment calculations, rubrics, faculty contributions, research output, industry engagement, and SDG initiatives. Special emphasis was placed on accurate SFR computation, faculty cadre compliance (1:2:6 ratio), Ph.D. percentage verification, and proper uploading of documentary evidence. The session provided practical insights into maintaining consistency between claims and supporting documents to ensure a strong accreditation outcome.

The FDP was highly informative and interactive, enabling faculty members to gain clarity on the transition from Tier-II to Tier-I accreditation and the enhanced expectations under the revised NBA framework. Participants appreciated the structured explanations and practical strategies shared during the session.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Smita Ambarkar, acknowledging the valuable guidance provided by Dr. Lekurwale and the enthusiastic participation of faculty members across departments. Dr. Sujata Deshmukh delivered the concluding remarks of the FDP, emphasizing that faculty members play a pivotal role in ensuring quality assurance and continuous improvement in higher education. She highlighted that the commitment, preparedness, and active involvement of teachers are fundamental to achieving and sustaining academic excellence. . The FDP significantly contributed toward strengthening institutional preparedness for achieving Tier-I accreditation status.

Submitted by

Dr. Supriya Kamoji and Dr. Smita Ambarkar

Glimpses of the event are attached below for reference.



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