

Report of the Academic & Administrative Audit (AAA) of Adichunchanagiri University

Dates of Visit:
August 12th and 13th 2023

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Program Schedule – 12th and 13th August 2023

Day 1: 12/08/2023

Time	Event
8:00 AM -	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and Introduction
9:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brief overview of the audit objectives and expectations.
9:00 AM -	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program Evaluation
10:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the number of programs offered over the last five years.• Assess program relevance, quality, and alignment with industry needs.
10:30 AM -	Break
11:00 AM	
11:00 AM -	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Enrollment Analysis
12:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Examine the trend in student enrollment over the last five years.• Discuss factors influencing student numbers.
12:30 PM -	Lunch
1:30 PM	
1:30 PM -	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduation Rates and Student Outcomes
3:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyze the graduation rates and placement outcomes.• - Identify areas for improvement in student success.
3:00 PM -	Tea Break
3:30 PM	
3:30 PM -	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty Assessment
5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluate the number of full-time teachers and the growth in sanctioned posts.• Review faculty qualifications, research contributions, and teaching effectiveness.

Day 2: 13/08/2023

Time	Event
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Review• Examine the total expenditure excluding salary over the last five years.• Identify areas of financial strength and potential cost optimization.
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College-wise Analysis• Breakout sessions with representatives from each constituent college.• Discuss specific challenges, achievements, and goals.
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Infrastructure and Facilities Inspection• Progress in infrastructure development projects• Ensuring state-of-the-art facilities in all colleges
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drafting Preliminary Recommendations• Consolidate findings and outline initial recommendations.• Identify key focus areas for improvement.
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Tea Break
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present preliminary recommendations to university leadership.• Discuss next steps and timelines for the comprehensive audit report.
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing Remarks and Departure• Closing remarks from both university representatives and the peer team• Exchange of contact information for follow-up

Profile of the University

Location:

The university is situated in a serene and lush green unitary campus spanning 67 acres at B.G. Nagara, Nagamangala Tq., Mandya District, Karnataka. Positioned on the Bangalore – Mangalore National Highway No. 75, it is conveniently located 105 Kms from Bangalore, the capital city of Karnataka.

Constituent Colleges:

Adichunchanagiri University comprises six constituent colleges, each specializing in distinct disciplines:

1. Medicine
2. Pharmacy
3. Nursing
4. Engineering
5. Management
6. Commerce and Education

Campus Overview:

The eco-friendly campus is equipped with ample infrastructure and physical facilities dedicated to academics and research. With a student body of approximately 5000, the university hosts a faculty of 481 teachers and is supported by a staff of 1800.

Academic Focus:

The university is committed to realizing its vision, mission, and objectives, aiming to expand the horizons of world knowledge. It focuses on providing high-quality instruction, fostering teaching-learning, and conducting research and development at

the higher education level. The faculties include Health Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Management and Technology, Humanities & Social Sciences, and other emerging and thrust areas.

Value Systems:

Adichunchanagiri University places a strong emphasis on moral values and character building. Under the guidance of His Holiness Sri Mahaswamiji and in association with Sri Adichunchanagiri Shikshana Trust ® (SAST), the university conducts various programs and activities aimed at instilling moral values in students' lives. These include Character Building and Life Skill programs, Personality Development initiatives, Value-Based Cultural Programs, Leadership Training Courses, and Self-Introspection Lessons. The university collaborates with spiritual leaders and organizations like Ramakrishna Ashram, Art of Living, and other eminent personalities to convey moral values to the community.

Statistical Snapshot:

- Campus Size: 67 acres
- Location: B.G. Nagara, Nagamangala Tq., Mandya District, Karnataka
- Distance from Bangalore: 105 Kms
- Constituent Colleges: Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Engineering, Management, Commerce and Education
- Student Population: 4974
- Faculty: 481
- Support Staff: 1800

Vision:

To be a leading center for education, research, and holistic development, contributing to global knowledge and societal well-being.

Mission:

To provide quality education, nurture innovation, and cultivate ethical and socially responsible leaders through a conducive learning environment and cutting-edge research.

Objectives:

- Advance academic and research excellence.
- Foster interdisciplinary collaboration.
- Inculcate moral and ethical values.
- Provide holistic education for societal impact.

Motto:

"Knowledge, Compassion, and Service"

This university profile reflects Adichunchanagiri University's commitment to academic excellence, moral values, and holistic development in a vibrant and environmentally conscious setting.

Achievements:

- Gradual increase in the number of programs offered.
- Consistent growth in student enrollment and graduation rates.
- Expansion of faculty resources to meet academic demands.

Challenges:

- Need for continuous improvement in program quality.
- Addressing financial constraints to enhance infrastructure.
- Strengthening industry partnerships for better student outcomes.

Unique Aspects:

- Specialized colleges catering to various disciplines.
- Emphasis on holistic education and values

Overall recommendations to the University

1. Strengths:

- **Program Diversity:** The university has made commendable progress in expanding its program offerings, reflecting a commitment to catering to diverse educational needs.
- **Student Growth:** The consistent increase in student enrollment over the last five years demonstrates the university's popularity and accessibility.
- **Faculty Development:** The growth in the number of full-time teachers and sanctioned posts indicates a commitment to strengthening the academic faculty, which is crucial for maintaining high educational standards.
- **Financial Management:** The university has shown responsible financial management, as evidenced by the steady growth in expenditure excluding salaries.

2. Areas for Improvement:

- **Program Quality and Relevance:**
 1. Conduct a thorough curriculum review to ensure programs remain relevant to industry needs.
 2. Implement regular feedback mechanisms from students and industry partners to enhance program quality.
- **Student Success and Outcomes:**
 1. Develop and strengthen initiatives to improve graduation rates and employability of graduates.
 2. Establish a robust career counseling and placement support system for students.
- **Faculty Empowerment:**
 1. Provide continuous professional development opportunities for faculty members.
 2. Encourage and support faculty research activities to enhance the university's academic reputation.
- **Financial Sustainability:**
 1. Explore avenues for increasing revenue streams, such as industry partnerships, research grants, and alumni contributions.
 2. Conduct a comprehensive review of expenses to identify areas for cost optimization.
- **Infrastructure Development:**
 1. Prioritize infrastructure development to accommodate the growing student population and enhance the overall learning environment.

2. Seek external funding or partnerships for major infrastructure projects.
- Community Engagement:
 1. Strengthen community outreach programs and partnerships to address societal needs effectively.
 2. Encourage students and faculty to actively participate in community service initiative

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Specific recommendations and action plan to each constituent college

Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences

- Feedback:
 - Strengths: Strong reputation, experienced faculty.
 - Areas for Improvement: Practical training, research output.
- Recommendations:
 - Enhanced Clinical Training:
 - Action Plan:
 - Collaborate with renowned hospitals for extended practical exposure.
 - Establish simulation labs for hands-on training.
 - Research Culture:
 - Action Plan:
 - Encourage faculty to engage in research through incentives.
 - Initiate research collaboration with medical institutions globally.

BGS Institute of Technology:

- Feedback:
 - Strengths: Quality faculty, academic infrastructure.
 - Areas for Improvement: Industry connections, technology updates.
- Recommendations:
 - Industry Partnerships:
 - Action Plan:
 - Establish a dedicated industry liaison office.
 - Facilitate regular industry-academia interactions, workshops, and internships.
 - Technology Infrastructure:
 - Action Plan:
 - Invest in upgrading laboratories and technology resources.
 - Introduce emerging technologies into the curriculum.

Adichunchanagiri College of Nursing:

Feedback:

- Strengths: Nursing programs, dedicated faculty.
- Areas for Improvement: Practical exposure, industry collaboration.

Recommendations:

1. Clinical Training Enhancement:
 - Action Plan:
 - Forge partnerships with healthcare institutions for clinical rotations.
 - Establish a nursing simulation center for realistic training.
2. Industry Collaboration:
 - Action Plan:
 - Facilitate tie-ups with healthcare organizations for internships.
 - Integrate industry experts into the curriculum through guest lectures.

Sri Adichunchanagiri College of Pharmacy:

Feedback:

- Strengths: Pharmacy programs, experienced faculty.
- Areas for Improvement: Research output, industry engagement.

Recommendations:

- Research Promotion:
 - Action Plan:
 - Encourage faculty and students to participate in conferences.
 - Establish a research fund for pharmacy-related projects.
- Industry Integration:
 - Action Plan:
 - Create a platform for students to interact with pharmaceutical companies.
 - Incorporate industry-relevant case studies into the curriculum.

BGS College of Education:

Feedback:

- Strengths: Teacher education programs.
- Areas for Improvement: Technology integration, practical training.

Recommendations:

- Technology in Education:
 - Action Plan:
 - Provide faculty training on technology integration.
 - Create a model classroom for demonstrating modern teaching methods.
 - Practical Teaching Experiences:
- Action Plan:
 - Establish partnerships with local schools for teaching practicums.
 - Initiate a mentorship program with experienced educators

Adichunchanagiri School of Natural Sciences

Feedback:

- Strengths: Natural sciences programs.
- Areas for Improvement: Interdisciplinary collaboration, research culture.

Recommendations:

- Interdisciplinary Initiatives:
 - Action Plan:
 - Facilitate joint projects with other colleges within the university.
 - Organize interdisciplinary seminars and workshops.
- Research Culture Enhancement:
 - Action Plan:
 - Establish research clusters in key natural science domains.
 - Encourage faculty and student participation in research conferences.