DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Action Taken Report on Curriculum Feedback

The department of Sociology is one of the earliest departments of the college and it has the prestige of giving birth to a new institution dedicated completely to social sciences – Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. The department offers UG programme in the aided stream and PG programme in the self-financing stream. The PG programme was introduced in 2015. The department conducted four syllabus revisions and it has considered the feedback of the stakeholders before every syllabus revision. The department has been taking various kinds of feedback for the continuous improvement of the curriculum as well as the teaching, learning and evaluation process. On the basis of the analysis of the feedback collected from the stakeholders, students, teachers, employers and alumni, the department effected appropriate changes in the syllabus and policy decisions have been made to ensure continuous improvement in the curriculum. The feedback form is common to all the departments having a structured format with relevant questions regarding the syllabi and curriculum. The student format has 12 questions, alumni feedback has 9 questions, employer feedback has 8 questions and teachers' format has 12 questions. The questions pertain to different aspects of curriculum like its relevance, its ability to meet industry requirement, develop leadership qualities, communication skills, professional ethics, extralearning, gender equity and care for nature and environment.

The Department has also been depending on other avenues to collect feedback from its stakeholders. The department collects teacher evaluation feedback from the students after every semester, before the issue of hall tickets. This is a mandatory requirement for every student to download the hall ticket. This is a comprehensive evaluation about the teaching learning process in the department. The department collects exit evaluation where the students express their genuine feeling about the programme and the way the department conducts the programme. The exit survey includes questions about the curriculum, teaching-learning, infrastructure, employability, skill development, conduct of examination, grievance redressal mechanism and service learning programme in the college. The department and the college have been making use of the feedback system to provide the students an opportunity to record their appreciations as well as to suggest improvements. May of the changes in the curriculum and syllabi have been the result of the creative suggestions of the stakeholders, particularly, students and employers.

Programme: B.A. Sociology

Year of Curriculum Revision: 2018-19

Year of Curriculum Implementation: 2019-20

| SI.No. | Feedback | Action taken |
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| 1 | Insufficient Field Visits | A proper mechanism has been instituted to ensure a minimum of two field visits in a semester |
| 2 | Syllabus not incorporating self - confidence and self-reliance to face competitive examinations | A special add -on course catering to this need has been incorporated in the First Semester itself |
| 3 | Syllabus not including recent subject developments | New areas like Sociology of Marginalization and Sociology of Crime have been included |

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