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## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

**DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING**

*Quality Document of the Department*

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## 1. Introduction about the department

The Department of Civil Engineering of VJIT started during academic year 2013-14 with an annual intake of 60. The strength has been increased to 120 in the year 2014-15. The course is approved by AICTE and affiliated to JNTU Hyderabad. VJIT has been granted Autonomous Status during the year 2015-16. The department is bestowed with highly qualified, motivated and dedicated faculties supported by modernized and well-equipped laboratories with State of Art facilities to cater the needs of UG and PG courses. Apart from technical education the department provides the students with research experience, facilitating students to work closely with research exercises where several undergraduate and postgraduate students along with faculty have presented their research at National and International Conferences and bagged many Awards. The Department equally believes in promoting industrial applications in engineering and continuously motivates students to work with the industry to have industry experience.

## 2. Vision and Mission of the Department

**Vision:** To be a pioneer in carving out world class civil engineers

### **Mission**

M1: To create productive environment for the graduates to be competent globally.

M2: To foster dedicated innovative teaching and learning environment by emphasizing planning and design aspects of civil engineering problems through lifelong learning.

M3: To establish centre of knowledge in emerging areas of civil engineering in collaboration with industry.

## 3.

### 4. Strategic Goals

1. Students Admission Quality/Academic Progress

2. The quality of courses and its sustainability

*The courses offered by the department are the best integration of industry demand and recent trends, to achieve this department have offered Green building Technologies as one of the Professional electives and the Industry oriented Computational laboratory.*

3. Enhancing the quality of Teaching – Learning :

*The teachers are motivated to attend several STTP, FDP, QIP, web learning through NPTEL which Up-gradation the knowledge and teaching skills. Also teachers are encouraged to use modern teaching aid (Already the model based learning laboratory proposal submitted to Management for approval)*

4. Scaling up of Research competency and Consultancy among faculty:

- *Providing platform to the faculty and students for R & D activities by encouraging research publication in a reputed journal, conferences, etc*
- *Encouraging faculty members to enroll for research programs*
- *Encourage faculty and students for collaborative research work*
- *Apply for R& D projects funding for the funding bodies like SERB,DST etc*

5. Developing Research Interest among Students

Encouraging students to attend conferences, work on innovative ideas in project work, and write research papers.

6. Placements & Higher Studies

- *The several expert talks can be arranged for career guidance.*
- *The students need to motivate for more number of registrations with T&P so that the students can utilize the training from placement cell which can help students to seek job in software domain.*

- *The students will be guided for certification courses in civil engineering domain like ACAD, Staad, Quantity surveying, Advanced surveying to create opportunity to get placed in core jobs and the starting hiring package can be improved with the skill set what they have. Such training can be arranged under placement cells or in department with external agency.*
  - *The students can be encourage for more no. of higher studies in Premier institutes in INDIA and abroad*
7. Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- *The students will be guided to work on innovative ideas through model making and guided and motivated to participate in several competitions on technical aspects.*
  - *The students will be encouraged for to be an Entrepreneurs by guiding them for licenses contracts, consultancy services for their self business.*
8. Improving Industry Institute Interaction
- *To improve the no. of contacts and no. of MoUs with industry to have committed activities like collaborative major projects, internships, Support for events organization, guest lectures, workshops by industry experts, consultancy etc.*
  - *To enhance the industry collaborative student's major projects leading to the placement, summer internship, improving the quality of projects.*
9. Equity action plan to help socially and academically weak students and teachers
- *The department is continuously put efforts on the slow learners and academically poor students and conducts the extra tutorial classes in zero hours everyday with a proper timetable of such classes.*
  - *Also during online mode the weekly counseling session are schedule to understand the difficulty and students are linked up with separate doubt sessions by the respective teachers.*
  - *Also the teachers who need to improve teaching skills (Fresher in teaching) and fundamentals are guided to appear for NPTEL web courses and encouraged to attend FDPs and short courses*
10. Obtaining accreditations NBA & NAAC 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle/NBA renewal for courses UG offered by the department
- *Department is first time appearing for NBA and presently working on evidence files work for inspections purpose.*
  - *And this process will be continuing after NBA inspections also by considering the comments given by NBA committee.*
11. Best Practices followed in the Department
- *The department encourages students' community to come up with their ideas on the technical and social issues. To address such issues department started "Delta Club" in 2015 which is run by students and all students are the part of it. This club organized several events since its establishment on monthly basis which generally includes the activities on the that semester courses like learn with fun, small scale model making, Mind maps, River linking activities, Town*

*planning etc. apart from this students are encouraged to be a part of organizing committee of all the events which are organized by the department through which the skills like teamwork, communication and ethics will improve.*

- *Also department has established “Knowledge centre” under the professional body, Indian Concrete Institute (Telangana) in the year Sept 2019. This knowledge centre offers the skill development programs like internship, Training to non teaching staff, Industry training to students etc.*

12. Outreach: Improving relations with community and society by taking up social relevant research projects etc.

*The department in association with NSS contributes to societal activities*

13. Students Achievements / Activities

The students are encouraged to take part in several technical events, model making competitions, poster presentations, paper presentations etc. It has been noted that the students received the award of “Best students chapter” in year 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in ASCE poster competitions, First prize in Model making National college fest, Best paper award in National conference. Also the departments will continuously putting efforts to improve these achievements.

14. SWOC Analysis (Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Challenges)

#### **Strengths**

- Qualified, experienced and motivated faculty members
- Excellent team work among faculty and students
- Revised and updated curriculum of UG & PG programme
- Academic calendar is strictly adhered to the schedule
- The department faculty recently started guiding research scholars.
- Very few motivated students
- Effective monitoring system for the students

#### **Weakness**

- Inadequate infrastructure and classroom ambience
- Inadequate no. and skillful supporting staff
- Less no. of Decorates
- Lack of placement activities
- Lack of opportunities to attract consultancy activity
- Inability to attract research projects from SERB/DST.
- Inability to attract AICTE grants due to the young existence of the department.
- Poor performance of students in examination
- Demotivated students and no support from parents
- Lack of research students as no recognition of research centre by University
- Poor R&D support from management

## **Opportunities**

- Flexible curriculum
- R&D & consultancy
- International collaboration
- Improved campus placement
- Starting new certification courses
- To start revenue generation
- Development of faculty and supporting staff
- Networking with National R & D labs., IITs
- PG Research Lab

## ***Challenges***

- Low level of competency of supporting staff
- Poor remuneration / employment opportunities for fresh graduates
- Disciplines quality of the students
- To attract research grants and consultancy work