

Progress Report

(Institutional Development and Academic Expansion Initiatives – Current Status)

Introduction

Agra College, Agra has undertaken several initiatives aimed at strengthening academic programmes, expanding institutional capacity, improving infrastructure, and enhancing governance mechanisms. These initiatives form part of the broader Institutional Development Plan (IDP) of the college.

The following Progress Report highlights the actions initiated and the progress achieved so far in academic expansion, infrastructure development, environmental sustainability, administrative reforms, and institutional strengthening.

Academic Expansion

Establishment of New Academic Institutes

In order to promote interdisciplinary teaching and research, the college has prepared and submitted proposals to the Department of Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh for the establishment of the following academic centres within the campus:

1. Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi School of Journalism and Mass Communication
2. Ambedkar Samajik Nyaya Adhyan Sansthan
3. Gangadhar Shastri Prachi Bhasha evam Sanskriti Adhyan Sansthan
4. Ravindranath Tagore Videshi Bhasha Adhyan Sansthan
5. Academic Staff College, Agra College

These proposals aim to expand the academic reach of the college in areas such as media studies, social justice, classical languages and culture, foreign languages, and teacher training.

The proposals are currently under consideration by the Government.

Upgradation of Agra College into State University

A detailed proposal has also been submitted to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for conversion and upgradation of Agra College into a fully funded State University, proposed to be named:

“Agra College Rajya Vishwavidyalaya.”

The proposed university would significantly strengthen higher education in the region by expanding postgraduate teaching, research facilities, and academic autonomy.

Introduction of MBA Programme

A proposal has been submitted to Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra for granting recognition to start MBA classes in Agra College.

The proposal is currently under consideration of the university authorities.

Academic Infrastructure Development

Smart Classrooms- In order to modernize teaching methodologies and integrate digital technology in classrooms:

- 36 Smart Classrooms are being established across different departments of the college.
- Installation of digital teaching equipment such as smart boards, projectors, and multimedia tools is underway.

This initiative will strengthen interactive learning and improve the quality of classroom teaching.

Internet and Wi-Fi Connectivity

The college has undertaken a campus-wide internet connectivity initiative.

- High-speed internet infrastructure has been installed.
- Wi-Fi connectivity is being extended to most departments of the college.

This will support digital learning, research, online academic resources, and administrative efficiency.

Environmental Sustainability Initiatives

Solar Energy Project- To reduce dependency on conventional electricity and promote renewable energy:

- Solar power plants with a total capacity of approximately 460 kW are being installed in the campus.

Once fully operational, the project will significantly meet the energy requirements of the college and promote environmentally sustainable practices.

Water Conservation Measures- The college has taken steps to ensure sustainable water management:

- Rainwater harvesting systems are being activated in the campus.
- The college is also obtaining Gangajal water supply connection from the Jal Sansthan Agra.

This initiative will ensure safe drinking water for faculty members, staff, and students.

Renovation and Campus Development

Renovation of Buildings- Large-scale renovation work has been initiated for:

- Dilapidated classrooms
- Old and damaged buildings
- Academic infrastructure

These renovation works aim to restore the historic structures of the campus while providing improved facilities for students and teachers.

Campus Security and Boundary Protection- To ensure safety and security of the campus:

- A stone boundary wall extending approximately 1 kilometre has been constructed.

This step strengthens campus security and protects institutional land from encroachment.

Institutional Governance and Quality Assurance

Strengthening of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)- The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) has been strengthened through the following measures:

- Provision of a separate office space for the IQAC Convenor and members.
- Initiation of digitalisation of faculty records and academic documents.

These steps will improve documentation, monitoring of academic activities, and quality assurance processes.

Faculty Promotions

The college has successfully completed the promotion process of eligible teachers and faculty members to higher academic grades as per applicable regulations.

Promoted faculty members are currently availing the benefits of their upgraded positions.

Administrative Development

Recruitment of Class-III Employees- After receiving approval from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, Department of Higher Education, the college has initiated the process for filling vacant Class-III employee posts.

The recruitment process is being conducted through:

- Transparent examination procedures
- Fair and merit-based selection process

The process is currently in progress.

Cultural and Literary Activities- To promote literary and creative expression among students and faculty members:

- The annual cultural and literary magazine “Vani” of Agra College has been published.

The magazine provides a platform for academic writing, poetry, essays, and cultural contributions from the college community.

Conclusion

Agra College has made significant progress in implementing its Institutional Development Plan, focusing on academic expansion, infrastructural modernization, sustainability initiatives, and administrative reforms.

The ongoing initiatives, including proposals for new academic institutes, establishment of smart classrooms, renewable energy projects, strengthening of quality assurance mechanisms, and campus development, will significantly enhance the academic environment and institutional capacity of the college.

The long-term vision remains the upgradation of Agra College into a State University (Agra College Rajya Vishwavidyalaya), which will further strengthen higher education in the region.



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