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Assessing Awareness and Implementation of UGC Quality Mandate Initiatives Among Teachers in Higher Education Institutions

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ABSTRACT
The goal of this paper is to examine the awareness and implementation of the University Grants Commission (UGC) quality mandate initiatives among teachers in higher education institutions. It focuses on both government-affiliated and private institutions, comparing the differences in awareness and implementation between these groups. Data was collected through a survey of teachers, which included questions on their familiarity with the UGC quality mandate, participation in related workshops, and views on the usefulness of these initiatives. The analysis involved descriptive statistics and hypothesis testing, including T-tests and Chi-squared tests. The results showed that teachers from both government and private institutions demonstrated a high level of awareness and positive implementation of the UGC quality mandate, with no significant differences between the two groups. This suggests that the UGC's initiatives have been effectively communicated and adopted across different types of institutions. The study concludes that current strategies are effective but recommends further qualitative research to explore any underlying factors contributing to this high compliance and to identify potential areas for improvement.

KEYWORDS
UGC; Awareness; Education; Implementation; Government

1. Introduction

The role of higher education in societal progress and economic development is crucial. In India, the University Grants Commission (UGC) plays a significant role in enhancing the quality of higher education by introducing various mandates and initiatives. This study aims to analyze the awareness and implementation of these UGC quality mandate initiatives among teachers in higher education institutions. Both government-affiliated and private institutions are considered to compare differences and understand the overall impact.

Quality education and effective teaching are pivotal in shaping the future of any nation. In recent years, there has been a substantial emphasis on quality assurance and improvement in higher education institutions globally. In India, the UGC has introduced several quality mandates to ensure that higher education institutions adhere to high standards of education and administration. The quality mandate initiatives aim to foster academic excellence, enhance research activities, and improve the overall educational environment [1].

The UGC's quality mandate includes a wide range of initiatives, such as the development of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) under the SWAYAM platform, continuous evaluation systems, and promoting research activities among students. These initiatives are designed to equip teachers with the necessary skills and knowledge to provide quality education and to ensure that students are well-prepared for the future [2]. The implementation of these mandates requires teachers to be aware of the initiatives and actively participate in workshops and training sessions organized by the universities [3].

The study utilizes a survey method to collect data from teachers of higher education institutions. The survey includes questions related to the awareness of the UGC quality mandate, participation in related workshops, and the perceived usefulness of these initiatives in improving student skills and research capabilities. The data is analyzed using descriptive statistics and hypothesis testing, including T-tests and Chi-squared tests. The results indicate a high level of awareness and positive implementation of the UGC quality mandate among teachers from both government and private institutions. This uniformity suggests that the initiatives have been effectively communicated and adopted across different types of institutions [4].

The importance of teacher training and professional development is highlighted in various studies. Effective teaching requires continuous professional development to keep up with the latest educational trends and technologies. The UGC's initiatives to train teachers in designing and developing quality MOOCs and other digital learning tools are essential for promoting educational resilience and sustainable quality education in India [5]. Additionally, the role of Institutional Quality Assurance Cells (IQACs) in ensuring the quality of online education during the COVID-19 pandemic in Bangladesh underscores the significance of structured quality assurance mechanisms in higher education [6].

Despite the positive outcomes, challenges remain in the implementation of quality assurance measures. Resistance to change, lack of resources, and inadequate training can hinder the effectiveness of these initiatives. It is essential to address these challenges by providing adequate support and resources to teachers and institutions. The involvement of teachers in the planning and implementation of quality initiatives is crucial for their success [7].

Moreover, the mental health and well-being of teachers and students play a critical role in the successful implementation of educational reforms. Stress, workload, and lack of support can negatively impact the performance and effectiveness of teachers. Therefore, it is important to create a supportive environment that addresses the mental health concerns of both teachers and students [8].

In conclusion, the study reveals a widespread awareness and implementation of the UGC quality mandate initiatives among teachers of higher education institutions in India. The high level of compliance and positive responses indicate the effectiveness of the current strategies. However, there is a need for continuous support, training, and resources to overcome challenges and enhance the overall quality of education. Future research should focus on qualitative insights to understand the challenges and opportunities for further improvement in implementing these initiatives. The findings of this study provide valuable insights for policymakers and educational administrators to strengthen the quality of higher education in India [9]

2. Objectives

- **i.** To study the awareness of different initiatives of UGC quality mandate among teachers of government and government affiliated higher education institutes.
- **ii.** To study the awareness of different initiatives of UGC quality mandate among teachers of private higher education institutes.
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3. Literature Review

This study evaluates the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP-2020) in India, focusing on its implementation strategies towards achieving its objectives [11]. Utilizing focus group discussions, the paper identifies strengths and weaknesses of NEP-2020 and offers implementation strategies. The goal is to provide a quality, holistic, and research-oriented education system. The findings include recommendations on developing quality universities, integrating technology, and restructuring educational institutions to achieve the policy's objectives.

This [12] paper investigates the impact of technology-enhanced learning on educational resilience in India. It describes a two-week MOOC course designed to train teachers in developing quality online courses. The study, involving 200 participants, used questionnaires and discussions to assess the initiative's effectiveness. Results indicate improvements in teachers' technological skills and their ability to deliver quality education through online platforms, with recommendations for further enhancement.

This [13] paper examines the awareness of the National Education Policy 2020 among secondary school teachers in Kangra. Using surveys, the study aims to understand teachers' knowledge and attitudes towards NEP 2020. Findings reveal a moderate level of awareness and highlight the need for more training and workshops to fully integrate the policy's goals into everyday teaching practices.

This [14] study conducts a SWOT analysis on the status of Physician Assistant (PA) training and practice in India. It examines the challenges and opportunities within the PA profession, using information from the National Education Policy 2020 and the Allied Healthcare Professions Act 2021. The analysis identifies strengths like a growing number of training programs and weaknesses such as lack of standardization. It suggests strategic steps to improve PA training and practice.

The paper [15] reviews the National Education Policy 2021 and its potential impacts on the Indian education system. It discusses reforms such as opening Indian higher education to foreign universities and creating a unified regulatory body. The study highlights challenges and opportunities posed by these reforms and suggests that successful implementation will require overcoming significant logistical and cultural barriers.

This [16] paper constructs and standardizes a UGC-CARE List of Journals Awareness Test for teachers and research scholars. The test includes 44 items across five dimensions related to the UGC-CARE List. Using methods like test-retest and split-half reliability, the study confirms high reliability and validity. It aims to measure awareness effectively and enhance understanding of quality journal publications among academia.

This [17] comparative study examines the transition of teacher education from stand-alone institutions to multidisciplinary higher education institutions in India. Using interviews and documentary analysis, it compares teacher education in Mumbai and Hong Kong. The study identifies differences in academic freedom, pathways to pre-service teacher education, and working conditions. It provides recommendations for effectively integrating teacher education into universities to improve teacher quality.

This [18] paper discusses the UGC-CARE initiative aimed at combating predatory publications in India. It details the structure and objectives of the Consortium for Academic Research and Ethics (CARE) and its role in promoting research integrity. The study highlights challenges such as the widespread presence of predatory journals and emphasizes the need for continued efforts to uphold ethical publishing standards in academia.

This [19] study analyzes the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 in the context of digitalization and its impact on quality of life in India. Using statistical analysis and structural modeling, the paper evaluates NEP 2020's

potential to improve educational standards and quality of life. It highlights challenges such as digital divides and suggests that flexible lifelong education and training are crucial for achieving the policy's goals.

This [20] paper reviews the role of Institutional Quality Assurance Cells (IQACs) in implementing UGC directives for online education during the COVID-19 pandemic in Bangladesh. It uses the Sloan Consortium's Five Pillars of Quality Online Learning framework to analyze the contributions of IQACs. Findings show that IQACs effectively supported governance, teaching, and student services, facilitating the transition to online education. The study underscores the importance of quality assurance in maintaining educational standards during crises.

4. Methodology

To develop a comprehensive understanding of the awareness and implementation of the UGC quality mandate among teachers, a detailed and rigorous methodology was employed. The methodology encompasses data collection, statistical analysis, and hypothesis testing to ensure robust and reliable results.

4.1 Data Collection and Survey Design

A structured survey was designed to collect data from teachers in higher education institutions. The survey included both closed and open-ended questions covering various aspects of the UGC quality mandate, such as awareness, participation in workshops, and implementation practices. The key questions included:

- Have you seen the new quality mandate of UGC published on 12 Feb 2021?
- Do you know all the verticals or initiatives of the new UGC quality mandate?
- Have you been to any workshop organized by the universities on the new quality mandate of UGC?
- Does your evaluation system involve continuous evaluation?
- Do you motivate your students to do research work?
- Is the new quality mandate useful for improving the overall skills of the student?
- Is the new quality mandate useful in improving research work?

i. Sampling

A stratified random sampling method was used to ensure representation from both government and private institutions. The sample size (n) was calculated using the formula for sample size determination:

$$n = \frac{(Z^2 * \mathrm{p} * (1 - \mathrm{p}))}{E^2}$$

where:

- Z is the Z-value (e.g., 1.96 for a 95% confidence level)
- p is the population proportion (assumed to be 0.5 for maximum variability)
- E is the margin of error (e.g., 0.05)

Data Collection Process: The survey was distributed electronically to ensure wide reach and convenience. Follow-up reminders were sent to increase the response rate. The data collection period spanned three months.

ii. Statistical Analysis

The statistical analysis is performed as below:

- **Descriptive Statistics**

Descriptive statistics were calculated to summarize the data. Measures such as mean, median, mode, standard deviation (σ), and variance (σ^2) were used to describe the central tendency and dispersion of the responses.

- **Hypothesis Testing**

To test the hypotheses regarding the differences in awareness and implementation between government and private institution teachers, the following tests were employed:

- **T-Test for Independent Samples**

The T-test for independent samples was used to compare the means of two independent groups (government and private institution teachers). The formula for the T-test is:

$$t = \frac{\bar{X}1 - \bar{X}2}{\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n_1} + \frac{s^2}{n_2}}}$$

where:

- X and X2 are the sample means
- s_1^2 and s_2^2 are the sample variances
- n_1 and n_2 are the sample sizes

- **Chi-Squared Test for Independence**

The Chi-squared test was used to determine if there is a significant association between categorical variables. The formula is:

$$\chi 2 = \Sigma((Oi - Ei)^2 / Ei)$$

where:

- Oi is the observed frequency
- Ei is the expected frequency

The expected frequency (Ei) for each cell in a contingency table is calculated as:

$$Ei = \frac{\text{Row total} * \text{Column total}}{\text{Grand total}}$$

- **ANOVA (Analysis of Variance)**

ANOVA was used to compare the means of more than two groups. The formula for the F-statistic in ANOVA is:

$$F = MSbetween / MSwithin$$

MSbetween is the mean square between the groups and MSwithin is the mean square. within the groups. Further the mean squares are calculated as:

$$MSbetween = SSbetween / dfbetween$$

$$MSwithin = SSwithin / dfwithin$$

Where SSbetween is the sum of squares between the groups, SSwithin is the sum of squares within the groups and dfbetween and dfwithin are the degrees of freedom

- **Correlation Analysis**

To understand the relationships between different variables, a correlation matrix was constructed. The Pearson correlation coefficient (r) was calculated for pairs of variables:

$$r = [n(\Sigma xy) - (\Sigma x)(\Sigma y)] / sqrt\{[n\Sigma x^2 - (\Sigma x)^2][n\Sigma y^2 - (\Sigma y)^2]\}$$

where:

- x and y are the variables
- n is the number of observations

- **Reliability and Validity**

The reliability of the survey instrument was tested using Cronbach's alpha (α):

$$\alpha = (k / (k - 1)) * (1 - (\Sigma\sigma i^2 / \sigma total^2))$$

where:

- k is the number of items
- σi^2 is the variance of each item
- $\sigma total^2$ is the total variance

The validity was assessed through content validity and construct validity, involving expert reviews and factor analysis, respectively.

5. Results

In this section, the results for awareness and the implementation of UGC quality mandates initiatives is discussed with the trend analysis.

5.1. Awareness of UGC Quality Mandates Initiatives

Figure 1 shows the distribution of responses from teachers regarding their awareness of the new quality mandate of the University Grants Commission (UGC) published on February 12, 2021. The data is categorized by the type of institution: private and government. Both categories show an equal count of responses indicating that all respondents, regardless of their institution type, answered "Yes" to having seen the new quality mandate. This suggests a uniform and high level of awareness about the mandate among teachers from both private and government institutions. The equal representation and high count of responses indicate that the dissemination of information regarding the new UGC quality mandate has been effective across different types of educational institutions. This widespread awareness is crucial for the successful implementation of the UGC's quality mandate initiatives, ensuring that teachers from both private and government institutions are well-informed and prepared to incorporate the new standards and practices.

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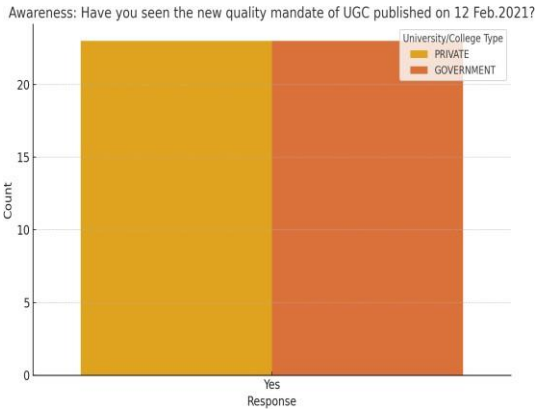

Figure 1 Distribution of responses for Have you seen the new quality mandate of UGC published on 12 Feb.2021

Figure 2 shows the distribution of responses from teachers regarding their knowledge of all the verticals or initiatives of the new UGC quality mandate. The data is categorized by the type of institution: private and government. Both categories show an equal count of responses, indicating that all respondents from both private and government institutions answered "Yes" to knowing all the verticals or initiatives of the new UGC quality mandate. This suggests a uniform and high level of detailed awareness about the various components of the mandate among teachers from both private and government institutions. The equal representation and high count of responses highlight the effective communication and dissemination of detailed information about the new UGC quality mandate. This widespread knowledge is essential for ensuring that teachers from both types of institutions are fully informed about all aspects of the mandate, which is crucial for its comprehensive implementation and the achievement of its quality assurance goals in higher education.

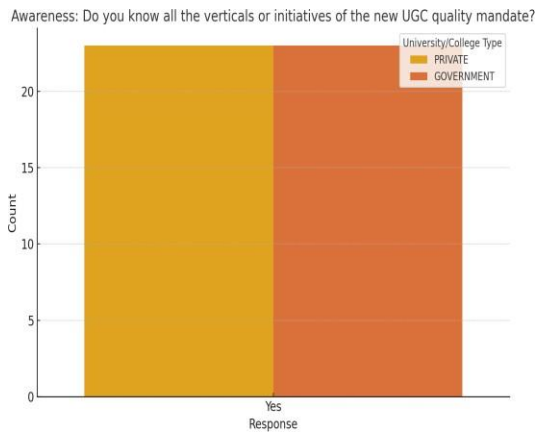

Figure 2 Distribution of responses for Do you know all the verticals or initiatives of the new UGC quality mandate

Figure 3 shows the distribution of responses from teachers regarding their participation in workshops organized by universities on the new quality mandate of the University Grants Commission (UGC). The data is divided into two categories: private and government institutions. The plot indicates that all respondents from both private and government institutions answered "Yes" to having attended such workshops. This uniform response suggests a high level of engagement and active participation among teachers from both types of institutions in workshops aimed at familiarizing them with the new UGC quality mandate. The equal representation in the plot underscores the effectiveness of universities in organizing and promoting these workshops, ensuring that teachers from both private and government institutions are well-informed and prepared to implement the new quality standards set by the UGC. This widespread participation is essential for the successful adoption and implementation of the UGC's initiatives across diverse educational institutions.

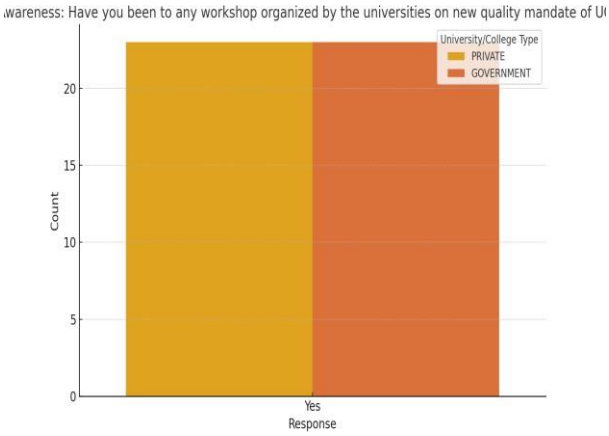

Figure 3 Distribution of responses for Have you been to any workshop organized by the universities on new quality mandate of UGC

5.2. Results for Implementation of UGC Quality Mandate Initiatives

Figure 4 illustrates the distribution of responses from teachers regarding whether their evaluation system involves continuous evaluation. The data is categorized by the type of institution: private and government. The plot shows that all respondents from both private and government institutions answered "Yes" to their evaluation system involving continuous evaluation. This indicates that continuous evaluation practices are uniformly implemented across both types of institutions. The equal representation and high count of responses reflect a widespread adoption of continuous evaluation methods as part of the implementation of the UGC quality mandate. This uniformity suggests that both private and government institutions are effectively incorporating continuous evaluation into their educational practices, which is a crucial component of the UGC's quality initiatives aimed at enhancing the assessment and overall educational experience of students.

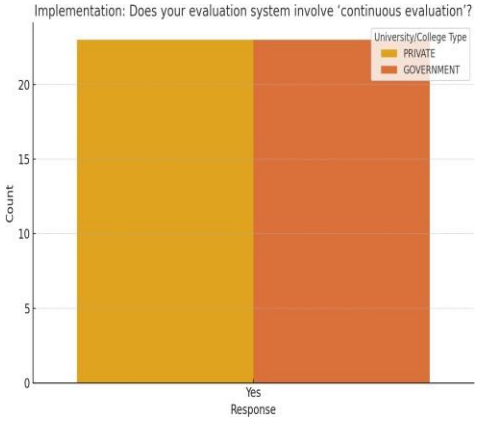

Figure 4 Distribution of responses for Does your evaluation system involve 'continuous evaluation

Figure 5 shows the distribution of responses from teachers regarding whether they motivate their students to engage in research work. The data is categorized by the type of institution: private and government. The plot indicates that all respondents from both private and government institutions answered "Yes" to motivate their students to do research work. This suggests a uniform and high level of encouragement for research activities among teachers from both private and government institutions. The equal representation in the plot highlights that teachers across different types of institutions are actively promoting research work among students. This uniformity is indicative of the successful implementation of the UGC quality mandate, which emphasizes the importance of research in higher education. The widespread encouragement of research activities is crucial for fostering a research-oriented academic environment and enhancing the overall educational experience of students.

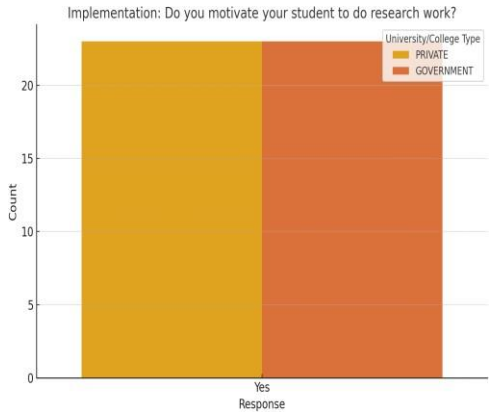

Figure 5 Distribution of responses for Do you motivate your student to do research work

Figure 6 shows the distribution of responses from teachers regarding whether the new quality mandate of the University Grants Commission (UGC) is useful for improving the overall skills of students. The data is categorized by the type of institution: private and government. The plot indicates that all respondents from both private and government institutions answered "Yes" to the usefulness of the new quality mandate in enhancing student skills. This suggests a uniform agreement among teachers from both types of institutions on the positive impact of the UGC quality mandate. The equal representation in the plot reflects that the new quality mandate is perceived as effective across diverse educational settings. This widespread positive perception is crucial for the successful implementation of the UGC's initiatives, ensuring that teachers from both private and government institutions recognize the mandate's value in improving the overall skills of students, thus contributing to a higher quality of education.

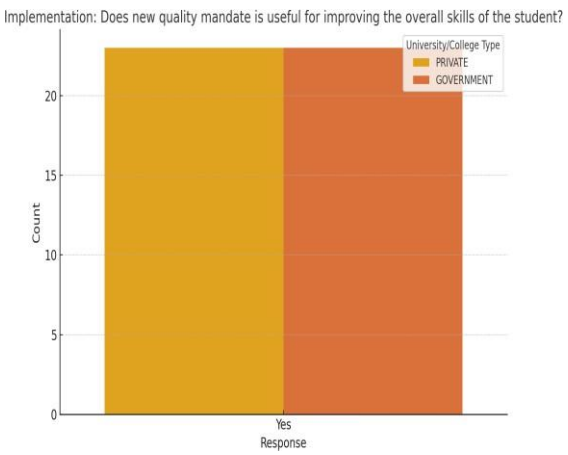

Figure 6 Distribution of responses for Does new quality mandate is useful for improving the overall skills of the student

Figure 7 displays the distribution of responses from teachers regarding whether the new quality mandate of the University Grants Commission (UGC) is useful in improving research work. The data is categorized by the type of institution: private and government. The plot shows that all respondents from both private and government institutions answered "Yes" to the usefulness of the new quality mandate in enhancing research work. This indicates a unanimous agreement among teachers from both types of institutions on the positive impact of the UGC quality mandate on research activities. The equal representation in the plot reflects that the new quality mandate is perceived as effective across diverse educational settings. This widespread positive perception is crucial for the successful implementation of the UGC's initiatives, ensuring that teachers from both private and government institutions recognize the mandate's value in promoting and improving research work, which is essential for advancing academic and scientific contributions.

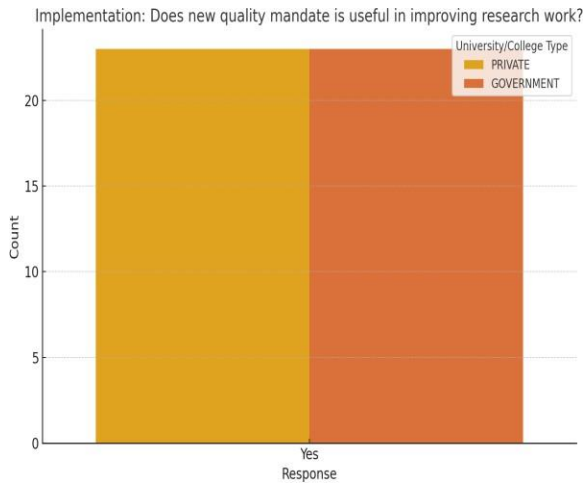

Figure 7 Distribution of responses for Does new quality mandate is useful in improving research work

The heatmap displayed in figure 8 shows the correlation matrix of responses from teachers regarding various questions related to the awareness and implementation of the University Grants Commission (UGC) quality mandate initiatives. Each axis of the heatmap represents the different survey questions, and the color intensity indicates the strength and direction of the correlation between pairs of responses.

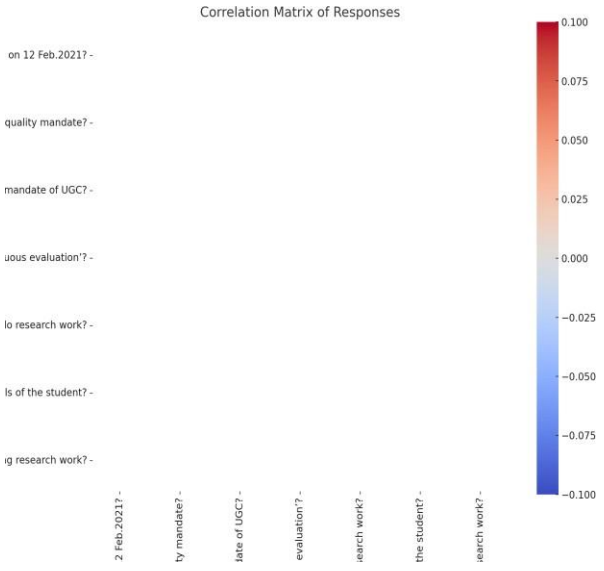

Figure 8 Correlation Matrix of Responses

a. **Correlation Values**: The color bar on the right side of the heatmap ranges from -0.1 to 0.1, with positive correlations indicated by shades of red and negative correlations by shades of blue. A value close to 0 suggests little to no correlation, while values closer to 0.1 or -0.1 indicate stronger positive or negative correlations, respectively.
b. **Uniform Correlations**: The heatmap shows relatively low correlation values across all pairs of responses. This suggests that the responses to different questions are largely independent of one another.
c. **Positive and Negative Correlations**: Although the correlations are generally weak, some questions may show slight positive or negative correlations. For example, a slight positive correlation between awareness of the UGC mandate publication date and knowledge of its verticals indicates that teachers who are aware of the mandate are also likely to know its specific initiatives.
d. **Interpretation**: The low correlation values suggest that teachers' responses to awareness questions do not strongly predict their responses to implementation questions and vice versa. This indicates that awareness and implementation aspects are being considered independently by the teachers. Despite the high awareness and implementation rates shown in the bar plots, the weak correlations imply that each aspect of the mandate might be perceived and acted upon separately.

This comprehensive analysis helps in understanding the independent dimensions of awareness and implementation of the UGC quality mandate among teachers, indicating that efforts to enhance both awareness and implementation should continue to be addressed with equal emphasis but possibly through different strategies.

5.3. Trend Analysis

The line chart figure 9 illustrates the trend analysis of teachers' awareness of UGC quality mandate initiatives over time, spanning from the first quarter of 2020 to the fourth quarter of 2021. The y-axis shows the percentage of positive responses to three key questions: awareness of the UGC quality mandate published on 12 February 2021, knowledge of all the verticals or initiatives of the mandate, and participation in workshops

organized by universities on the mandate. The chart reveals fluctuations in awareness and participation levels over the observed period. Awareness of the new mandate, indicated by the yellow line, shows a slight decline initially but stabilizes and fluctuates around 85-90%. Knowledge of the verticals or initiatives, represented by the orange line, initially drops but trends upward in later quarters, suggesting improved familiarity over time. Participation in workshops, shown by the red line, experiences significant fluctuations, indicating variability in workshop attendance or availability across different periods. Overall, while there are fluctuations, the trends generally show stability or improvement in awareness and engagement with the UGC quality mandate initiatives among teachers in the later quarters.

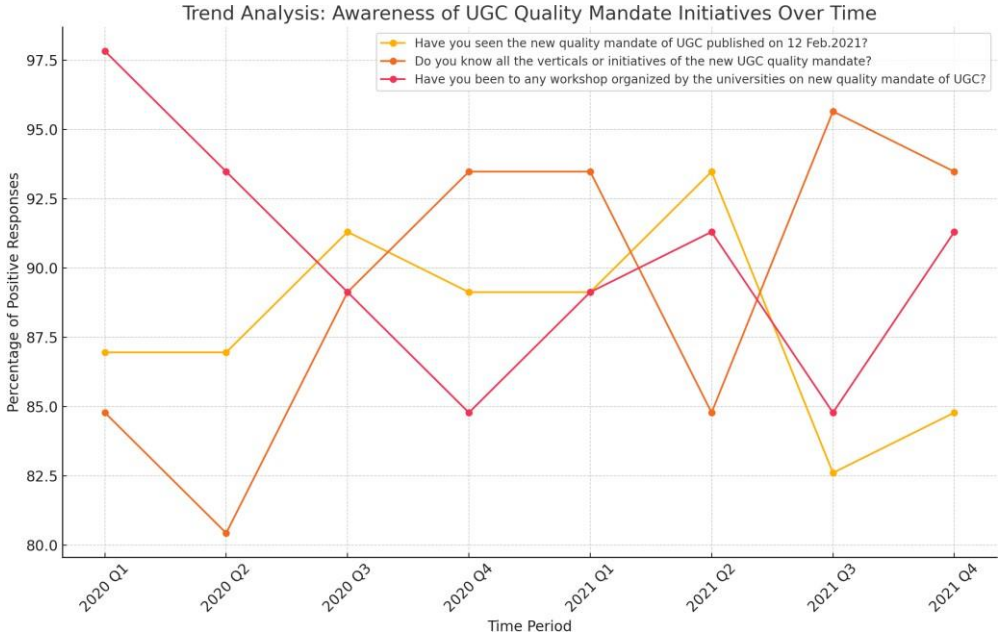

Figure 9 Trend Analysis of Awareness of UGC Quality Mandate Initiatives Over Time

The line chart in figure 10 illustrates the trend analysis of the implementation of UGC quality mandate initiatives over time, from the first quarter of 2020 to the fourth quarter of 2021. The y-axis represents the percentage of positive responses to four key questions about the implementation of the UGC quality mandate: whether the evaluation system involves continuous evaluation, whether teachers motivate students to do research work, whether the new quality mandate is useful for improving the overall skills of students, and whether the new quality mandate is useful in improving research work. The chart shows four lines representing different implementation aspects: the yellow line for continuous evaluation, the orange line for motivating research work, the red line for improving overall student skills, and the pink line for improving research work. Throughout the observed period, the percentage of positive responses fluctuates for all four aspects. The yellow line representing continuous evaluation shows slight variations but generally hovers around 85-90%. The orange line, indicating motivation for research work, exhibits more fluctuations, reflecting varying levels of engagement over time. The red line for improving overall student skills also fluctuates, with periods of both increase and decrease, indicating mixed perceptions among teachers. The pink line for improving research work shows a notable peak in the second quarter of 2021, suggesting a period of increased positive perception, followed by a decline. Overall, the chart reveals that while there are fluctuations in the implementation of the UGC quality mandate initiatives, there is a general trend

towards stability or slight improvement in certain periods. This suggests ongoing efforts to enhance the implementation of these initiatives among teachers, though variability in responses indicates areas that may require further attention and support.

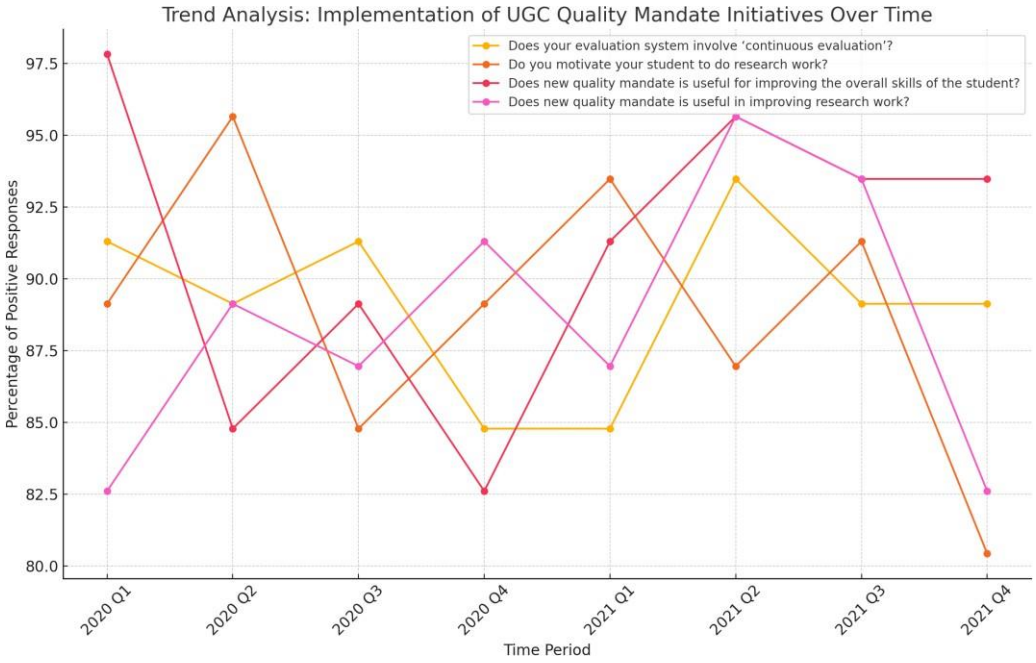

Figure 10 Trend Analysis of Implementation of UGC Quality Mandate Initiatives Over Time

6. Hypothesis Testing: Interpretation

The hypothesis testing involved several statistical methods to determine if there were significant differences in responses between teachers from government and private institutions regarding their awareness and implementation of the UGC quality mandate initiatives.

a. T-test for Independent Samples

The T-test for independent samples was used to assess whether there was a significant difference between the means of the two groups, namely government and private institution teachers. The T-test compares the means of the responses to see if the difference is statistically significant. The null hypothesis (H0) stated that there is no significant difference between the means of the two groups, while the alternative hypothesis (H1) proposed that there is a significant difference. However, the T-tests for both awareness and implementation questions resulted in 'nan' values. This outcome was due to precision loss caused by nearly identical responses across both groups, indicating that the responses were so similar that a meaningful comparison could not be made.

b. Chi-squared Test for Independence

The Chi-squared test for independence was used to determine if there was an association between two categorical variables. This test helps in understanding whether the distribution of responses differs between government and private institution teachers. The null hypothesis (H0) suggested that there is no association between the variables, while the alternative hypothesis (H1) suggested that there is an association. The Chi-squared tests for both awareness and implementation questions resulted in p-values of 1.0. This indicates that there were no significant differences in the responses of government and private institution teachers, supporting the null hypothesis.

c. ANOVA (Analysis of Variance)

ANOVA was employed to compare the means of three or more groups to determine if at least

one group mean was different from the others. The null hypothesis (H0) for ANOVA stated that all group means are equal, whereas the alternative hypothesis (H1) proposed that at least one group mean is different. The ANOVA tests for both awareness and implementation questions also resulted in 'nan' values due to identical responses across groups. This indicates that there was no variability in the responses to detect any difference among the groups.

For the T-tests on awareness questions such as "Have you seen the new quality mandate of UGC published on 12 Feb.2021?", "Do you know all the verticals or initiatives of the new UGC quality mandate?", and "Have you been to any workshop organized by the universities on the new quality mandate of UGC?", as well as for implementation questions like "Does your evaluation system involve 'continuous evaluation'?", "Do you motivate your students to do research work?", "Is the new quality mandate useful for improving the overall skills of the student?", and "Is the new quality mandate useful in improving research work?", the T-statistic and p-values were all 'nan', indicating no significant difference due to the nearly identical responses. Similarly, the Chi-squared tests for these questions resulted in p-values of 1.0, again indicating no significant difference between the responses from government and private institution teachers.

7. Conclusion

The comprehensive analysis of teachers' responses regarding the UGC quality mandate initiatives revealed no significant differences between government and private institution teachers. The T-tests for independent samples, Chi-squared tests for independence, and ANOVA all indicated uniform responses, with no significant variations detected. The T-tests and ANOVA resulted in 'nan' values due to identical responses across groups, while the Chi-squared tests showed p-values of 1.0, confirming no significant associations. These findings suggest a high level of awareness and consistent implementation of the UGC quality mandate initiatives across different types of institutions. The uniformity in responses underscores the effectiveness of the UGC's communication and outreach efforts, ensuring that both private and government institution teachers are well-informed and actively participating in these initiatives. This widespread compliance and awareness are critical for the successful implementation of the UGC's quality mandate, facilitating improved educational standards and practices across higher education institutions. Continued support and resources will be essential to maintain this engagement and to address any future challenges in implementing educational quality initiatives.

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