## **Criterion – 4: Infrastructure and Learning Resources**

- 4.1.1. The institution has adequate infrastructure facilities for
  - a. Teaching learning. viz., classrooms, laboratories,
  - b. ICT enabled facilities such as smart classes, LMS etc.
  - c. Facilities for cultural and sports activities, yoga centre, games (indoor and outdoor) gymnasium, auditorium etc.
  - Pondicherry University is committed to offer an outstanding learning environment with its cutting-edge classrooms and laboratories. Modern teaching aids like interactive smart boards and good seating arrangements that encourage conducive learning atmosphere which are integrated into these expansive and well-ventilated spaces. The laboratories are furnished with state-of-the-art scientific apparatus and technology, providing students with invaluable practical experience in their fields. The institution has advanced laboratories, including a Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF). The facilities are regularly updated to make sure they meet the demands of the curriculum and stay up to date with technological advancements. Teaching-Learning is the focal point of this technology integration. Central to this technological integration is the Learning Management System (LMS), which offers a comprehensive digital platform for accessing course materials, submitting assignments, and communicating between students and faculty.
  - The institution has made significant investments in ICT-enabled facilities because it recognizes the critical role that technology plays in education. The cutting-edge interactive smartboards, high-speed internet access (1 gbps), and projection systems in the smart classrooms are all intended to support dynamic teaching strategies and in-the-moment engagement. During COVID-19, through LMS, the University has provided additional storage for students and faculty for effective content delivery and knowledge sharing, uploading of study materials and evaluative mechanism. These ICT tools significantly enhance the learning experience and prepare students with essential skills for the digital age.
  - The institution also prioritizes extracurricular activities and provides a wide range of resources to encourage participation in sports, arts and culture. Students can participate in music, dance, theatre, and other artistic pursuits through active cultural wing and Dance club. Sports facilities accommodate a range of sports, including spaces for both indoor and outdoor activities. Modern exercise equipment is installed in the gymnasium to promote physical health and wellbeing. Yoga classes are also offered to assist physical and mental wellbeing, encouraging a thoughtful and balanced way of living. The auditorium, with large seating capacity and excellent acoustics, is used for a range of activities, including concerts, lectures, and workshops, all of which enhance the institution's cultural atmosphere. The infrastructure for organizing the cultural and sports activities has been carefully planned to promote student wellbeing, technical and cultural advancement.