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From the Editor's Desk...

Ushering in a new era of Accreditation....

The 'new normal' thrust on us by the pandemic due to Covid-19 has changed our lives and perhaps it would continue to affect us for some more time to come. It has left an indelible impact on social, educational and economic aspects of life besides personal lives of people all across the world, and India is no exception. As the stakeholders of higher education, we are able to see the new challenges posed by the pandemic.

The predicament that we are pushed into; offers more challenges in addition to the already existing challenges in the higher education sectors. Lot of institutions may find it hard to tidy up with the crisis. There are issues of viability, managing the affairs of various domains associated with the higher education besides the management of quality in this context of crisis. We are hopeful, as always, India would respond positively and innovatively to these challenges and together we would come out with solutions to the maladies that haunt us in this moment of crisis. Quality should not take a beating at any cost and that is the single most aim of the stakeholders of higher education at this juncture.

In the changing contextual scenario, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is reckoned world-over as a global quality assurance Leader as regards handling the quality concerns of a most diverse and complex higher educational system. It is truly a herculean task for any assessment body to manage the assessment and accreditation exercise of one of the world's biggest Higher Education System.

The NAAC has over the years weathered the storm and has managed to instill the much needed panacea of infusion of quality consciousness amongst the Institutions of Higher Learning and thereby transformed the mindset of academic fraternity in the nation. Some of the new age jargons introduced by NAAC as part of its Revised Accreditation Framework like Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Data Validation and Verification (DVV), Student

Satisfaction Survey (SSS), Ministry of Education (MOE) dashboard, Open and Distance Learning (ODL), Issue Management System (IMS) etc., have become highly popular with HEIs and is resonating constantly in the academic corridors in their efforts to achieve, sustain and enhance quality.

In spite of the impending pandemic scenario gripping the nation, in the last one year, the NAAC has made commendable strides and taken transformative steps to usher in more rigors in to the framework of assessment process and there by ensure a holistic development of quality culture of the world's most complex higher education systems.

The NAAC has seamlessly metamorphosed itself to suit the changing requirements of HEIs and taken transformative steps to keep its stakeholders in the loop, kept them updated on the newer initiatives and subsequently took the quality baton forward. In response to the quality mandate vested with NAAC, various academic activities have been enacted besides effective home protocol mechanisms were evolved to keep up the momentum of assessment and accreditation process.

This has ensured the contribution of NAAC to the academic fraternity meaningfully during the 'Lockdown' period. The NAAC had taken several proactive measures to implement the directions issued by UGC in letter and spirit. The NAAC is utilizing digital platforms to address quality concerns of HEIs, day-to-day functioning and also addressing various academic and administrative matters routinely.

A series of online meetings, webinars (both National and International), programs concerning assessment and accreditation activities have already been held and many are in the pipeline in the coming days. The NAAC has received a positive feedback on the new initiatives and the opinion is obvious that these initiatives have given a shot in the arm to boost the

confidence among the HEIs.

Quality is a continuous process of doing things excellently well, every time and always and the NAAC is committed to this conviction. A slew of innovative activities have been organized by NAAC. Some of them include a project by Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) of NAAC to bring out an all India Analysis of Accreditation Reports, Zone-wise meetings held at Gangtok, Sikkim and Lucknow, the 'Upayasa Malika'-lecture series on Educational Management and Quality Concerns in Higher Education in which 12 Lecture Series on different topics were held.

Thousands of participants from higher educational institutions across the country have participated in these initiatives through web Platform. The Research and Analysis wing of NAAC has initiated the publication of the Annual Quality Assurance Reports and State-wise Analysis of Accreditation reports using the primary as well as the secondary data available at NAAC. So far, there were three State-wise Analysis of accreditation reports Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Union Territories of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh of which have been published.

In addition to this the AQARs of the North East Region namely Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura and Best Practice series were also published and released. 'Pursuit of Quality in Higher Education: an Indian Perspective' is an edited volume which contains articles written by senior professors and academicians which is published and released by NAAC.

The number of accreditations across all cycles for Universities stands at 628 and for Colleges it is 13091, i.e. a total of 13719 accreditation visits as on date have been conducted. From March 2018 till 19th April 2021, a total of 1899 HEIs have been accredited (95 Universities and 1804 colleges). A much more

intrinsic look during the pandemic period reveals that during 2020-21, NAAC has accredited 21 Universities and 320 Colleges.

The efforts of NAAC involving the academic team and the logistics division are highly commendable, considering the trying times of the pandemic during which the NAAC undertakes A&A process. This speaks at length on the commitment of NAAC towards monitoring the higher education institutions and their commitment to quality assurance and sustenance.

As the NAAC stands at a crucial juncture, it is reassuring to have new leadership in the form of Prof. M Jagadeesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, who has been nominated as the new Chairman of the Executive Committee of NAAC. I hope, the guidance provided by the new Chairman will come as a shot in the arm in the efforts of NAAC at quality assurance.

I take this opportunity on behalf of NAAC family to thank Prof Virander Singh Chauhan, the outgoing Chairman, Executive Committee, NAAC, who completed a successful stint of two terms in office. Under his able guidance, leadership & advice, it has been possible for NAAC to soar to new heights. The NAAC appreciates the unsparing efforts of Prof Chauhan in taking forward the NAAC's agenda on quality assurance and bring about a change in the institutional perception of quality. His constant support has been a great source of strength for the NAAC. We would look forward to his continued guidance in future endeavours.

Thanking you with regards,

S. C. Sharma

(Dr. S.C. Sharma)

NAAC Varta

NAAC Varta is a program organized for the benefit of HEIs all over the country in which Prof S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC speaks on different topics related to Higher Education System in India. NAAC Varta is broadcast twice in a month in Hindi and English languages. So far eight NAAC Varta programs have been successfully accomplished. NAAC Varta is a channel for communication to share NAAC's views with the stakeholders of Higher Education. The program facilitates two-way communication, where the participants can ask questions through YouTube,

Twitter and Facebook with #Ask NV provision and in the next telecast, the same would be addressed by NAAC through its NAAC Varta.

The initiative would no doubt go a long way in helping the HEIs to understand and align with the development goals of the nation in specific to Higher Education Institutions. Prof Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC and Dr Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser, NAAC are coordinating the NAAC Varta initiative.

NAAC congratulates and welcomes Hon'ble Minister for Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan ji



Shri Dharmendra Pradhan ji, has taken over as the Minister for Education, Government of India on 7th July 2021. He has taken over the Ministry from Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ji. He holds a postgraduate degree from Utkal University in Anthropology. He has earlier held the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel. As a Member of Parliament, Shri Pradhan currently represents Madhya Pradesh in the Rajya Sabha and was earlier a member of the 14th Lok Sabha. Born on June 26th, 1969, he hails from the city of Talcher in Odisha.

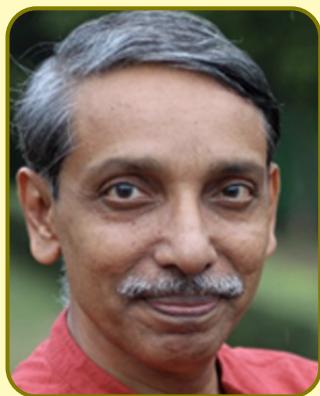
Shri Dharmendra Pradhanji is known for his innovative schemes like PAHAL, the world's largest Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme and #GiveItUp campaign which sought the affluent citizens to give up the subsidy benefit to help the people who couldn't afford access to LPG. The scheme witnessed wide acceptance when 10 million consumers responded positively resulting in providing LPG to the rural masses. He was also instrumental in launching the scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana' which provided 7 million LPG connections to women from BPL families. Shri Pradhan ji was also instrumental to bring up a new policy in the Petroleum Ministry called, Hydrocarbon

Exploration & Licensing Policy.

He has won wide acclaim for his contributions to the society and his commitment to the Parliamentary form of democracy. He has won the 'Best Legislator Award' and has also won the Utkalmanī Gopabandhu Pratibha Samman and the Odisha Citizens' Award in 2013. Even as the Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship during 2017-19, he has launched many initiatives like reskilling and upskilling the man power of India. As a person who understands the human resource requirements of the country, it is most appropriate that Shri Pradhan ji has taken over as the new Minister for Education, Government of India and the whole country looks up to him for his direction and leadership in the field of education. The entire NAAC family congratulates the new Minister for Education and looks forward to his stewardship and vision in leading the country to a new momentum through NEP and Quality Assurance movement which is entrusted with NAAC. The NAAC family also heartily congratulates and welcomes the Ministers of State Shri Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Smt Annpurna Devi and Dr Subhas Sarkar ji.

NAAC welcomes Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, EC, NAAC

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He works in the area of Nano Electronic Devices, Nano scale Device Modeling and Simulation, Innovative Device Design and Power Semiconductor Devices. He has published extensively in the above areas with three books, four book chapters and more than 250 publications in refereed journals and conferences. Several patent applications have been filed based on his research. He is on the editorial board of several international journals including Scientific Reports from the publishers of Nature. He is an Editor of IEEE Journal of the Electron Devices Society and Editor-in-Chief of IETE Technical Review. He is a Fellow of Indian National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Sciences, India, and the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers, India. He has been awarded the 29th IETE Ram Lal Wadhwa Gold Medal for distinguished contribution in the field of Semiconductor Device Design and Modeling. He has also received the first ever ISA-VSI Techno Mentor Award given by the India Electronics & Semiconductor Association to recognize a distinguished Indian academician and researcher for playing a significant role as a mentor and researcher. He is a recipient of 2008 IBM Faculty award in recognition of professional achievements. He is the Chairman of the Governing Body of National Council of Science Museums, Ministry of Culture, Government of India. He was a member of University Grants Commission (UGC) and was a member (PT) of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). NAAC family congratulates and welcomes Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar and looks forward to many proactive reforms in the higher education sector under his leadership.

Relevance of Ayurveda and Yoga in Higher Education at NAAC in Collaboration with Karnataka Sanskrit University – A report



Workshop on "Relevance of Ayurveda and Yoga in Higher Education" was jointly organized by NAAC and Karnataka Samskrita University, Bengaluru on 7th April 2021. Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC welcomed the participants and in his lucid Sanskrit explained the impact of Ayurveda and Yoga in life in general and modern day life in particular. 'The root of Ayurveda lies in Samskritham, and if you understand the meaning of Sanskrit you will understand the Ayurveda and Yoga', he opined. He expressed his happiness for the association between NAAC and Karnataka Samskrit University in the successful conduct of the event.

Prof. K. E. Devanathan, Vice Chancellor, Karnataka Samskrit University spoke on the occasion and stated that Veda is Prana of Bharatiya Culture. Sanskrit is Prana of Veda. Veda sutras are foundation of Nyaya Sutra and Bhramha Sutra. He explained the intricacies of yoga and ayurveda in a lucid manner. Prof. Subramanyam K, Pro Chancellor, SVYASA Yoga University spoke on the rich culture of India and Sanskrit literature. The Sanskrit literature has rich text from Science and Technology to literature to Dance and Theatre, he opined.

Shri Dinesh Kamathji, Pracharak, Samskrita Bharati, New Delhi spoke on the ' Relevance of Yoga and Ayurveda'. Yoga is a way of life and it basically is to control life in a meaningful way for an intended purpose of healthy living and great thinking, he opined.

Prof. V. Shivani, Professor, Dept. of Vyakarna, Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bangalore spoke on the topic "Ayussamskritham: A computational Courseware for studying Ayurvedic Text ". Ayurveda Colleges should teach good Sanskrit to its students then only the Ayurveda will improve, she opined.

Dr. Vinita Sahu, Assistant Adviser, NAAC spoke on "Manual for Yoga Higher Education- Institutional Accreditation". There is an increase in the number of Yoga Universities and stand-alone institutions of Yoga, besides Yoga Departments in Universities and Colleges etc., and it is therefore felt that, there is a need for an accreditation body which can accredit Yoga institutions among HEIs in India, she opined.



Keeping the need to develop a scientific method to suit the requirements of Yoga institutions for accreditation, NAAC has introduced the Key Indicators pertaining to Yoga like Yoga for Health, Extension of Yogic Ecosystem; Facilities for Yoga Therapy and Learning Resources; Yoga for Peace and Harmony; Yoga for Youth; Application of Yoga etc in sync with the needs of the domain. The event witnessed the participation of more than 45 experts from the field.

Dr Ganesh Hegde, Adviser, NAAC and Dr. B V Venkataramana, Professor, Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bangalore coordinated the programme and Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Asst. Adviser, NAAC proposed the vote of thanks.



Special address on the life of Late "Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee" by Hon'ble Dr. Tathagata Roy



A special address on the life of Late Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee by Hon'ble Dr. Tathagata Roy, former Governor of Tripura and Meghalaya was organized in NAAC, Bengaluru on 5th Feb 2021. The programme was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by the dignitaries which was followed by the felicitation of the guest and welcome address by Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC. In his address, Prof. Sharma welcomed the guests as well as audience and briefed about the significance of the talk. Dr. Devender Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC introduced the eminent guest.

Dr. Tathagata Roy in his lecture delineated the life of Late Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee who was born in a Bengali Brahmin family on 6th July 1901 in Calcutta, West Bengal. He briefed that Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee was an Indian politician and academician and also served as the Minister for Industry and Supply in Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet.

Dr. Roy briefed about the series of events of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee's life from being a part of cabinet, to academician and a public figure. He further delineated the role of Dr. Shyama Parasad Mukarjee as a veteran academician, administrator and politician and completed all the important aspects of his life in his talk.

Dr. Tathagata Roy presented a copy of the book written by him on the life of Late Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee to Prof. Sharma, Director, NAAC. The programme was compered by Dr. Vinita Sahu, Assistant Adviser, NAAC, while Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Adviser, NAAC proposed the vote of thanks. Officers of NAAC like; Dr. Devender Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Chandra Shekar, Admin Consultant, NAAC, Dr. Vinita Sahu, Assistant Adviser, Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Adviser, Mr. M. Arun, AO, Mr. Lakshman, Sr. FLO, Mr. Uma Shankar, FO, and Mr. Ramappa, IA, were instrumental in organizing the program.



Notification for email messages to registered users and survey attendees.

"All registered users of NAAC are requested to check their INBOX regularly for due communication from NAAC. In case, mails are not available in the 'INBOX', you are requested to check in SPAM folder of the registered mail ID, for any communications from NAAC."

We want the education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded, and by which one can stand on one's own feet

- Swami Vivekananda

International Yoga Day at NAAC



Commemorating the International Yoga day on 21st June 2021, National Assessment and Accreditation Council organized a dedicatory event that was celebrated with great pomp and gusto. The program began with hymns from Thaithreya Upanishad to salute the entire universe for its offerings to the human kind.

Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC welcomed the gathering and profoundly acknowledged the presence of Prof. Ramachandra Bhatt Kotemane in the introductory note he mentioned about the human's quest for excellence and ways by which Yoga descended to our lives. He also eulogized the richness of ancient Indian heritage and practices. He referred to the Aadyatma Yoga mentioned in Bhagawath Geetha that preaches inward travelling for self investigation and attaining ever-lasting happiness. He opined that the yoga that is preached by Sri Krishna through Bhagawath Geetha is the essence of Sanathana Dharma.

Prof. Ramachandra Bhatt Kotemane delivered the discourse and special address on "Aadyatma Yoga for Global Harmony with special reference to Srimad Bhagawath Geetha". His elaboration focused on the intricacies of yoga and Krishna's discourse: 'according to Krishna, Surya Narayana is the deity for Yoga practice. Yogic lineage is well presented as before the Universe was created, Yoga was presented to the Sun God. Kotopanishad is the first book for Yoga and defines the yoganidhi. The first young Yogi is Nichiketha who approaches Yamadharma and clarified his doubts as how to overcome extreme joy and pathos. Yamadharma replies that the Panacea for Harsha or Shoka is through the practice of Aadyatma yoga'.

Elaborating further and focusing on the intricacies of Aadyatma yoga, he opined that aadyatmayoga is spiritually rooted. Bhagawath Geetha being a conversation between Arjuna and Krishna where Arjuna represents the harshashoka and Krishna is the preacher of Aadyatma Yoga. Yoga cannot be treated as a methodological physical work out, but they are integrated exercise with body-mind and spirituality. He also insisted to adopt integrated yoga in the form of aadyatma yoga in our every path of life rather than scheduling it as a mere exercise.

Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, the Chairman of Executive Committee of NAAC and the Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, made the presidential remarks. In his talk, he opined that the younger generation is adopting yoga as way of life enthusiastically, and hence we need to reach out to them in larger numbers. He said that educational institutions are the grounds where we can expose our younger generation to yoga and its importance. He suggested that all the higher education institutions must start a three credit course on Yoga as an elective. 'Just as we have gross enrollment ration (GER) perhaps, we should introduce Yoga Enrollment Ratio (YER) to measure how many students have taken the proposed three credit course on Yoga,' he said.

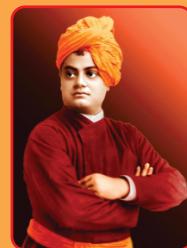
Dr. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC proposed the vote of thanks. The program was coordinated and anchored by Dr. Priya Narayanan, Assistant Adviser, NAAC.



"We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think. Words are secondary. Thoughts live; they travel far."

" Learn everything that is good from others but bring it in, and in your own way absorb it; do not become others."

- Swami Vivekananda



"NAAC Accreditation Process: A Road Map" at Rani Chennamma University

One day workshop on "NAAC Accreditation Process: A Road Map" (NAAC Awareness to Principals and IQAC Coordinators of Rani Chennamma University Affiliated Colleges) was organized on 03-02-2021 at Rani Chennamma University, Belagavi. Dr M S Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC and Dr N R Mohan, Assistant Adviser, NAAC along with Prof. M. Ramachandragowda, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Basavaraj Padmashali, Registrar and Prof. Shivanand Gornale, Director, IQAC of Rani Chennamma University inaugurated the program. About 60 affiliated college Principals and IQAC coordinators participated in the awareness program.



All India Analysis of Accreditation Report held at Gangtok, Sikkim



The first zone-wise meeting of "All India Analysis of Accreditation Report" – North East Region was held on 25th and 26th February 2021 at Sikkim Manipal University, Gangtok, Sikkim. Shri. Kunga Nima Lepcha, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of Sikkim inaugurated the Meet. The Guest of Honor, Prof. S. C. Sharma, Director, NAAC addressed the gathering through virtual mode and appreciated the efforts of the people involved and promised all possible help for the north east region.

Mr. G P Upadhyaya, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Education, Government of Sikkim also participated. Lt Gen (Dr) Rajan S Grewal, Vice Chancellor, Sikkim Manipal University delivered the welcome address.

Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Sr. CPO, NAAC briefed the audience and participants about the importance of All India Analysis Report. Dr. S Srikanta Swamy, Academic Expert, NAAC, presented an overview of All India Analysis of Accreditation Report. Mr. G P Upadhyaya IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Education, Government of Sikkim briefed the gathering on the State Policy of Sikkim regarding NAAC Accreditation and Qualitative Initiative. Dr. Sujata P Shanbhag, Adviser, NAAC made a detailed presentation on the process of NAAC Accreditation covering Universities / Autonomous Colleges, Affiliated Colleges and Teacher Education Colleges. Experts discussed and deliberated on the model and methodology to be followed to prepare the North East Region report and the roles of responsibilities of stakeholders. Dr. S. Srikanta Swamy Academic Expert, Research and Analysis Wing, NAAC rendered the vote of thanks.

Participation in the webinar organized by the World Bank

Two day International Webinar was organized by the World Bank on 23rd and 25th June 2021 to provide an overview on international developments concerning tertiary education, quality assurance and explore the role that the World Bank would play in the sector and steering institutions towards quality assurance. The international developments were discussed in the light of the Indian experience and NEP targets. Dr. Nina Arnhold, Lead Education Specialist, South Asia Global Lead for Tertiary Education, coordinated the programme.

Prof. S. Srikanta Swamy, Academic Expert, Research and Analysis Wing of NAAC, was deputed by the Director, NAAC to participate in the International Webinar. Prof. Swamy was one of the panelists along with Prof. K. K. Aggarwal, Chairman, NAB, and Dr. (Mrs). Pankaj Mittal, Secretary



General, AIU on the occasion. Dr. Swamy made a brief presentation on 'Quality Assurance-Steering Connect, with a focus on challenges with reference to NEP2020', on 25th June 2021. Dr. Junaid Kamal Ahmad, Country Director, World Bank, made the closing remarks.

"All India Analysis of Accreditation Report" – North Region at Integral University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh



The second zone-wise meeting of "All India Analysis of Accreditation Report" – North Region was held on 11th & 12th April 2021, at Integral University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Smt. Anandiben Patel, Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh inaugurated the program and addressed the gathering through virtual mode. She expressed her concern at the quality of higher education institutions and her commitment to support the academic institutions. Dr. Syed Nadeem Akhtar, Hon'ble Pro Chancellor, Integral University welcomed and introduced the guests on the occasion.

Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Sr. CPO, NAAC briefed the audience and participants about the importance of All India Analysis Report and emphasized on the North Region States.

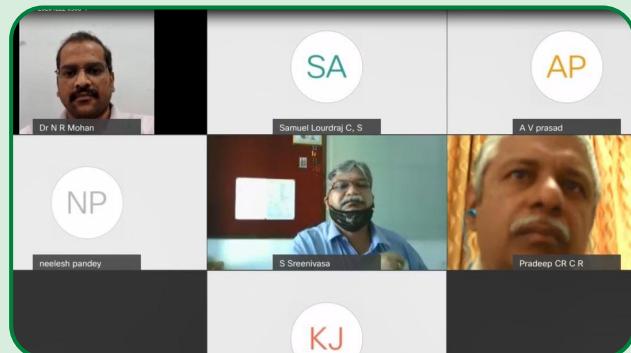
Dr. S Srikanta Swamy, Academic Consultant, NAAC, made a detailed presentation on the Assessment and Accreditation process of NAAC. Later, Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC, joined the programme online and addressed the gathering highlighting on the importance of Accreditation and expressed concern over the absence of facilities in the rural setting. He thanked Smt. Anandiben Patel, the Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh for having accepted the invitation. He also thanked the leaders of the Integral University, Lucknow for their support and initiative.

Prof. Susmit Prasad Pani, senior academician and also the expert committee member gave a brief presentation on the objectives and the intended chapters under which the report should be prepared based on the data of North Region States. An interaction/discussion session with various stakeholders was organized in which many secretaries from other North Region states, Vice chancellors, Professors, Heads of IQACs, and Principals participated. Prof. Javed Musarrat, Vice-Chancellor of Integral University, rendered the vote of thanks.

National Mathematics Day celebrations at NAAC

The National Mathematics Day was celebrated for the first time at NAAC on 22nd December 2020 in the light of the Indian government declaring 22nd December as the National Mathematics Day. This was announced by Dr. Manmohan Singh, the then Prime Minister on 26th February 2012 at Madras University, during the inaugural ceremony of the celebrations to mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of the Indian mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan (22 Dec 1887- 26 Apr 1920). On this occasion Dr. Singh also announced that 2012 would be celebrated as the National Mathematics Year. To commemorate the occasion, the event was observed with pomp at NAAC.

Dr. N R Mohan, Assistant Adviser, NAAC welcomed all the guests and participants. Dr. S Sreenivasa, Deputy Adviser, NAAC gave a keynote address and spoke about the formation of National Mathematics Day by the Government of India and about Shri. Srinivasa Ramanujan. Prof. C R Pradeep, renowned Mathematician gave an expert talk



through the Online Platform hosted by NAAC. Prof. C R Pradeep, gave an insightful presentation on Mathematics: "Ideas to Applications". The webinar witnessed participation by more than 175 academicians from different parts of the country. Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser, NAAC rendered vote of thanks.

Notification to all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) - Extension of revised timeline to submit pending AQARs (considering COVID 19 pandemic)

In continuation to NAAC letter no.NAAC/GH/F.2.76/AQAR/2020 dated 7th October 2020 notified in the NAAC website which is available in the following web link http://www.naac.gov.in/images/docs/announcement/aqar31_05_2021.pdf. It is hereby notified that the revised timeline is extended from 31st May 2021 to 31st August 2021 for online submissions of pending Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQARs) of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to NAAC due to COVID 19 pandemic. The last date for online submission of the academic year 2020-2021 AQAR remains 31st December 2021.

Series of NAAC Sponsored National Webinars across the country

NAAC supported National Webinar in DLS Post Graduate College, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh

NAAC supported one day National Webinar on "Revised Accreditation Framework for Accreditation In Higher Education Institutions" was conducted in DLS Post Graduate College, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh on 21st November, 2020. Dr Sanjay Alung, IAS, Commissioner, Government of Chhattisgarh and presently in-charge Vice-Chancellor of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh spoke about the need for accreditation and improving the overall quality of higher education. Former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. G. D. Sharma spoke on the nuances involved in NAAC accreditation process. In the sessions that followed, Dr. B S Ponmudiraj, Advisor, NAAC, spoke on accreditation status of different colleges and universities of Chhattisgarh and explained briefly about the need for accreditation in eastern region of India.

Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Advisor NAAC gave presentation on the revised framework of assessment and accreditation and

elucidated on the seven criteria, metrics and the overall procedure involved in A&A process. Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Advisor, NAAC spoke on Data Validation and Verification process and Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Advisor, NAAC elaborated on the Student Satisfaction Survey. The interactions were followed by question and answer sessions. More than 250 participants attended the event.



NAAC Sponsored One Day Seminar on Revised NAAC Framework 2020



One day National Level NAAC sponsored Seminar was organized on "Revised NAAC Framework 2020; Preparation

and Submission of SSR and AQAR" on 26th February, 2021 at KLE Society's G I Bagewadi College, Nippani, Belagavi, Karnataka. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. P. M. Herekar, Principal of Devchand College, Arjunnagar, Maharashtra State. Dr. D. K. Kamble, Assistant Advisor, NAAC Bengaluru, spoke on the occasion and gave a detailed overview of NAAC's accreditation processes. As much as 25 papers were received for the seminar. In the interactive sessions feedback was taken from the participants, and Dr Kamble clarified the questions raised by the participants on the aspect of metrics, data templates, SOP, DVV, SSS, submission of IIQA, pre-qualifier, logistics, fee structure, PTV and grade announcement etc.

National Seminar on the 'Role of IQAC in Quality initiatives in Affiliated Colleges'

NAAC sponsored National Seminar on 'Role of IQAC in Quality Initiatives in Affiliated Colleges', was organized on 5th March 2021 at Shri Shivaji Arts & Commerce College, Amravati. Shri. Harshavardhan Deshmukh, President, Shri Shivaji Education Society, Amravati presided over the inaugural function. Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized on the quality assurance in higher education and the commitment of the Society in supporting the quality initiatives. Dr. Leena Gahane Deputy Advisor, NAAC Bangalore inaugurated the national seminar.

In the first session Dr. Leena Gahane, Deputy Advisor NAAC spoke on 'Online A & A Methodology in Revised Accreditation Framework'. She focused on the process of Assessment and Accreditation including Institutional Information (IIQA), online submission of Self Study Report (SSR), Data Validation and Verification (DVV) and Students Satisfaction Survey. Quality Indicator Framework (QIF) on

Seven Criteria and Quality and Quantitative metrics was also discussed.

Dr. Pramod Pabrekar, Senior Consultant, RUSA Maharashtra delivered lecture on "Role of IQAC In Quality Initiatives in Affiliated Colleges". He introduced various aspects of Quality in Higher Education Institutions. Vote of thanks was rendered by the Principal of the institution.



NAAC sponsored National Seminar on Best Practices at Salipur



The NAAC sponsored one day National Seminar on "Best Practices in HEIs – In NAAC Accreditation" was organized on 12th March 2021 by the IQAC, Salipur Autonomous College, Salipur, Odisha in strict conformance to the SOPs issued by the Government of Orisha.

Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, and Dr. B.S. Ponmudiraj both Advisers from NAAC inaugurated the academic event on 12th March 2021. Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath delineated the objectives of assessment by NAAC. He spoke on the importance of external and internal evaluation in quality

assurance. The best practices are necessary to benchmark and achieve quality and excellence at the institution level. Best Practices will create a conducive atmosphere among stakeholders and society around them, he opined.

Dr. B.S.Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC spoke on the occasion and emphasized on the role of periodic assessment in quality assurance. He threw light on the mission of NAAC to arrange for periodic assessment and accreditation to facilitate quality assurance at HEIs. Self-evaluation, accountability, autonomy and innovations in higher education are the key elements in assessment process and quality enhancement, he opined.

Dr. Umesh Chandra Pati, Principal, Salipur College (Autonomous), Salipur presided over the inaugural meeting. On the eve of this occasion a Souvenir comprising 22 articles was released. Similarly the Research Journal of the College Elixir and Campus Bulletin of the college 'The Fresh Lines' were released by the NAAC Advisers. Prof. U.K. Panda, Coordinator, Steering Committee of the college proposed vote of thanks. 152 teacher delegates including IQAC Coordinators and Principals of different Colleges and research scholars from states like Odisha and Andhra Pradesh participated in the academic event.

'Benchmarking Quality Enhancement Initiatives through Innovative Practices'

NAAC sponsored Online National Seminar on 'Benchmarking Quality Enhancement Initiatives through Innovative Practices' was organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Santaji Mahavidyalaya in collaboration with National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bengaluru on 9th January, 2021. The introductory address was delivered by Dr. Priya Wanjari, Principal and Chairperson, IQAC.

Dr. Siddharthavinyaka P. Kane, former Vice Chancellor, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur inaugurated the National Seminar. Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized on the parameters ensuring quality education and development of students. He said that the purpose of establishment of National Assessment and Accreditation Council is to see if the HEIs are moving in right direction and no compromise is being made so far as quality is concerned. Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Adviser, National Assessment and Accreditation Council delivered the keynote address. He urged all the Principals and IQAC Coordinators to have a Vision Statement which needs to be short and specific. He asked the participants to unlock their potential and think of new ways of designing and implementing need based schemes. He delineated the benefits that accrue in the interest of the institution in case they use initiatives like, Atal Innovation Mission, Incubation Centre, Start ups, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, Waste Management, signing of MoUs and laid emphasis on implementation of schemes of Ministry of Skill Development. In the First Technical Session Dr. Anjan Naidu, Principal, Dhote Bandhu Science College,

Gondia made presentation on 'Role of IQAC in sustaining Quality of HEIs'.

Dr. Meghana A. Hasamnis, Coordinator, IQAC and Professor, Electronics Engineering Department Shri Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management, Nagpur, spoke on 'Online Assessment and Accreditation Methodology in Revised Accreditation Framework'. Dr. Sandhya Khedekar, Principal, Gokhale Education Society's College of Education, Sangamner made an effective presentation on 'Role of Information Technology in Effective Documentation for Assessment and Accreditation by NAAC'. Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Adviser, National Assessment and Accreditation Council addressed the participants before the last technical session. He answered the queries of the participants in the Open House.

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Good Documentation Practice

Proverb:
If you have not done documentation an Activity means you have not done it

Dr. Ganesh Hegde

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"Rectifying Challenging Situations and Remediating Higher Educational Institutions located in Rural Areas of Gujarat: An Intrinsic Approach with the Parameters of NAAC"

Two-day NAAC Sponsored National Webinar was conducted in S.D. Arts and Shah B.R. Commerce College, Mansa, Gujarat, on 28th and 29th January, 2021, on "Rectifying Challenging Situations and Remediating Higher Educational Institutions located in Rural Areas of Gujarat: An Intrinsic Approach with the Parameters of NAAC". In the Inaugural Session, Dr. V.R. Shirgurkar, senior academic consultant, spoke on "Revised Guidelines of NAAC and New Education Policy". In her Keynote Address, Dr. Leena Gahane, Deputy Advisor, NAAC, deliberated on NAAC's Vision and Mission, national development, global competencies, cultivation of value system, quest for excellence, SSS and learner-centric activities. The two-day webinar focused on various aspects of NAACs accreditation processes and gave emphasis on quality education in rural areas.

"AQAR, IIQA & SSR Preparation under Revised Assessment and Accreditation Framework along with Challenges and Remedies in Higher Educational Institutions of Tribal Area"

Two day National Seminar on 'AQAR, IIQA & SSR Preparation under RAF along with Challenges and Remedies in HEIs of Tribal Area' was organized by the IQAC of MGV's Arts, Science & Commerce College, Surgana in association with NAAC, on 8-9 January 2021. The program was conducted with the help of online platform. Dr. Ganesh Hegade, Adviser, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) participated as a resource person and explained the dynamics of Quality Assurance in Higher Education in India and challenges in tribal and rural areas. Dr. Bhalchandra Bhole, former Head, Dept. of Microbiology, Abasaheb Garware College, Pune, spoke on the occasion and explained the nuances involved in the process of AQAR, IIQA & SSR Preparation. Sixty research papers were received from participants during the event. In the open house, the resource persons provided clarifications to the participants.

Revised Assessment and Accreditation Framework of NAAC: An Approach

NAAC sponsored online webinar on 'Revised Assessment and Accreditation Framework of NAAC: An Approach' was organized at Manjara Charitable Trust's Smt. Sushiladevi Deshmukh Senior College, Latur on 16th January, 2021. Dr. Udhav Bhosle, Vice-Chancellor, Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded inaugurated the event. Speaking on the occasion, he stressed upon the need for developing a quality consciousness and importance of accreditation for higher institutions among all the stakeholders. Dr. Devender Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC gave a detailed presentation on Online Assessment and Accreditation Methodology in Revised Accreditation Framework. He focused on the core values, vision, and mission and how NAAC facilitates the HEIs to climb the quality ladder. Seven criteria, key indicators and the subsequent metric involved in the manual were the focus of his talk. He responded to the questions and doubts raised by the participants, Various eminent academicians spoke on the occasion and deliberated on matters related to RAF processes. Dr. Mallikarjun Karajgi, Coordinator, IQAC proposed the vote of thanks.

Two day National Level online Seminar on the Role of IPR in Present Economic Scenario - Prospects and Challenges

Two day National Level Online Seminar on 'The Role of IPR in Present Economic Scenario- Prospects and Challenges" was organized by the IQAC of SSMRV College, Bengaluru on 8th and 9th December 2020. The event was aimed at familiarizing the teaching, non-teaching and student groups on the intricacies of IPR. Dr. Sreenivasulu N S, Professor of Law, NUJS, Kolkata deliberated on the topic – 'IPR – Patents and Copyrights'. Dr. G B Reddy, Professor of Law, Osmania University. Hyderabad, spoke on the topic IPR – Trademarks and Designing on Day 1 and Day 2 respectively.

Dr. S Anil Kumar, Principal, SSMRV College and Chairman-IQAC welcomed the virtual gathering and emphasized on the need for conducting webinar on such an important topic. Dr. B S Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC graced the event as the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, he congratulated the team on choosing such an important aspect as IPR and stressed on its importance in quality assurance. In the first technical session, Dr. Sreenivasulu N S focused on Patents and Copyrights and its importance in day-to-day life.

In a crisp and uncommon style, he elaborated the issues involved in the IPR. Teachers and students made the session highly interactive by raising questions on the issues involved in IPR.

Dr. G B Reddy spoke in the second technical session focusing on Trademark and Designing. He delineated the issues with academic as well as entrepreneurial standpoint. He evaluated statements like 'Every brand is a trademark, but all trademarks are not brand' were very impressive. He made the session highly interactive adopting a lucid manner. Mr. Harish N, Senior Advocate and guest faculty, SSMRV College made the closing remarks and threw light on the nuances of IPR. Dr. Nagaraj M S, Coordinator-IQAC and Head-Dept of Commerce rendered the vote of thanks. The event was attended by academicians, legal practitioners, research scholars and students from not only Karnataka but Assam, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Orissa and West Bengal.

Online Hindi Workshop / Lecture Program - 'Rashtiya Yuva Diwas' Celebration



One day 'Hindi Workshop / Lecture Program' was conducted on the occasion of 'Rashtriya Yuva Diwas' on 12th January, 2021 at NAAC, Bengaluru for all it's officers & staff (including PAEs) in virtual mode. The online Hindi Lecture Program was presided-over by Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC. Ms..Bhagyashree Sathaye, Sanskrit Vidushi and social worker from Pune was the Guest of Honour. Many delegates participated in the webinar. The streaming was also facilitated on social media channels like Youtube, Twitter and Facebook. Rashtriya Yuva Diwas marks the birthday of Swami Vivekananda

At the outset, Dr.Shyam Singh Inda, Asst. Adviser welcomed the Chair, the Guest-Speaker and all the participants. Explaining the significance of the day - 'Rashtriya Yuva Diwas' he briefly delineated the personality of Swami Vivekananda and the importance of Hindi as a medium of communication.

Smt. Manikya Devi and team from the Department of Finance at NAAC provided a musical rendition on Swami Vivekananda. Dr.Leena Gahane, Deputy Adviser and Vice-Chairperson, OLIC introduced the Director, NAAC and the Guest-Speaker. Ms..Bhagyashree Sathaye, the resource person on the occasion spoke on the life of Swami Vivekananda's thoughts on education and the relevance of his message especially in the light of Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative announced by the Government of India. Swami Vivekananda's thoughts are very relevant and useful in realising Aatmanirbhar Bharat in the present scenario, she opined.

Prof.S.C.Sharma, Director during his address highlighted the ideals that one can draw from the personality of Swami Vivekananda and opined that each one has to strive to make Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative a successful endeavour. Further, Dr. Sharma opined that by adopting the message of Swami Vivekananda and his unique ideals on 'education', the youth of the nation can provide a direction to the development and progress of the nation. He wholeheartedly complimented the speaker for an informative talk.

Dr.Ruchi Tripathi, Asst. Adviser, rendered the vote of thanks. Dr.Shyam Singh Inda, Asst. Adviser was the Master of Ceremonies. Dr.Wahidul Hasan, Senior CPO, Dr.Vinita Sahu, Asst. Adviser and Dr.Neelesh Pandey, Asst. Adviser & Member-Secretary, OLIC, the officials of the administrative, finance and ICT units along with Ms. Deepa K., Hindi Consultant at NAAC made the event a successful endeavour.

"Upayasa Malika" On Educational Management and Quality Concern in Higher Education

In order to address the concerns of Higher education institutions and to spread awareness among the various stakeholders on various topics, NAAC has organized "Upayasa Malika" wherein 12 Lecture Series were held between 4th February 2021 and 22nd April 2021 on various topics. The two speakers were Prof. S. C Sharma, Director, NAAC and Dr. S. Srikanta Swamy, Academic Expert, Research and Analysis Wing, NAAC.

Following are the detailed topics:

1. Educational Management and its Implications on Higher Education on 4th February 2021.
2. Quality Assurance System on 11th February 2021.
3. Assessment of Higher Education Quality and Role of Quality Assurance Agencies on 18th February 2021.
4. Organization Culture and Management of Higher Educational Institutions on 23rd February 2021.
5. Promoting Research in Higher Education Institutions on 4th March 2021.
6. Conceptual Clarifications and Operationalization of the Criteria for NAAC Assessment and Accreditation on 12th March 2021.
7. Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and its role in Quality Assurance on 18th March 2021.
8. MoUs, Collaborations and Student Support & Progression as Quality Indicators in Higher Education on 25th March 2021.
9. Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA), and SWOC Analysis for Quality check in Higher Education on 1st April 2021.
10. Effective Governance, Leadership and Management for Quality Enhancement in Higher Education on 8th April 2021.
11. Newer initiatives in Higher Education on 15th April 2021.
12. Institutional Values and Best Practices in Higher Education on 22nd April 2021.



International Webinar Series

Qualitative Assurance, Accreditation and Assessment in Higher Education



NAAC organized a webinar on "Quality Assurance, Accreditation and Assessment in Higher Education", was held on 07th April 2021, aimed at taking initiatives to reach out to the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for Quality improvements, sustenance and Assurance, Accreditation and Assessment in Higher Education.

Around 140 participants attended the Webinar. Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC, welcomed the delegates on the occasion. Opening Remarks and programme description was given by Prof. S. C. Sharma, Director, NAAC. Introduction of the resource person of the Webinar Prof. (Dr). Olgun Cicek (Executive Board Member YODAK-Higher Education Council N.Cyprus) was provided by Dr. Vinita Sahu, Assistant Adviser, NAAC.

Prof. (Dr). Olgun Cicek, at the outset spoke about the current predicament of higher education worldwide and the challenges posed to higher education especially during and Post Covid-19 situation. He also stressed on how the Quality assurance agencies are changing with time. Mr. Samuel, System Analyst, NAAC put in great efforts to make the webinar, a successful event.

Dr NR Mohan, Assistant Adviser, NAAC proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser, NAAC was the master of ceremony.

External Higher Education Quality Assurance in pandemic times: NAQA (Ukraine) Experience

A Webinar on 'External Higher Education Quality Assurance in pandemic times: NAQA (Ukraine) experience', was organized by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru on 28th April 2021. The Webinar was organized as part of taking initiatives to reach out to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for Quality improvements, sustenance and Assurance and also to know about working of Quality Assurance NAQA (Ukraine) in pandemic times. Around 80 participants comprising a blend of national and international academicians, attended the Webinar. Dr Sujata Shanbhag, Adviser, NAAC welcomed the guests and delegates.

Opening remarks and programme description was given by Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC. Introduction of the resource person Prof. (Dr). Natalia Stukalo, Vice-Head of the

National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance (NAQA), Ukraine was done by Dr. Vinita Sahu, Assistant Adviser, NAAC:-

Prof. (Dr). Natalia Stukalo, spoke about the accrediting agency NAQA, Ukraine. She also shared some of the experiences faced by the agency during the pandemic. She gave an overview of Higher Education in Ukraine. She stressed on the NAQA response to Covid 19 situation and related to online accreditation process conducted by NAQA. The Interactive Session was hosted and handled by Dr Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser and Mr. Samuel, System Analyst, NAAC. The queries raised by the delegates were answered by the resource person and the NAAC academic personnel. Dr Shyam Singh Inda, Assistant Adviser, NAAC rendered the vote of thanks.

International Webinar on "Reimagining Education, related to Quality Assurance" by COO Eduardo Avalos Mendez

International Webinar on "Reimagining Education, related to Quality Assurance" by COO Eduardo Avalos Mendez, Director of Operations and Innovations at the Council for the Accreditation of Accounting, Administrative and Related Sciences (CACECA) & AICE International Agency for Qualitative Education, Mexico was organized on 11th March 2021 through virtual mode. The event was coordinated by Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Adviser, NAAC.

CEO Eduardo Avalos Mendez explained the overall Accreditation process in Mexico. Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC welcomed the guests and delegates. Dr. B.S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC introduced the speaker. Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC made the opening remarks. Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Adviser, NAAC proposed the vote of thanks.



Quality Issues in Higher Education: Nepal's Journey to QAA

NAAC has organized many international webinars aimed at understanding the international experience in quality assurance over a period of time and the 12th in the series was organized on 19th May 2021. The international webinar- on the topic 'Quality Issues in Higher Education: Nepal's Journey to QAA' was hosted through the virtual mode. The Resource person was Prof. Bhim Prasad Subedi, Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Nepal.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Adviser, NAAC. Prof. Bhim Prasad Subedi explained the overall accreditation process and higher education funding system in Nepal. Dr. B.S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC welcomed the guests. Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Adviser, NAAC introduced the speaker. Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, made the opening remarks. Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Adviser, NAAC proposed the vote of thanks.

International Webinar on 'Quality Assurance of Distance Education Institutions'

International Webinar on "Quality Assurance of Distance Education Institutions", was organized by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru on 14th January 2021 in virtual mode. Around 100 participants comprising a blend of national and international academicians, Vice-Chancellors, Professors, Principals, IQAC and NAAC Coordinators from various institutions attended the webinar. Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC welcomed the guests and delegates.

Opening remarks were made by Prof. S. C. Sharma, Director, NAAC. Dr. Devender S Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC welcomed the guest Dr. Erika Soboleva, Director, AKKORK, Russia. Dr. Erika in her address specifically highlighted on the standards for assessment of Distance Education institutions,

ISO, European Universities Quality in e-learning in terms of learning/Institutional context, learning resources, learning processes, ECB check such as information about organization etc. She also briefed about the importance of target audience, Quality of content, programme design, technology, evaluation and review. She explained about the modalities and functioning of European Association for Qualitative Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) criteria and indicators for evaluation, E excellence in learning standards such as strategic management, curriculum design, course design, staff support, etc. The Interactive Session was hosted and handled by Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel, System Analyst, NAAC. Dr. Shyam Singh Inda, Assistant Adviser, NAAC was the Master of ceremonies.

International Webinar on : QA & Continuous Qualitative Improvement in Higher Education through the use of A&A: US Perspective



An International Webinar on the theme "QA & Continuous Qualitative Improvement in Higher Education through the use of A&A: US Perspective" was organized by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru on 4th November 2020. The Resource Person for the Webinar was Prof. Sonny Ramaswamy, President, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), USA. Around 200 participants from various institutions attended

the Webinar. Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC welcomed the guest and the delegates and threw light on the theme. Dr. Shyam Singh Inda, Assistant Adviser, NAAC introduced the guest to the delegates. Prof. Sonny Ramaswamy, spoke about the current scenario of Higher Education worldwide and the trends impacting education viz., global, demographic, scientific, financial, ICT etc. He raised the issues and concerns about the challenges faced by the education sector globally, especially during COVID-19 situation.

He delineated the purpose of Accreditation and its role in improvement of quality of education. He briefed on the NWCCU'S mission and highlighted the process of accreditation especially from the US perspective, which is primarily based on evidence-informed standards, students' achievement and success and continuous improvement.

The Q&A session was handled by Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel, System Analyst, NAAC. Dr. Vinita Sahu, Assistant Adviser, NAAC, expressed the words of gratitude to the resource person and the delegates. Dr Devender Kawday was the Master of Ceremonies.

"Teachers must.... regard every imperfection in the pupils not as a defect....but as a deficit in his or her own instruction, and endeavour to develop... the ability to discover a new method of teaching." - Leo Tolstoy

'The Role of the TEQSA in regulating and QA in Australian HEIs'

Webinar on 'Quality Assurance and Character Education Higher Education' was organized by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru on 29th January 2021. The webinar was aimed at reaching out to the HEIs in facilitating quality sustenance and enhancement. Around 200 participants comprising a blend of national and international academicians, Vice-chancellors, Professors, Principals, IQAC and NAAC Coordinators from various institutions attended the webinar. Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC, welcomed the guests and briefed them on the objectives of the academic event.

Prof. S. C. Sharma, Director, NAAC made the opening remarks. Dr. Karen Treloar, Director, Engagement Group, TEQSA, Australia and Dr. Emily Goode, International and

Industry Professional Bodies Manager, Engagement Group, TEQSA, Australia were the resource persons and were introduced by Dr. Devendewr Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC. Dr. Karen Treloar, Director, Engagement Group, TEQSA, Australia and Dr. Emily Goode in their address specifically highlighted on standards for assessment on Quality followed by TEQSA in Australia in terms learning/Institutional context, learning resources, learning processes, character and value education etc. Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel, System Analyst, NAAC handled the interaction session. Prof Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel System Analyst, NAAC were involved in making the event successful. Dr. Shyam Singh Inda, Assistant Adviser, NAAC proposed the vote of thanks.

'Assuring the Quality of Higher Education: The Case of AQU Catalunya'

Webinar on "Qualitative Assurance and Character Education in Higher Education" was organized by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru on 8th February 2021, aimed at providing inputs for HEIs for quality sustenance and enhancement. Around 150 delegates attended the webinar comprising Vice-Chancellors, professors and personnel involved in quality cell. Dr. B.S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC welcomed the delegates and briefed on the theme of the webinar.

Prof. S. C. Sharma, Director, NAAC made the opening remarks. The resource person, Dr. Martí Casadesús i Fa, Director, AQU Catalunya was introduced by Dr. Devender

Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC. Dr. Martí Casadesús i Fa, Director, AQU Catalunya, in his address specifically highlighted on standards for assessment on Quality followed by AQU in Catalunya in terms learning/Institutional context, learning resources, learning processes and character. He also stressed about the present teaching paradigm and the ways to improve it.

Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel, System Analyst, NAAC handled the Q&A session. Prof Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel System Analyst, NAAC were involved in making the event successful. Dr. Vinita Sahu, Assistant Adviser, NAAC proposed the vote of thanks.

From Quality to Relevance: Re-thinking Quality Assurance and Accreditation in the New 'Normal'

International Webinar on the theme 'From Quality to Relevance: Re-thinking Quality Assurance and Accreditation in the New 'Normal'', was organized by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru on 28th October 2020. Around 200 participants comprising a blend of national and international academicians from various institutions attended the Webinar. Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC welcomed the guests.

Prof. S. C. Sharma, Director, NAAC made the opening remarks. The resource person. Mr. Francisco Marmolejo, Education Adviser, Qatar Foundation, Doha, Qatar, was introduced by Devender Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC. Mr. Francisco Marmolejo, at the outset spoke on the current

scenario of higher education worldwide and the challenges posed to higher education especially during Covid-19 situation- the new normal. He also stressed about the present teaching paradigm and the ways to improve it. Appreciating the role of the digital technology to provide the 'reach', he expressed concern about the digital divide, economic disparity etc.

Mr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel, System Analyst, NAAC handled the technical session. Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel were involved in making the webinar successful. Dr. Shyam Singh Inda rendered vote of thanks and Dr. Vinita Sahu, Asst. Adviser was the Master of Ceremonies.

International Accreditation by AHPGS - Standards, Criteria and Procedures

Webinar on "International Accreditation by AHPGS- Standards, Criteria and Procedures" was organized by NAAC, Bengaluru on 30th March 2021. It was aimed at reaching out to the HEIs to facilitate understand the strategies for quality sustenance and enhancement during the predicament imposed on the world by the Pandemic.

Around 120 participants attended the event. Dr. B.S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC welcomed the delegates and briefed them on the theme of the webinar. Prof. S. C. Sharma, Director, NAAC made the opening remarks. Dr. Vishnu Mahesh, Asst. Adviser, NAAC introduced the resource person Ms. Corina Sutter and Ms. Lena Schnell, Germany.

Ms. Corina Sutter and Ms. Lena Schnell in their address specifically highlighted on International Accreditation by AHPGS-Standards, Criteria and Procedures for Quality in terms of learning and learning processes. They emphasized on the importance of quality of content in addition to the strategies of teaching-learning, strategies adopted for evaluation and the role of digital technology in reaching out to the stakeholders in contexts, especially imposed by the pandemic. Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel were involved in making the event a successful endeavour. Dr. Kamble, Asst. Adviser, NAAC rendered vote of thanks and Dr. A.V. Prasad was the Master of Ceremonies.

'Quality Assurance and Character Education in Higher Education'



Webinar on 'Quality Assurance and Character Education in Higher Education' was organized by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru on 24th March 2021. It was aimed at reaching out to the HEIs to facilitate quality sustenance and enhancement. Around 200 participants comprising Vice-Chancellors, Principals and IQAC coordinators besides the officials of NAAC attended the event. Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC welcomed the

guests, delegates and introduced the theme and concept of the academic event. Prof. S. C. Sharma, Director, NAAC made the opening remarks. The resource person, Dr. Marvin Oxenham, General Secretary of the European Council for Theological Education, Rome, Italy was introduced by Dr. A.V. Prasad, Asst Adviser, NAAC.

Dr. Marvin Oxenham in his address specifically highlighted on standards for assessment of Quality in e-learning in terms of learning/Institutional context, learning resources, learning processes, character and value education. Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel, System Analyst, NAAC handled the technical session. Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel were involved in making the event a successful endeavour. Dr. Kamble, Asst. Adviser rendered the vote of thanks. Dr. Vishnu Mahesh, Asst. Adviser was the Master of Ceremonies.

'Recognition and Accreditation of Medical Schools in the Caribbean'

An International Webinar on the theme 'Recognition and Accreditation of Medical Schools in the Caribbean', was organized by NAAC, Bengaluru on 28th May 2021. Mrs. Lorna M. Parkins Executive, Director Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM), Jamaica was the resource person. The webinar was attended by academicians from national and international arena. Dr. B.S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC welcomed the guests and delegates and introduced the theme of the webinar. Dr. Shyam Singh Inda, Assistant Adviser, NAAC, introduced the guest. Mrs. Parkins, spoke about the current scenario prevailing in the Higher Education worldwide specially medical education

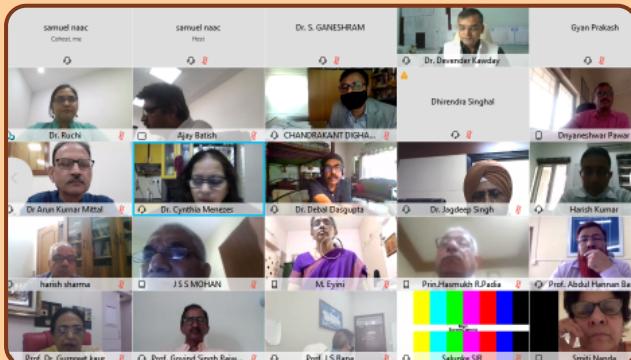
and the trends impacting education viz., global, demographic, scientific, financial, ICT etc. She explained about the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM), mission and highlighted the process of accreditation especially from the Jamaica perspective. Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel, System Analyst, NAAC handled the technical session and Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel had worked hard to make the event successful. Dr. Kamble, Asst. Adviser, NAAC rendered the vote of thanks and Dr. Vishnu Mahesh was the Master of Ceremonies.

'For Assuring and Enhancing Qualitative: JUAA and QA scheme in Japan'

An International Webinar on the theme 'From Quality to Relevance: For Assuring and Enhancing Quality: JUAA and QA Scheme in Japan', was organized by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru on 23rd April 2021. The webinar was intended to reach out to the HEIs to facilitate quality sustenance and enhancement in the 'new normal' forced on the stakeholders by the Pandemic. Around 200 participants comprising a blend of national and international academicians attended the event. Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC welcomed the guest and the delegates Prof. S. C. Sharma, Director, NAAC made the opening remarks. The resource person. Dr. Akinori Matsuzaka, Associate Director, Research & Planning Division, Japan University Accreditation Association (JUAA), Tokyo, Japan, was introduced by Dr. A.V. Prasad, Asst. Adviser,

NAAC, Bengaluru. Dr. Akinori Matsuzaka, at the outset spoke about the current predicament forced on the world by the Covid-19 pandemic. In such a situation, the role of digital technologies and internet is noteworthy but the digital equity is a concern due to digital divide, rural-urban division, operational difficulties etc. He also stressed on the role of Accreditation agencies in raising the Quality of tertiary education and way forward. Prof. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel, System Analyst, NAAC handled the Q&A session and Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser and Mr. Samuel were involved in making the event a successful endeavour. Dr. D.K. Kamble, Asst Adviser rendered the vote of thanks and Dr. Vishnu Mahesh was the Master of Ceremonies.

Assessors' Orientation Programme Organised by NAAC



Background: National Assessment and Accreditation Council is an autonomous institution established by the UGC in 1994. The prime agenda of NAAC is to assess and accredit institutions of higher learning with the objective to work continuously to improve the quality of higher education. NAAC assesses institutions through the Self-Study Reports prepared by the institutions themselves and with the help of the Peers appointed by NAAC, validation of the report is done in a manner that is mandated by NAAC. As the process of NAAC is dynamic, it is imperative that the Peers get orientation on the methodology from time to time. In the process, NAAC organizes Assessors' Orientation Programmes (AOP) which makes space for not only orienting the Peers, but conduct simulation exercises and draw strategies to cut down inter team differences in the assessment and collect the feedback from the Peers based on their field visits.

In the light of covid – 19 pandemic, the NAAC has taken the onus on itself to keep the momentum of AOP ticking; by organizing a series of virtual AOPs. The peer team experts are being oriented by virtual mode on the nuances involved in the methodology of NAAC.

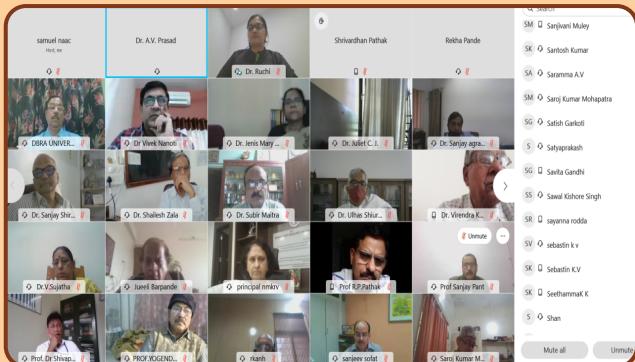
The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru organised a series of Virtual Assessors' Orientation Programme (V-AOP) on the topic "Revised Accreditation Framework of NAAC" from 16th to 18th & 22nd March 2021.

A Total of 275 Assessors participated in the programme which included Vice Chancellors, Directors, Professors and Principals belonging to various disciplines.



Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC welcomed the esteemed participants of the Virtual Assessors' Orientation Programme (V-AOP).

Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC & Dr. Devender Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC introduced the participants about the new Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF). They also explained about the NAAC Adherence to the Code of Conduct and Ethics. Conformance to the Code of conduct and Ethics, in letter and spirit. Refrain from being influenced directly or indirectly by the Institution, or any other entity concerning qualitative assessment and Outcome of the Assessment process. Further NAAC mandates that members should normally not be accompanied by anyone else (family or friend) during the peer team visit to the HEIs. They must desist from undue usage of Institution facilities during the PTV, accept any Honorarium, Honorary Degree/ Award/ Position from the Institution. Conflict of Interest arising from any association with the Institution during the period of the last three years



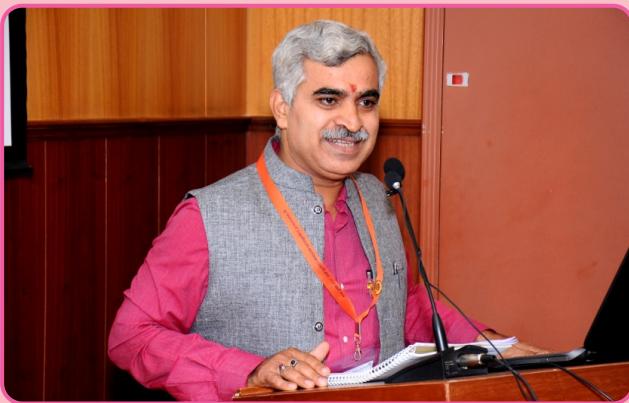
prior to the PTV need to be duly disclosed and the visit not be accepted. Accepting any paid job/assignment from the Institution for one year after the declaration of accreditation results should be strictly avoided.

Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Adviser, NAAC and Coordinator of the programme presented the intricacies of the Process of Assessment and Accreditation such as Quantitative Metrics, Qualitative Metrics, Weightage and Benchmarking for various Metrics. She also highlighted the current process followed by NAAC for Logistic arrangement done for onsite visit.

She spoke on the ICT integration of A&A Process. She explained the entire features of ICT integration of various portal, process of RAF such as Data Validation and Verification (DVV), Student Satisfaction Survey (SSS) etc. She also explained the features of Assessors portal and Report Writing. This was followed by Question & Answer session. The participants were given the opportunity to clear their doubts by asking questions.

The programme ended with the vote of thanks given by Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Adviser, NAAC who thanked Director, NAAC and NAAC ICT team for support regarding the success of the event.

Dr Ganesh Hegde, Adviser, NAAC passes away



It is with profound sadness and deep shock that NAAC announces the tragic and untimely demise of Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Adviser, NAAC on the early morning of 8th May, 2021. With his passing away a talented and illustrious colleague is lost by NAAC. Dr. Hegde had served NAAC for more than two decades being at the helm of affairs on many projects and assignments. In this hour of personal grief, our thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Ganesh Hegde's immediate family members. May the almighty give strength to his wife, daughter and parents to tide over this crisis. The Director and the entire NAAC family, deeply mourn the irreparable loss to NAAC and to the quality assurance fraternity of the country. The NAAC family prays that his soul may rest in peace.

Release of NAAC News - Kannada Sudhipatra"

A colourful event was organised to mark the occasion of the release of the Kannada version of the NAAC News by NAAC on 16th April 2021 at NAAC Conference Hall. The commemorative event was to cherish the occasion when NAAC released its Kannada version of the NAAC NEWS in the month of Feb 2021 for the third time in the history of the organisation. Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Adviser, NAAC, welcomed the guests as well as the members of the NAAC family on the occasion. Dr. Giridhar Upadhyaya, Kempegowda Medical College, Bengaluru was the chief guest on the occasion. Dr. Jagannath Patil, Adviser, NAAC, who presided over the event on the occasion felicitated the guest. Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC had sent his good wishes on the occasion as he could not attend the event due to other official preoccupations.

Releasing the Kannada Sudhipatra, the chief guest expressed his happiness over the fact that the NAAC news in Kannada, English and Hindi versions, has paved the way for implementation for three languages formula in NAAC. Citing the examples from Japan, the guest delineated the ways and means to be adopted in India to focus on the research on regional languages and their immense richness.



In his presidential address, Dr. Jagannath Patil, elucidated the efforts of the Japanese in reserving a place of respect for their regional languages and recollected his experiences from his recently concluded tour of Japan. He narrated his experiences while interacting with the Japanese counterparts and the importance that the Japanese attach to regional languages. Dr. D. K. Kamble, Assistant adviser, NAAC rendered the vote of thanks. Mr. V. Lakshman, Mr. K. Ravi Kumar, Mr. Jayasimha and Mrs. Suneetha made concerted efforts to make the event a successful endeavour.

Notification to all Higher Education Institutions Extension of validity period of accreditation (considering COVID-19 Pandemic)

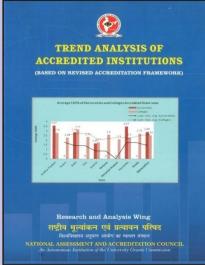
Accreditation validity period stands extended for those HEIs whose validity of accreditation expires during the COVID-19 pandemic period, i.e., from 1st March 2020; provided the HEIs submit the online Institutional Information for Quality Assessment (IIQA) within three months from the Government/University notification to resume the normal academic activities by the HEI.

Those HEIs that have submitted online IIQA/online SSR within the validity period of accreditation before/during the pandemic period, i.e., 1st March 2020, but the process has been delayed due to the Pandemic, the validity period of accreditation stands extended as per the existing provisions of NAAC, i.e., until the completion of the A&A process of NAAC, provided such institutions do not withdraw their applications and agree to continue with the process within three months from the resuming the normal academic activities as per the Government/University notification.

HEIs whose validity period expired before 1st March 2020 and submitted IIQA after expiry, but the process has been delayed due to the Pandemic, the validity period of accreditation DOES NOT STAND extended as per the existing provisions of NAAC. BUT processing of their IIQA/SSR application stages deadlines will be automatically extended for a period of 3 MONTHS after the normal academic activities resume as per the Government/University notification.

New additions to NAAC Publications

Trend Analysis of Accredited Institutions (Based on Revised Accreditation Framework)

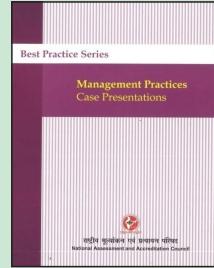


Based on the feedback and the suggestions of experts, the trend analysis process has seen notable changes, especially with respect to criteria weightages and the grading system. The Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) was introduced in July 2017. In the earlier Accreditation and Assessment process, institutions had the freedom to apply for accreditation at any point throughout the year. The window system was introduced between 3rd July 2018 and 30th November 2018 as a better approach to the existing system. During this period, 36 Universities and 536 College have been accredited. An analysis of these institutions has been done and with respect to the same, a trend report has been prepared.

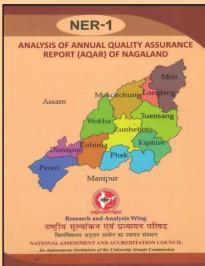
Best Practices Series – Management Practices

In any organization, it is the Management that plays a crucial role in improving the performance and efficiency towards Quality assurance. There are many parameters that relate to management of human resources. An efficient organization takes care of appointing motivated, experienced and skillful individuals for its smooth functioning and provides good leadership. In an educational set up, there are many aspects such as, infrastructure, curriculum development, teaching-learning, extension activities, research process, government and student activities that require the application of management principles to enhance Quality.

Accredited universities and colleges have illustrated many best practices in areas like admission process, curriculum aspects, teaching-learning, evaluation, leadership and management, evaluation and community engagement. In the area of management, there are distinct areas for best practices like, communication, leading by example, setting and demanding realistic goals, open management style and strategic planning, Benchmarking is another domain which facilitates a better understanding of the capabilities of an organization. This book contains all the above details.



Analysis of Annual Qualitative Assurance report (AQAR) of Nagaland

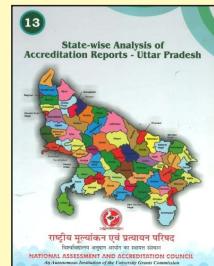


To ensure Quality sustenance, it is essential for institutions to establish an Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). All those institutions accredited by NAAC are required to submit an annual self-reviewed report called Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR), detailing all the tangible outcomes achieved in key areas during that academic year. The AQAR report contains information about the institution in two distinct parts – Part A & Part B. Part A of the report presents an overall picture of the institutions and gives details of the significant activities of the seven Criteria identified by NAAC. This current report is based on the AQAR reports submitted by 16 Colleges in Nagaland, submitted between the years 2014 & 2017.

State-wise Analysis of Accreditation Reports – Uttar Pradesh

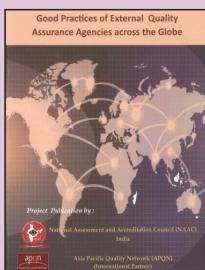
This State-wise Analysis report contains information about the Institution and also specific information about the criteria used for assessment, keeping the rich content & applicability of the peer team reports. The report also helps to understand the scenario of Quality Assurance in higher education and aid state governments, departments of collegiate education & universities to plan their future Quality Assurance & enhancement activities on the basis of the recommendations that ensue from the Accreditation

State-wise Analysis report of Uttar Pradesh seeks to provide a bird's eye view of NAAC accredited institutions of the state. It does so by briefly introducing NAAC's system of assessment, accreditation and grading to provide a comprehensive quantitative and qualitative analysis of assessment reports of these institutions. Such state-wise/region-wise analysis of accreditation reports are invaluable not only to understand the state-level scenarios of Quality assurance in higher education, but also help the state Governments/Departments of Collegiate Education/Universities to plan their future activities regarding Quality Assurance and enhancement, based on the recommendations that emanate from such analysis



"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expressions and knowledge." - **Albert Einstein**

Compilation of Good Practices of Quality Assurance Agencies across the Globe

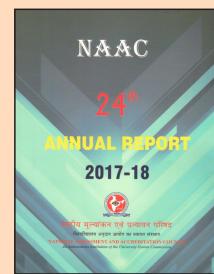


A study is conducted by NAAC on "Compilation of Good Practices of External Quality Assurance Agencies" is an initiative to identify, compile and disseminate the Good Practices of Quality Assurance Agencies across the globe. Good Practice, in general, is defined as "the practice that if followed should add value where it is being addressed that result in the positive outcome". The identification of good practice is not a simple process as it is addressed. However, as word good says, it should posses and comprise good parameters in the followed practice which may be ordinary or innovative but should result in Quality improvement. The identified good practice in higher education Quality assurance should be worth implementation and dissemination and that should nurture the Quality of practice and process for adoption by other QA agencies.

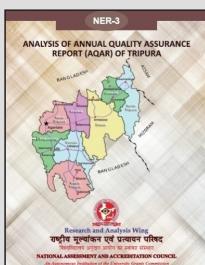
The good Practices study of QA agencies will act as good resource material and enable the QA agencies to make use of the practice to understand, learn and look for the newer directions, or, even redefine their own process and procedures to improve the Quality of education.

24th Annual Report 2017-18

The Annual Report is a record of the institution's endeavors and achievements in the course of a year. It is a comprehensive overview of an entire year's academic, administrative, financial, and infrastructural inputs. With Quality being the constant mantra of NAAC, the Annual Report for the year 2017-2018 provides a glimpse of the major initiatives undertaken by the NAAC to promote Quality and excellence in Higher Education in the country. The Annual Report is the compendium of all the pertinent information and progress made by NAAC in its endeavors during the year 2017-18. The Annual Report consists of seven parts. Part-I contains the information about NAAC's objectives and structure. Part-II contains the information about its General Council (GC), Executive Committee (EC), Finance Committee and Appeals Committee. Part-III carries information and Data about the Academic activities. Part-IV deals with the future plan of NAAC, whereas Part-V contains the details about Administrative Activities and Part VI presents the financial Activities and Accounts. Part-VII contains the list of Institutions accredited by NAAC during the period.



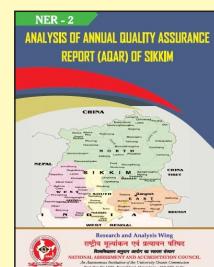
Analysis of Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) Tripura



To ensure the overall Quality of higher education institutions, it is just as important for each institution to have a specific mechanism to ensure quality. The mantle of this falls on the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at the institution level. Besides this, the institutions submit an annual self-reviewed report called Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR), detailing all the tangible outcomes achieved in key areas during an academic year. The report is key to understand the overall development of the institution, laid out in two distinct parts – Part-A and Part-B. Part-A presents a broad outlook of the Quality assurance schemes of the institution, while part-B discusses this thematically according to the seven criteria defined by NAAC. The current report is based on the AQAR reports submitted by 3 such institutions in Tripura.

Analysis of Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) Sikkim

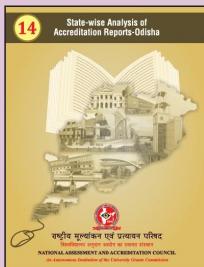
Every institution has a specific mechanism for the process of Quality assurance and the mantle of this falls on the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). In addition, all those institutions accredited by NAAC are expected to submit an annual self-reviewed report called Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR), detailing all the tangible outcomes achieved in key areas during a specified academic year. The report itself is exhaustive and contains two distinct parts – part-A and part-B. Part A contains crucial information related to the overall development of the institution, while Part-B delves into this further thematically, according to the seven criteria defined by NAAC. The current report is based on the AQAR reports submitted by 3 colleges in Sikkim. The report provides recommendations to the higher education Institutions and also the state education departments to take measures to improve the quality of higher education Institutions.



Notification to Dual Mode Universities (DMUs) (considering COVID 19 pandemic)

In continuation to NAAC notification dated 14th January 2020 notified on the NAAC website which is available in the following web link http://www.naac.gov.in/images/docs/notification/Notification-to-Dual-ModeUniversities_1.pdf and in continuation to NAAC notification dated 3rd February 2020 notified in the NAAC website which is available in the following web link http://www.naac.gov.in/images/docs/notification/Notification-to-Universities-DUALMODE_03-02-2020.pdf, it is hereby notified that Dual Mode Universities (DMUs) may come forward for NAAC Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) Process either in General University Manual or Dual Mode University Manual; this option will be continued till June 2022.

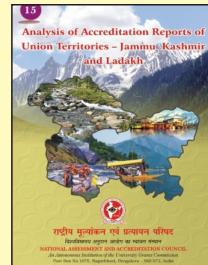
State-wise Analysis of Accreditation Reports of Odisha



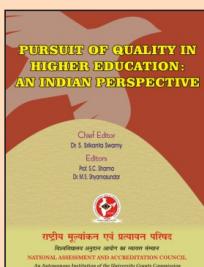
The State-wise Analysis report contains information about the institution and also specific information about the criteria used for assessment, based on the peer team reports. The report provides an understanding of the scenario of Quality assurance in higher education & useful for state governments, departments of collegiate education & universities to plan their future Quality assurance & enhancement activities on the basis of the recommendations that ensue from these reports. State-wise Analysis report of Odisha seeks to provide a clear picture of NAAC accredited institutions of the state. It does so by briefly introducing NAAC's system of assessment, accreditation & grading to provide a comprehensive quantitative & qualitative analysis of assessment reports of these institutions which helps the higher education Institutions to reflect upon the strength and weaknesses.

Analysis of Accreditation Reports of Union Territories – Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh

The profiled State-wise Analysis Report contains information related to the assessment and accreditation Process followed by NAAC and details of accreditation status of higher education institutions. The information provided in the report helps to understand the scenario of quality assurance in higher education and useful for the governments, departments of collegiate education and universities to plan for quality assurance and enhancement activities on the basis of the recommendations given. The Analysis of Accreditation Reports of Union Territories – Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh provide information of the accredited Institutions to understand variations across the types of Institutions and locality. The report is invaluable not only to understand the state-level scenarios of quality assurance in higher education, but also help universities and colleges to plan their administrative and academic activities to provide quality education, and also motivates non accredited institutions to go for accreditations.



Pursuit of Quality in Higher Education: An Indian Perspective

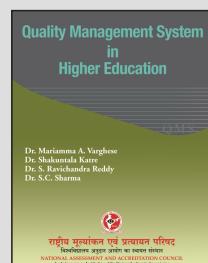


The profiled Edition of Pursuit of Knowledge in Higher Education is dedicated to 25 years of accomplished journey in Pursuit of Knowledge for commemorating the Silver Jubilee year of NAAC.

This book contains twenty five articles written by Professors and senior academicians on various topics, ranging from education in the context of globalization, implementation of information and technology in teaching, women's education to teaching models in higher education and the need for inculcating values in higher education. This will be beneficial to higher educational institutions and a good book for professionals in education.

Quality Management System in Higher Education

Quality Management System (QMS) in Higher Education is a welcome book to Institutions which are rather skeptical of seeking mandatory Quality Assessment and Accreditation (A & A) of NAAC. NAAC has particularly undertaken the important task of orienting all HEI's with respect to internalizing and institutionalizing quality through the much needed information on all aspects of Quality as covered in this source book. The book on 'Quality Management System in Higher Education' (574 pages) provides an opportunity to read and understand the nuances of A&A in its simple and true form. It provides a valuable window for the much needed information on Quality Management System in Higher Education, Management of Change, Management Information System and other significant areas of Quality that are necessary to be adopted by HEI's.



Notification to all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) Extension of revised timeline to submit pending AQARs (Considering COVID 19 pandemic)

In continuation of NAAC letter no.NAAC/GH/F.2.76/AQAR/2020 dated 7th October 2020 notified in the NAAC website which is available in the following web link http://www.naac.gov.in/images/docs/announcement/aqar31_05_2021.pdf it is hereby notified that the revised timeline is extended from 31st May 2021 to 31st August 2021 for online submissions of pending Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQARs) of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to NAAC due to COVID 19 pandemic. The last date for online submission of the academic year 2020-2021 AQAR remains 31st December 2021.

Glimpses of Peer Team Visits



Maharaja Neempal Singh Government College. 2-3rd Feb 2021. Dr. Debasish Bhattacharjee (Chairperson), Dr. Vishal Goyal (Member Coordinator) and Dr. Jayesh Poojara (Member).



Shrimati Savitarani Narayandas Jawandhiya Mahavidyalaya. 26-27th Feb 2021. Dr. Nagalapalli Nagaraju (Chairperson), Dr. Ghulam Bhat (Member Coordinator) and Dr. Ravindra Gupta (Member).



P.S.R Engineering College. 9-10th April 2021. Dr. Bijoy Kumar Nanda (Chairperson), Dr. Raghu Ram Al (Member Coordinator) and Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma (Member).



Smt. Mahadevi Mahavidyalaya. 8-9th Feb 2021. Dr. Keshari Lal Verma (Chairperson), Dr. Apurba Ratan Ghosh (Member Coordinator) and Mr. Nandkumar Nikam (Member).



Women's College of Arts, Commerce and Home Science. 22-23rd Feb 2021. Prof. Kshama Agarwal (Chairperson), Prof. Ashok Hanjagi (Member Coordinator) and Dr. Sanjukta Das (Member).



Sagar Institute of Science & Technology (SISTec). 26-27th Feb 2021. Dr. Sivapullaiah Puvvadi (Chairperson), Dr. Raghu Ram Alla (Member Coordinator) and Dr. Tapan Gogoi (Member).



St. Joseph's Degree & P.G. College. 9-10th March 2021. Dr. Byju John (Chairperson), Dr. Chandan Gupta (Member Coordinator) and Dr. Rajendran Venkatachalam (Member).



Thiagarajar College. 4-5th Feb 2021. Dr. Naresh Chandra (Chairperson), Dr. Pabitra Kumar Mishra (Member Coordinator) and Dr. H. Nanje Gowda (Member).



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