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*From the Editor's Desk...* 

## Navigating the roadmap to quality in Indian higher education

India's robust higher education system, with its focus on access, equity, inclusivity, quality and research is significantly expanding its global footprints, and gaining worldwide recognition in various facets of its functioning.

Much of this evolution in the quality and output of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) is due to the guidelines and mentoring offered to them by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The NAAC, which was specifically established with the mandate of supporting HEIs in improving the quality of higher education, has completed 30 meaningful years of existence.

Since its inception, NAAC has been a vital catalyst in transforming institutions of higher education through its in-depth and transparent process of assessment and accreditation, and has accredited 8469 colleges and 391 universities till date. With its model of periodic cyclic evaluation, NAAC has an immense tally of 13,503 college accreditations and 688 university accreditations over all cycles to its credit.

With transparency being a core tenet of NAAC's functioning, the process of assessment and accreditation has yielded vast volumes

of data and statistics pertaining to quality enhancement measures. Deriving insights from this aggregation of data is vital to both NAAC and higher education institutions to effectively address elements related to quality assurance, and extensive data mining is employed by the agency to gain coherent intelligence from the data sets.

To execute this endeavor effectively, NAAC has taken up various measures to facilitate and support decision-making for government agencies, Higher Education Institutions, Universities etc., in conceptualizing and implementing roadmaps towards excellence in higher education. Initiatives like publication of State Level Analysis of Accredited Institutions as reports in a timely manner has gone a long way in taking the quality baton forward. Many such quality initiatives are on the anvil in the coming days.

The primary data collected during the assessment and accreditation process, be it through self-study reports, annual quality assurance reports, or peer team reports, is a tremendous information resource for deriving advanced intelligence on the Indian higher education system. It is my firm conviction

that these insights will be of great benefit to policymakers, government agencies and other stakeholders involved in analysing the higher education sector in India and conceptualizing strategies for improving quality of higher education in India.

These are challenging times for higher education in the country, particularly for entities like the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), which plays a crucial role in evaluating and accrediting educational institutions. Discussions and debates about the nature and quality of higher education are frequent at public forums. NAAC, as a guardian of quality assurance, bears the responsibility of maintaining a focus on quality in all its assessment and accreditation activities.

NAAC's journey has not been without difficulties. Over nearly three decades, it has navigated rough terrains, overcoming challenges to establish itself and promote a culture of quality in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Today, Internal Quality Assurance Cells are working vigorously to standardise quality benchmarks.

The ongoing reforms are welcomed, aligning with the need for India to address challenges in various domains. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 holds promise and is seen as a remedy for many issues facing the nation. To fulfill the expectations of the people, effective implementation of the NEP is crucial, especially in higher education, which is expected to be both nationally inclusive and globally oriented.

Ever since 1994, when it was established, NAAC has lived up to its responsibility by assessing and accrediting higher education institutions and fostering consensus on quality assurance.

However, in the evolving landscape of higher education in India, accreditation through assessment requires reevaluation. The alignment of teaching, evaluation, and accreditation needs to be reconsidered in light of NEP-2020.

In essence, there is an effort to elevate the standards of quality education, moving beyond mere oversight to continuous reflective striving for greater excellence. The objectives of assessment must align with those of NEP-2020, focusing on the well-being of society, individuals, and the planet.

NAAC proposes the development of a common manual with subsections for different categories, allowing for the assessment and accreditation of constituent units and programmes based on expected graduate outcomes.

In 2024, NAAC faces a new challenge, assessing various specialist institutions, many entering their fourth cycle of accreditation. NAAC must adopt strategies to meet these challenges, especially in addressing the needs of institutions with over fifteen years of experience with NAAC's accreditation process.

I take this opportunity to thank Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, UGC and President, General Council, NAAC and Prof. Anil D Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, EC, NAAC for their benevolent support and guidance in taking forward the quality baton of NAAC. The NAAC family certainly looks forward to their proactive association in all NAACs future endeavours.

Thanking You with regards,

**Prof. Ganesan Kannabiran**

Director, NAAC

## National Workshop on ICT, Assessment and Accreditation at NAAC Campus

The NAAC Organised “National Workshop on ICT, Assessment and Accreditation Process of Institution” and a special lecture by Hon’ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben Patel was conducted on 4 April 2023 at NAAC Campus. The Chief Guest, the Hon’ble Governor was flanked by Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC and a galaxy of academicians. Prof. S.C. Sharma felicitated the Chief Guest and made the welcome address.

In his address, Prof. Sharma welcomed the Chief Guest-Hon’ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben Patel as well as other guests including Vice Chancellor and IQAC coordinators of Universities and briefed about the significance of national workshop.

Chief Guest on the occasion, Hon’ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben Patel in her address praised the efforts made by NAAC in bringing all the higher education institutions under the ambit of accreditation. She further, emphasized on the need for maintaining quality in higher education institutions and that quality has become synonymous with NAAC accreditation, she said.

There were two technical sessions in the workshop. In the first technical session, Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser,



NAAC, made a presentation on the SSR and DVV process of NAAC. In the second technical session, Dr Vinita Sahu, Assistant Adviser, NAAC talked about various criteria related to University Manual and SOP. The workshop was compered by Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Adviser, NAAC while Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser, NAAC proposed the vote of thanks. The workshop was attended by 24 Vice Chancellors and 21 IQAC Directors of Universities.

Hon’ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben Patel also paid a visit to the newly built Bio Diversity Park and ICT building at NAAC campus.



## Release of the State Wise Analysis of Higher Education Institutions of Madhya Pradesh by the Hon’ble Governor of Madhya Pradesh

The State-level Accreditation report of Madhya Pradesh prepared by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) was released by the Honorable Governor Shri. Mangubhai C. Patel Ji of Madhya Pradesh on

31 January 2023 at Bhopal. The program was Jointly organized by NAAC and Peoples University, Bhopal.

Dr. (Smt.) Megha Vijayvargiya, Pro-chancellor People University, NAAC officials – Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Sr. CPO, Mrs. Mukambika (W/o Late Dr. Ganesh Hegde), his daughter Ms. Chinmay Hegde, Dr. Shyam Singh Inda, Assistant Adviser, NAAC, Dr. Vinita Sahu, Assistant Adviser, NAAC, and external experts Prof. D. N. Sansanwal, former Head and Dean, Institute of Education, Devi Ahilya University, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, and Dr. Mangal Mishra, Principal, Shri Cloth Market Kanya Vanija Mahavidyalaya, Madhya Pradesh participated in the programme. On the occasion, Shri Karmveer Sharma,



Commissioner, Higher Education Department, M.P. was also present.

Dr. Rajesh Kapur, Vice Chancellor, People's University, Bhopal made the opening remarks. Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Sr. CPO, NAAC read out the report and briefed about the accreditation status of higher education institutions in Madhya Pradesh. He also detailed about higher performance metrics and advised the institution to focus on the research part in higher education Institutions. The State specific recommendations were shared by Prof. D.N. Sansanwal, external expert and also one of the authors of the report.

The Honorable Governor felicitated the authors of the report.

The Hon'ble Governor, Shri Mangubhai C. Patel Ji in his address called upon the teachers and students to uplift the quality of education. The National Education Policy is helpful in decolonizing our education sector, he opined. He stressed on the need to energize the youth at the university level. He vouched for quality in higher education and opined that accreditation status reflects the quality of education provided by an institution of higher learning.

Dr. Shyam Singh Inda, Assistant Adviser, NAAC proposed the vote of thanks.

## Assessors' Orientation Programme (AOP)



The National Assessment and Accreditation Council, depends upon quality assessors for ensuring the quality of its A&A process. Hence the responsibility and role of assessors is very critical and crucial in A&A mechanism. NAAC, Delhi Office organized Assessors Orientation Programme (AOP) on 20-21 March 2023. It aimed at equipping and updating the assessors for A & A mechanism in the revised accreditation framework. This workshop comprised Vice Chancellors, Professors, and

Principals from Delhi and near places that were diverse in subjects. At the outset, Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC welcomed the honorable Chief Guest Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, Executive Committee NAAC, Bengaluru and all the participants to the workshop. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Hon'ble Chairman, mentioned about the mechanism and challenges of accreditation process. He also stressed on the significant role of assessor's in the accreditation and assessment process.

In the session one, Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, threw light on RAF and significance of AOP. The revised Assessment and Accreditation mechanism is technology and ICT oriented, transparent and objectives, he mentioned. Dr. Pratibha Singh, Deputy Adviser, NAAC explained the Modalities for preparing and submitting the peer team report and score sheet. Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Adviser, NAAC explained the Data Validation and Verification (DVV) and Accreditation Outcome. The overall program was compered by Dr. Ruchi Tripathi and vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Pratibha Singh.

## Release of the Books - State-wise Analysis of Accreditation Reports and Quality Fact Sheet and Recommendations – Jharkhand

A one day programme was organised at Raj Bhavan, Ranchi, Jharkhand, by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore on 2 March 2023, for the release of the Books - State-wise Analysis of Accreditation Reports and Quality Fact Sheet and Recommendations of Jharkhand, prepared by the expert committee.

Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser, NAAC made the welcome address. Dr. Darikhan Kamble, Assistant Adviser, NAAC and the internal member of the Committee involved in the preparation of the Jharkhand Report, gave a brief presentation about the State-wise Analysis Report by highlighting on the recommendations of the report. On behalf of NAAC, Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC, officials from

NAAC felicitated the Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan.



On the occasion, two reports were released by Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand, Shri. C.P. Radhakrishnan. Later he addressed the academicians and administrators. His address focused on enhancement of quality of teaching and learning. He emphasized on developing good academic culture at the higher educational Institutions. He assured of attending to the long pending issues such as promotions and appointment of faculty members on priority basis, to boost the teacher's morale.

Shri. Rahul Purwar, Secretary, Higher Education, briefed about various schemes that the Government is interested to take up in order to strengthen the standard of higher education at Jharkhand, including encouraging the support

for higher education Institutions to go for Accreditations. Dr.S.Srikanta Swamy, Academic Expert, NAAC, during vote of thanks, briefed about the Quality fact sheet and the recommendations given to improve the quality, with a special focus on certain criteria based metrics. Prof. Swamy thanked the Hon'ble Governor Shri. C. P. Radhakrishnan, for sparing his valuable time, and for having released the State-wise report, and the Quality Fact sheet of Jharkhand.

Dr. Kulkarni, Special Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor, Director for Higher Education, Vice Chancellors and senior academicians from various universities and higher education Institutions of Jharkhand participated in the event.

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Prof. Kannabiran is an alumnus and a senior Professor of Information Systems at the National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli with over 30 years of experience in teaching, research and administration. He has served as Dean of Research & Consultancy and Director in-charge of NIT Trichy.

He successfully led the Indian Institute of Information Technology Sri City Andhra Pradesh (An Institute of National Importance), from 2018 to 2023 as its founding Director. He has made significant contributions including implementation of NEP 2020 by incorporating skill development, holistic education, inclusive education, credit transfer, etc. He also introduced many best practices in the areas of student placements, attracting & retaining highly qualified faculty members, promoting innovation & entrepreneurship, societal engagements by adopting neighbouring villages under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and industry engagement at multiple levels. He has also served as Director in-charge of NIT Puducherry.

Dr. Kannabiran is a recipient of Commonwealth Professional Fellowship (Edinburgh Napier University), Fulbright Fellowships (Education Administrators Programme, Fulbright Visiting Faculty at Oklahoma State University), and British Council Study Fellowship (Huddersfield University). He has carried out several bi-national engagements with many countries including USA, UK, Sri Lanka. He has also participated in several international engagements in the field of higher education including leadership development, quality assurance, productivity and others.

Dr. Kannabiran has special focus on entrepreneurship and skill development. He has founded 2 Section 8 Companies (CEDI at NIT Trichy and Gyan Circle Ventures at IIIT Sri City) to support hundreds of entrepreneurs, including a large number of women entrepreneurs by providing



incubation facilities, support ventures through seed funding and mentoring. He has carried out several projects with funding from international and national agencies including MeitY, AICTE, DST, UKIERI, The Asia Foundation, UNESCO for a value of about 8.00 Crores in the areas of Industry-Institute Interaction, Computer-based Learning, Industry 4.0, Entrepreneurship Development, IT Graduate Employability, SME development, Data Privacy, Gender Equality and ICT Education, etc.

His areas of interest include Software Engineering, Software project management, Business Analysis & IT Consulting, ICT for Development, Business Analytics, IS offshoring, Knowledge management, etc. Dr. Kannabiran has established the Center for SME Research Development and led the institutional-level 'Strategic Planning Group' assisting a major goal-oriented transformation at NIT-Tiruchirappalli. He serves as the member of the Academic Advisory Committee of Project Management Institute India. He is also a member of the Computer Society of India and Indian Society for Training and Development.

Dr. Kannabiran holds PhD in Information Systems along with Masters Degrees in Computer Science & Engineering, Business Administration and Mathematics.

The NAAC family welcomes Dr. Ganesan Kannabiran as the steward of NAAC at a crucial juncture, wherein newer challenges and initiatives lay ahead.

## NAAC Handholding Meetings

### Handholding Session @ Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University

As per the directions from Department of Higher & Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, Directorate of Higher Education, Pune, the second edition of "Handholding on Assessment & Accreditation Process for HEI's of Amravati Region" was successfully held on 4 May 2023 at Dr. K.G. Deshmukh Hall, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University in coordination with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and HRDC.

Dr. Prasad Wadegaonkar, the Pro-Vice Chancellor presided over the event. Dr. Devendar Kawday, Adviser, NAAC, Bengaluru was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr. Prashant Parhad, Deputy Adviser, NAAC, Bengaluru was the Guest of Honor.

Dr. Sandeep Waghuley, Director, I.Q.A.C. Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, made the opening remarks and briefed the delegates about the achievements made as per the roadmap prepared for the accreditation status of colleges as per KRA and the abstract of NAAC accreditation in Amravati division.

Dr. Nalini Tembhekar, Joint Director of Amravati Region and Nodal Officer of programme, elaborated on the theme of the program and emphasized on the Mentor-Mentee Scheme, ie, Paris-Sparsha. The New National Education Policy is to be implemented from the coming session and by

that time every institution in the region should be accredited by NAAC, she opined.

Dr. Prasad Wadegaonkar, elaborated on the strategies for institutional growth and emphasized on the fact that both quality and quantity of HEIs are of paramount importance. Assessment and grading is the process for qualitative growth, he opined.

In the first technical session, Dr. Devender Kawday, while guiding on assessment and accreditation process of higher education institute, provided detailed information through power point presentation on NAAC. While guiding the participants in the second technical session of the workshop, Dr Prashant Parhad provided the information regarding eligibility criteria to apply for Assessment and Accreditation Process of NAAC, Online Assessment and Accreditation Process, Registration Process, IQA application process, Process of DVV, Extended Profile of the QIF, Pre-Qualification Stage, Student Satisfaction Survey and others. Dr Devender Kawday and Dr Prashant Parhad answered the queries raised by the delegates. Principals, IQAC Coordinators and senior academicians from HEIs participated in the academic event which witnessed participation by 160 members. Dr Varsha Kumar of HRDC conducted the proceedings as well as proposed the vote of thanks.

### Hand Holding Programme @ Goa

National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru organizes a series of handholding programs for non-accredited Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across the Country to enable and empower them to seek accreditation status awarded by NAAC. As part of its series of initiatives, the handholding programs provide meticulous training and inputs for preparing to seek A&A status. The initiative is aimed at encouraging the HEIs to come forward for Assessment.

The Western Region of NAAC conducted one such programme entitled "Handholding cum awareness program regarding A&A process" on 18 January 2023 through the virtual mode for Non-Accredited HEIs for the state of Goa. More than 80 participants attended the said programme. The stakeholders comprising Directors, Professors, Principals, IQAC Directors/Coordinators and Faculties from various disciplines were the beneficiaries.

Dr. Prashant Parhad, Deputy Adviser, NAAC, welcomed and introduced the guest to all the participants. The aim and objective of the handholding programme and insight to Assessment and Accreditation process of NAAC was given by Dr. Devender Kawday, Adviser Coordinator, NAAC. He also stated that it is very essential to bring quality culture in the higher education to fulfill the dreams of Hon. Prime

Minister Shri. Narendra Modi ji, to make India the third largest economy in the world by 2025.

Shri Prasad Lolayekar, IAS, Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, Goa State made the opening remarks. During the talk, he stated that only 27 higher education institutions are not-accredited in the state and by 2024 they have a target to have 100% Accreditation status in the state of Goa. He also stated that he will seek cooperation from the NAAC to accomplish this target.

Dr. L. Manjunath Rao, Deputy Adviser Spoke in the subsequent session and delineated the process of Assessment and Accreditation which included Registration process, IQA submission, SSR submission including the various details on the portal with respect to these menus available on HEI portal.

Further, Dr. A.V. Prasad, Assistant Adviser, spoke on the occasion and elaborated on the entire Assessment and Accreditation process comprising DVV, DVV clarification, Student Satisfaction Survey, Peer Team Visit etc taking into consideration the details required to be performed on HEI's portal.

The NAAC officers clarified the queries raised by the participants in the Question and Answer session.

## One Day Handholding Programme on Assessment and Accreditation Process @ Goa

The Directorate of Higher Education (DHE) in association with the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru organised the "One Day Handholding Programme on Assessment and Accreditation Process for the Non-Assessed Higher Education Institutions in the State of Goa" on 24 March 2023 in Seminar Hall, SCERT Building, Porvorim, Goa.

Around 64 participants from 25 different Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) participated in the One Day NAAC Handholding programme. Shri. Prasad Lolayekar, Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, Porvorim, Goa welcomed the delegates. He expressed his gratitude towards the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru for accepting the proposal to conduct the One Day Handholding programme. He appreciated the initiative of NAAC to create different SSR Manuals for the assessment of the affiliated, constituent, and autonomous colleges and universities, especially in different areas such as Health Science, Teacher Education, Legal, Sanskrit and Yoga.

In the First Technical Session, Dr. Prashant gave a detailed overview of the NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Process; right from the registration process on the NAAC portal, to submission of IIQA, submission of Self Study Report (SSR), the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Data Verification and Validation (DVV), the Student Satisfaction Survey (SSS) process, the Prequalification Stage, Peer Team Visit and Assessment Outcome.

In the Second Technical Session, Dr. Parhad explained the Quality Index Framework (QIF) and the Seven Criteria with their weightage. He also explained the key indicators of each criterion and the manner in which the data needs to be maintained and uploaded on the HEI portal for NAAC Assessment and Accreditation. Both the technical sessions were followed by Question-and-Answer Sessions.

The programme was coordinated and compered by Prof. (Dr.) F.M. Nadaf, Deputy Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Porvorim, Goa. Ms. Bhakti Naik, Assistant Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Porvorim, Goa proposed the vote of thanks.

## Two Day Workshop on NAAC Handholding Program @ Kumarganj



Two Day Workshop on NAAC Handholding Program on Criteria, Metric SOP and NAAC Filling process was organized by Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology, Kumarganj on 14-15 April 2023. The workshop was attended by the University IQAC team, Criteria In-charge and Professors with a total participation of 42 academicians. Prof Sushant Srivastava, Coordinator, IQAC and Deputy Registrar, Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology welcomed the august gathering. He further introduced the concept

of NAAC awareness programme and its benefits including the modalities of the programme.

Dr. Bijendra Singh, Vice Chancellor, Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture and Technology inaugurated the program and made the introductory remarks. He stressed on the quality of higher education and emphasized on the significance of documentation of academic and research activities at regular intervals for the smooth sailing of NAAC accreditation process. He further applauded the contributions made by the IQAC and other 7 Criteria teams.

On the first day of program, Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser, NAAC gave a brief demonstration on the preparation of SSR and process of DVV Metric wise analysis.

On the second day of program, IQAC team and all seven criteria heads showcased their prepared documents for NAAC and Dr Neelesh Pandey gave his remarks for further improvement as per NAAC guidelines. Dr. D. K. Dwivedi, IQAC Director proposed the vote of thanks.

## NAAC Sponsored two-day National Level Seminar @ MES Institute of Management

NAAC sponsored two day National Level Seminar was organised by MES Institute of Management, Bengaluru with a focus on setting and achieving benchmarks that facilitate the alignment of the teaching-learning process in line with outcome-based learning in the backdrop of

NEP 2020 and Education 4.0 on 2-3 March 2023. The event witnessed the participation by more than 102 faculty members from across the country.

Prof. GopalKrishna Joshi, Executive Director - KSHEC, made the Keynote. He stressed on the importance of higher

education institutions providing multidisciplinary options to students since real-world problems are manifold, and employers are increasingly scouting for talent with multiple specializations.

Dr. M.S. Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC, while delivering the presidential address, emphasized the fact that to harness the demographic dividend and for the progress of the nation, HEIs should provide a robust and flexible learning infrastructure capable of supporting new types of engagement and providing ubiquitous access to new technology and its integration, that allows students to create, design and explore a new future.

The highlight of the event was the Group Discussion which gave a unique opportunity to all the participants to deliberate their perspectives on the theme of the Seminar. The National Seminar had 5 sessions from



stalwarts in Outcome-based education, speaking to the faculty participants on sub-themes covering the objectives of the seminar. The erudite Resource persons concluded that high-quality education is directly related to outcomes that demonstrate learnings in the form of knowledge, competence and orientation.

## NAAC Sponsored Handholding Programme for HEIs of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru in collaboration with Higher Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir organized the two day Awareness programme for colleges of the Union Territories at PSPS Government P.G. College for Women, Gandhinagar on 12-13 January 2023.

Shri. Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, Education Department, was the chief guest on the occasion. Shri Alok Kumar congratulated and appreciated the organizers for holding such an informative workshop on NAAC awareness. "We must not focus on mere grading but there should be a continuous endeavor towards maintaining quality of education", he opined. He emphasized that the stakeholders must keep striving for further improvement in the existing education system through modern era technological innovations.

Dr. Pratibha Singh and Dr. S. Srinivasa, Deputy Advisers NAAC, Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Senior Communication cum

Publication Officer, NAAC were present during the event. Principals, IQAC Coordinators and faculty members of various colleges of J&K attended the event.

Dr. Pratibha Singh discussed the agenda of the workshop saying that accreditation was the benchmark of quality. She emphasized that the educational institutions must accommodate changes according to the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 and work to phase out affiliation system and strive to become autonomous institutions.

Dr. S P Sarswat, Nodal Principal, Jammu Division Colleges, highlighted how NAAC and the accreditation Process would help to assess the performance of institutions.

Dr. Khurshid Ahmed Khan, Nodal Principal, Kashmir Division Colleges proposed the vote of thanks for the inaugural session and the event continued with the technical events.

## NAAC Sponsored State Level Handholding Program @ Nainital

One day NAAC sponsored State Level Handholding Workshop and Training Program was organised by the Department of Higher Education, Uttarakhand in collaboration with HRDC, Kumaun University, Nainital on 23 February 2023.

Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat ji, Hon'ble Higher Education Minister inaugurated the program along with other dignitaries by lighting the lamp. Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat, Member of Legislative Assembly, Nainital, Smt. Sarita Arya, Additional Secretary, Higher Education, Shri Prashant Arya, Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof N K Joshi, Vice Chancellor Open University, Prof. O P S Negi, Vice Chancellor, Soban Singh Jeena University, Prof. Jagat Singh Bisht, Director Higher Education Dr. Jagdish Prasad, Officials from NAAC

Dr. Shyam Singh Inda and Dr. Neelesh Pandey were present on the occasion.

In the inaugural session, Prof. N K Joshi, Vice-Chancellor, Kumaun University, welcomed the dignitaries and showered praise on the Hon'ble Minister for the support given to institutions of higher learning in the State. He also profusely thanked NAAC for its initiative in conducting handholding programs. He requested the stakeholders to work tirelessly and speed up the process of accreditation in the state of Uttarakhand.

Mr. Prashat Arya, Additional Secretary Higher Education Department, stressed on the need to participate in the workshop with the new mindset to understand it and with a view to develop the ability to take decisions with

recognition and understanding of the importance of NAAC for the qualitative improvement in Higher Education. Hon. MLA Sarita Arya praised the efforts of Higher Education department and NAAC officials for their support to the state.

Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser from NAAC Bengaluru spoke on the occasion. He appreciated the efforts made in the state of Uttarakhand for quality enhancement and on behalf of NAAC. Further he assured all support and assistance to help the institutions in their accreditation process.

Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat, in his address, welcomed all the dignitaries, guests and participants from Kumaun region. He assured that the state will give all required assistance and help to the

institutions for their NAAC accreditation which will lead to qualitative Higher Education in the State. He said that, the goal of 100% NAAC Accredited Institutes will have to be achieved by December 2023.

Prof. Negi, Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Open University presided over the first technical session.

Dr. Shyam Singh Inda, Assistant Adviser NAAC, made a presentation in the second technical session. He dealt with subjects like submission of IIQA and Self Study Report. He said that participation in NAAC will lead to increase in the quality of educational institution.

After the question-and-answer session, Chair of the session Prof. Jeevan Singh Bisht, Vice-Chancellor of SSJ University, Almora, gave vote of thanks.

### NAAC Sponsored Interaction Program @ Ranchi University

A programme on the Assessment and Accreditation process of NAAC was organised on 1 March 2023, at Ranchi University, Jharkhand, jointly by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore and Ranchi University.

Prof. Ajit Kumar Sinha, the Vice Chancellor of Ranchi University presided over the interaction program attended by the expert team of NAAC and a galaxy of academicians from across the affiliated colleges of Ranchi University. Inaugurating the Program, the Vice Chancellor spoke on the theme of the program and introduced the NAAC experts to the audience. He elaborated on the purpose of the program which was aimed at providing handholding to the Principals of the institutions seeking accreditation.

Prof. Ajit Kumar Sinha, Vice-Chancellor and Prof. Ashis Kumar, the Registrar of the University lead the G-20

MARCH organized by the NSS team of the University along with the NAAC experts. Dr.Smrithi Sinha, Associate Professor and the Coordinator of IQAC welcomed the delegates.

Dr. Darikhan Kamble, Assistant Adviser, NAAC, Prof. S. Srikanta Swamy, Academic expert from NAAC and Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser NAAC, gave brief presentation about the Assessment and Accreditation process of NAAC with a special focus on SSR. The deliberations included issues like the IIQA, NAAC Portal, DVV, Peer Team visit etc. The academic sessions were followed by interaction session in which the NAAC experts answered the queries raised by the participants.

Around 50 participants from both the Ranchi University and its constituent Colleges attended the programme.

### NAAC sponsored Handholding Session on A&A @ RTMNU

The Hand-holding session on Assessment and Accreditation Process for HEI's in Maharashtra state was organized and conducted by NAAC, Bangalore in association with Directorate of Higher education Maharashtra state at RTM Nagpur University on 21 April 2023. The session was inaugurated in the presence of Dr. Subhash Choudhary, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor of RTM Nagpur University; Dr. Sanjay Thakrey, Joint Director of HEI, Nagpur Division. Dr. Devendra Kawadey, Adviser, NAAC, Bangalore, Dr. Prashant Parhad, Deputy Adviser, NAAC, Bangalore; Dr. Smita Acharya, Director, IQAC-RTMNU were present on the occasion.

Dr. Subhash Choudhari, made the presidential remarks and explained in detail the importance of NAAC accreditation for HEIs. He enlisted the host of advantages that an institution would accrue in its favour with better grade and CGPA.

The first plenary talk of hand-holding session was delivered by Dr. Devendra Kawdey, Adviser, NAAC through PPT presentation. He explained the importance of NAAC gradation for HEIs' to decide education quality standard.

He elaborated on the present expectations and challenges of Indian education sector to generate and train, skillful manpower to fulfill global needs. The Plenary talk elaborated on the nuances of NAAC process, right from IIQA to the submission of SSR and DVV.

The second plenary talk was delivered by Dr. Prashant Parhad. In his presentation, he comprehensively explained the full procedure of application of HEIs for NAAC accreditation. He elaborated various steps that need to be fulfilled by any HEIs', while applying for NAAC accreditation.

Towards the end of the plenary, Q-A Session was arranged and all the queries related to NAAC accreditation were clarified by both the speakers and Dr. Devendra Kawadey and Dr. Prashant Parhad. The session was attended by 443 representatives (IQAC coordinators and Principal) of HEIs affiliated to RTMNU. The Programme was conducted by Mr. Saurabh Shiwankar and Research students of RTMNU and Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Smita Acharya, Director, IQAC-RTMNU.

## Special Guest Lectures @ NAAC

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) regularly hosts a series of Special Lectures by eminent personalities on various themes associated with quality in Higher Education. The Lecture Hall of NAAC, usually becomes a witness to such a series of intellectual endeavours that give an opportunity to churn out innovative ideas in the exercise of quality assurance in higher education.

### Quality in higher Education on 12 December 2022

The Special lecture was delivered by Prof. V.S. Prasad, former Director, NAAC on "Quality Assurance in Higher Education: Reflections on Experiences and Expectations".



Lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries marked the beginning of the program. Dr. B.S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC, welcomed the distinguished guests and introduced the theme of the programme. Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC in his inaugural address, welcomed the guests and stressed on the importance of Quality Assurance in Higher Education. About 40 Principals and professors from different Higher Education Institutions attended the programme.

Prof. V.S. Prasad made a brief presentation on "Quality Assurance in Higher Education: Reflections on Experiences and Expectations". In his extensive speech, he highlighted that, Higher education plays an extremely important role in promoting human as well as societal well-being and in developing India as envisioned in the Constitution. It must enable an individual to study one or more specialized areas of interest at a deep level, and also develop character, ethical and constitutional values, intellectual curiosity, scientific temper, creativity, spirit of service, he opined. A quality higher education system must enable personal accomplishment and enlightenment, constructive public engagement, and productive contribution to society, he added. He further discussed complex issues like : severely fragmented higher educational ecosystem; lack of adequate focus on the development of cognitive skills, learning outcomes etc. He interacted with the participants and clarified the queries raised on the occasion. Dr. B.S.Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC, proposed the vote of thanks.

### "Implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) in Higher Education: Opportunities & Challenges Ahead" on 6 January 2023

As part of its Special Guest Lecture series, NAAC organised a Special Guest Lecture by Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, former Director of NAAC. On 6 January 2023, Prof. Pillai, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai delivered the lecture on "Implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) in Higher Education: Opportunities & Challenges Ahead".

The dignitaries lighted the lamp to mark the occasion and the theme of the event was introduced by Dr. B.S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC, who also welcomed the distinguished guests.

Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC in his inaugural address, welcomed the guests and stressed on the importance of Opportunities and Challenges of Implementing the NEP in Higher Education. There were more than 45 Principals among the delegates along with Professors and administrators from different Higher Education Institutions.

Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai gave a brief presentation on "Implementation of NEP in Higher Education: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead". In his speech he discussed the transformation across the country after implementing NEP 2020 in our Educational system and the real interdisciplinary curriculum that is ushered in. The role of technology in implementing NEP 2020 in Higher Education Institutions, he opined, would help the opted out student population to return to mainstream education.



Enlisting the advages of implementation of NEP 2020, he listed out that it would increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education upto 50% by 2035. Besides top Indian institutions will be encouraged to go global, in addition 100% inclusion of adult and youth in the literacy bracket, he opined. While focussing on the challenges, he lamented on the lack of empowerment among the managerial cadres, insufficient research project execution capabilities and lack of support systems necessary to make the NEP 2020 a successful endeavour. The curtains were drawn on the session after an interactive session and queries being answered by the expert.

Dr. B.S.Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC, proposed the vote of thanks.

## Late Prof. Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture @ NAAC, Bengaluru

NAAC, organized an Endowment Lecture on 24 May 2023 at NAAC campus, Bengaluru in order to honour the memory of Late. Prof. G. Ram Reddy who was a renowned architect of Distance Education in India. He is known for piloting the concept of Assessment and Accreditation that led to initiatives which were keen towards the establishment of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The establishment of NAAC was first of its kind in the South Asian Region triggered by the vision of Prof. Ram Reddy. Through his keen vision, he paved the way for the establishment of NAAC and immensely contributed to the Government of India through multiple ways.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director NAAC wherein he greeted and welcomed all dignitaries and emphasised on the notable achievements and contributions made by Late. Prof. G. Ram Reddy.

G. Ram Reddy was a visionary who took the most radical educational idea of the 20th century, the idea of



an open university, and shaped it for India. The vision and commitment of those who were the first leaders, is obviously remarkable and to remember a few: Dr. Gottfried Leibbrant (Founding President of the Open University of the Netherlands) insisted that quality was non-negotiable; Prof. Otto Peters led a creative venture to establish German Fernuniversitat (Distance Teaching) and Prof. Reddy brought together personal integrity, vision and leadership in India's open university system.

## Special Guest Lecture on "Relevance of Demographic Equilibrium in the Sustenance of Higher Education" @ NAAC, Bengaluru

A Special Guest Lecture on Higher Education "Relevance of Demographic Equilibrium in the Sustenance of Higher Education" was organized by NAAC at Bengaluru on 3 March 2023. The lecture was delivered by Shri. Vivek Thakur Ji. Speaking on the occasion, Sri Vivek Thakur emphasised on the importance of quality in higher education while mapping the expansion of higher education as a positive development. As a country with a rich history of learning, India has made significant strides in higher education in recent decades. However, it is important to examine how the benefits of this expansion have been distributed among different social groups, he opined. While progressive state policies of affirmative action have improved access to higher education for all segments of the population, empirical evidence suggests that regional and socio-economic inequalities persist, highlighting the need for continued efforts towards greater equity and inclusivity, he said.

Further he said that, equitable access to higher education demands redress of regional disparities. Historically, higher education institutions (HEIs) have been concentrated in urban areas, creating an urban-centric pattern of development. The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) data reveals that rural

students travel greater distances to attend higher education than urban students. Such concentration has widened the gap between rural and urban areas, as demonstrated by the lower Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in rural areas. Moreover, the intersection of social and geographical disadvantages exacerbates the situation, imposing additional barriers on individuals from marginalized groups in remote and underdeveloped regions. Limited resources, poor infrastructure, and lack of information and guidance create unequal opportunities, he said.

Despite progress made by women in various areas of public life over the past 20 years, gender disparities persist in higher education management. Women remain underrepresented in fields like STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Management, and Chartered Accountancy) and over represented in subjects such as medicine and education, he said.

He further emphasised that targeted Policy interventions are needed to ensure equitable access to higher education across diverse regions and social groups and to promote women's access to education, create an inclusive environment that enables their participation, and provide opportunities for advancement into leadership positions in academic and research institutions. It is also essential to increase awareness about the significance of women's education and empowerment, and to dismantle cultural barriers and biases that impede their progress, he opined.



## National Level NAAC Workshops

### Two Days National level Workshop on “NAAC Revised Quantitative and Qualitative Metrics”

A two-day national level workshop on “NAAC Revised Quantitative and Qualitative Metrics” was organized on 11-12 April 2023 under the auspices of Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith. Professor Anand Kumar Tyagi, Vice Chancellor of the University presided over the event. Prof. Shaifali Varma Takral, welcomed the delegates and dignitaries on the occasion.

The Chief Guest for the inaugural session of the workshop was Prof. A.N Rai, former Vice Chancellor, Central University of Mizoram and North Eastern Hill University, Aizawl and former Director, NAAC, Bengaluru. Speaking on the occasion, he presented an overview of the NAAC assessment process. He categorically divided the preparation that should go in to assessment process in three sections and explained the entire process in a thought provoking manner. He emphasized on the special efforts to be made by the HEIs in the DVV as well as Peer Team visit. He requested the stakeholders to ensure 100% accreditation of the HEIs of Uttar Pradesh.

Dr. L. Manjunath Rao, Deputy Adviser, NAAC Bangalore, said that Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have highest number of universities and colleges that have been evaluated by NAAC. Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser, NAAC Bengaluru in his speech highlighted the nuances involved in the process of assessment.

Special guest in the workshop, Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Senior Communication cum Publication Officer, NAAC Bengaluru,



in his talk, emphasized on the ethical values involved in the evaluation process adopted by NAAC.

In the presidential address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Anand Kumar Tyagi highlighted the importance of the collective efforts to be made by all the stakeholders in a HEI during the process of accreditation. He called upon all the stakeholders to come together in presenting the institution in the best possible light with all the supporting data.

On the second day of the program, Dr. Wahidul Hasan spoke on the “Revised Procedure of NAAC Accreditation Framework”. He presented an overview of the procedure involved in online submission institutional information for quality assessment (IIQA).

Towards the end of the day, Prof. Shefali Verma Thakral and Mohammad Arif, NAAC Coordinator presented the outline of the two-day workshop. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Durgesh Upadhyay and vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. M.M. Verma.

### Two Day National Level Workshop on “NEP-2020 and its impact on NAAC evaluation - Revised Accreditation Process”

“Two day National Level Workshop on NEP- 2020 and its Impact on NAAC evaluation – Revised Accreditation Process” was organized on 13-14 May 2023 under the auspices of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur. Prof. Rajesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, DDU Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur presided over the event. Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Senior Communication cum publication officer, NAAC Bengaluru and Dr. L. Manjunath Rao, Deputy Adviser, NAAC Bangalore were present on the occasion as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour.

Prof. Rajesh Singh, spoke on the occasion and explained the efforts by the institution in Uttar Pradesh for accreditation. Expressing his concern, he lamented that out of the 84 existing Universities, only 39 universities have been accredited and all the stakeholders of Higher Education should make positive efforts to achieve the 100% target of accreditation. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. L. Manjunath Rao, Deputy, Adviser, NAAC Bangalore, said that Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have highest

number of universities and colleges that have been accredited by NAAC. Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Senior Communication cum publication officer, NAAC Bengaluru, spoke on the occasion and emphasized on the ethical framework adopted by NAAC in its assessment process. He appreciated the efforts made by the university in organizing the program.

Prof. Shikha Singh, Department of English, DDU Gorakhpur University, Prof. Vinay Kumar Singh, Department of Zoology, DDU, Dr. Raju Gupta, Department of Economics, DDU Gorakhpur University, Dr. Manish Kumar Srivastav, Prof. Dinesh Yadav, Department of Biotechnology, DDU Gorakhpur University, Prof. Manish Mishra, Department of Electronics, DDU Gorakhpur University were present on the occasion and delineated the efforts involved in the Seven Criteria. At the end of the second day, Prof. Rajesh Singh, VC DDU Gorakhpur University presented the outline of the two-day workshop and the programme. Vote of thanks was proposed by the IQAC Coordinator.

## National Level Workshop @ GLAU, Mathura

Two-day National Workshop on “Revised NAAC Accreditation Process in Quantitative and Qualitative Metrics” was jointly organized by NAAC, Bengaluru and GLA University, Mathura on 20-21 April 2023. The event was attended by IQAC coordinators and Professors from different universities and colleges such as Sanskriti University, Anand Engineering College, Hindustan College of Science and Technology, RBS College Agra, BSA College Mathura, KR Degree College etc. The Workshop was sponsored by Elsevier, a leading global information analytics business that helps institutions and professionals from advance healthcare, open science, and improve performance for the benefit of humanity.

Dr. M. S. Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC, and Dr. S. Sreenivasa, Deputy Adviser, NAAC attended the event and addressed

the audience and shared their insights and experiences regarding the revised NAAC accreditation process.

Dr. M. S. Shyamasundar talked about the importance of accreditation in ensuring the quality of education in higher education institutions. He also highlighted the changes in the revised NAAC accreditation process and the new parameters for evaluation.

The event was highly informative and beneficial to the participants. The Workshop concluded with a valedictory session, where the participants shared their feedback and suggestions for future events. Prof. Vishal Goyal- Director IQAC, GLA University thanked the participants, speakers, and NAAC for their support in making the event a grand success.

## NAAC sponsored Two Day National Conference @ Jain (Deemed-To-Be) University, Bengaluru

NAAC sponsored two day National Conference on “Transformative Challenges in Teaching-Learning of HEIs as per the NEP - 2020” was organized by the IQAC of JAIN Deemed-to-be University) on 14-15 December 2022. The conference witnessed the participation from academicians and researchers across the country for discussions and deliberations on the nuances of the opportunities and challenges of NEP 2020.

The inaugural session was presided over by the Guest of Honor, Dr. M S Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC. The Presidential address was delivered by the honorable Vice Chancellor of Jain (Deemed to be University) Dr. Raj Singh.



The keynote address was delivered by Dr. M S Shyamasundar. The highlights of the session were similarities between NEP-2020 and European Education 1998, challenges pertaining to implementation of NEP and the mechanisms to overcome the same in HEIs using issue management systems. He stressed upon the change in teaching pedagogy with an impetus on understanding the underlying difference between interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary learning systems. He strengthened his views on NEP with an analogy of the Israel model and several day-to-day examples including Green Energy superpower, the T2 terminal of the Bangalore international airport etc.

The resource person for the next session was Dr. Raj Singh, Vice Chancellor of Jain (Deemed to be University). He spoke about the challenges in the implementation of NEP.

Dr. S. Sreenivasa, Deputy Adviser NAAC and Dr. K R Vishnu Mahesh, Assistant Adviser, NAAC also participated.

The two-day conference saw an overwhelming participation of 231 delegates in virtual and physical mode. The conference was divided into 5 sessions with eminent resource persons who gave valuable inputs.

## Two Day National Workshop on NAAC RAF @ Lucknow

A two-day National Workshop on the theme ‘NAAC-Revised Accreditation Framework’ was organised by Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University, Lucknow on 13-14 March 2023. The workshop was sponsored by the Department of Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh and received support of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru. More than 350 delegates attended the event in addition to the



150 student representatives, the key stakeholders of higher education. The participation made space both through offline and online mode.

Prof. GC Tripathi, former Chairman, Higher Education Council, Uttar Pradesh was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Senior Communication Officer, NAAC and Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser NAAC were present on the occasion. Prof. NB Singh, Vice- Chancellor KMCLU presided over the inaugural program and the workshop was organised by the Convenor Dr Tanu Dang.

Prof. Rajesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, DDU Gorakhpur University, while sharing his experience said that the university has made many positive changes at different levels to achieve highest grading of NAAC.

Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Senior Communication Officer, NAAC, told that to encourage more and more HEI's to come under the ambit of accreditation, NAAC is going to organise 100 handholding programs which will include two programs in each State. He further informed that NAAC has created special cells in Jammu and Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh to support non accredited institutions in their accreditation journey.

On day two of the academic event, Dr. Wahidul Hasan gave an overview of the Revised Accreditation Framework. He stressed on the importance of the revised framework, which is more robust, more transparent and more objective.

Dr. Neelesh Pandey began his discussion by saying that the NAAC framework is regularly updated keeping the feedback of the stakeholders in view. He threw light on the methodology of NAAC, validity of NAAC grade and the efforts that the HEIs should do to achieve the necessary benchmarks.

The Valedictory Session of National Workshop on the theme 'NAAC- Revised Accreditation Framework' was attended by NAAC Experts - Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Senior Communication Officer, NAAC and Dr. Nilesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser NAAC, Chairperson Prof. Masood Alam, Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Syed Haider Ali, Director IQAC, Prof. Sauban Sayeed, Coordinator NAAC and Workshop Convenor Dr Tanu Dang. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Ataur Rahman Azami, Co-Coordinator of the Workshop while the concluding address was given by Dr. Tanu Dang, Convenor of the Workshop.

## NAAC sponsored Two Day Conference @ Chennai

The NAAC sponsored Two day National Conference on 'Best Practices of Research & Innovation in STEAM Higher Education – A Step Forward to Glorify Sustainable Development Goals Through Indian Knowledge System' was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Shrimathi Devkunvar Nanalal Bhatt Vaishnav College for Women (Autonomous), Chrompet, Chennai on 9 and 10 March 2023. The Conference was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. M.S. Shyamasundar, Adviser, National Assessment and Accreditation Council Bengaluru. Dr.R.Geetha, Principal of the College welcomed the chief guest and other dignitaries along with the participants. She expressed her happiness over the support extended by NAAC and Dr. Shyamasundar in the conduct of the National Conference.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shyamasundar congratulated the institution for its commitment to quality in organizing the conference and highlighted on the significant role played by the best practices in quality assurance. He elaborated on the identification, conceptualization, implementation, institutionalization, internalization and



dissemination of best practices that could go a long way in quality sustenance and enhancement.

Many speakers from various disciplines addressed the audience and imparted insightful thoughts on various topics like IPR, Indian Knowledge System, Heritage and Culture, Sustainability, R&D in Block Chain Technology and Design Thinking. Participants from various educational institutions presented research papers on the conference focal themes and five of them were adjudged as best paper presenters. Dr.P.Beena, IQAC Coordinator proposed Vote of Thanks.

"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

## One Day Interaction / Workshop on Revised Manual for Sanskrit University



One Day Interaction / Workshop on Revised Manual for Sanskrit University was organized under the auspices of Sampurnanand Sanskrit University on 13 May 2023.

Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC, Bengaluru was the Chief Guest who inaugurated the program. Dr. Raja Pathak, Coordinator, IQAC of the University welcomed the guests.

Prof. Hare Ram Tripathi presided over the event. Prof. Hari Prasad Adhikari was present on the occasion.

In his inaugural address, Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC presented the overview of the efforts made in the preparation of the Sanskrit Manual for accreditation and the process of accreditation and deployment of the process of accreditation. He expressed great satisfaction that NAAC could complete the accreditation of 9 Sanskrit Universities thus far.

The Workshop made space for two technical sessions and Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser, NAAC, Bengaluru, talked about the importance of NAAC and process of filling SSR and DVV. He appreciated the efforts made by the University for the NAAC preparation.

## NAAC initiatives in the formation of State Level Quality Assurance Cell in Assam

Supporting the formation of SLQAC, Assam, NAAC guided the state in the process of its quality roadmap. Dr. Sujata Shanbagh, Adviser and Dr. Priya Narayanan, Assistant Adviser, NAAC were invited to the first meeting of SLQAC on 26 December 2022 with the Education Adviser of the Assam State Government. Shri. Dharmakanta Mili ACS, Director of Higher Education, State Government of Assam, presided over the meeting.

All Vice-Chancellors of Universities of Assam and the members of SLQAC were present on the occasion. The meeting had a fruitful discussion on preparing a Roadmap for NAAC accreditation of all Higher Education Institutions in Assam. To mark the occasion, NAAC guided - awareness



program for all Assam state college principals and IQAC coordinators was organised on 27 December 2022. On the occasion, the experts from NAAC briefed the institutions about the importance of NAAC accreditation and the procedures involved. The interaction session allowed institutions to clear their doubts and apprehensions about NAAC accreditation.

## NAAC Sponsored One Day Workshop on NAAC Awareness Programme (NAP) @ Varanasi

A One Day Workshop on "NAAC Awareness Programme (NAP)" was organized on January 16, 2023 at Gandhi Adhyanpith Auditorium by National Assessment and Accreditation Council in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi for the promotion of Assessment & Accreditation of the University, along with the accredited and non-accredited colleges affiliated to the university. A series such handholding programs are being organized by NAAC.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Sudheer Kumar Shukla, Acting Vice Chancellor and Registrar Mr. Harishchand in the presence of the Chief Guest Dr. Gyan Prakash Verma, Regional Higher Educational Officer, Chief Speaker Dr. Neelesh Pandey Assistant Adviser, NAAC, Bengaluru, NAAC Coordinator Prof. Mohd. Aarif and other invited dignitaries. On this occasion, the Deans of various Faculties, Heads of the Department, Directors of the Institutes, Principals of the

colleges, In-charge NAAC and IQAC, and other faculties of the Departments were present.

More than 150 participants took part in the workshop from across more than 100 colleges affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi. The Programme was geographically covering participants from five districts of Uttar Pradesh: Varanasi, Chanduali, Bhadohi, Mirzapur, and Sonbhadra. Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser, NAAC, Bengaluru in his opening remarks, dealt with the role of NAAC in assessing and accrediting Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). He discussed in detail about Institutional Preparation-before, during and after the process of Assessment & Accreditation. During the interaction program, he clarified the queries raised by the participants. The workshop concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Sandeep Giri. The Programme was compered by Dr. Mukesh Kumar Panth. Dr. Aarti Vishwakarma, was present on the occasion.

## Assessors' Orientation Programme @ Jammu and Kashmir

The Assessors' Orientation Programme was organized by NAAC, Bengaluru in collaboration with Directorate of Colleges, Higher Education Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir on 8-9 June 2023 at Government College for Women, Srinagar. Around 39 Vice-Chancellors/Directors/Head & Dean/Professors/Principals from various higher Education institutions and faculty members of the host university participated in the programme.

Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC gave a presentation on the occasion. In an informative session, he presented an overview of the A & A Process of NAAC and also the Data Validation and Verification (DVV) and Accreditation Outcome process.

Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser, NAAC, briefed the participants about the On-site Visit (Do's and Don'ts) and Logistics, Visit and interaction and in the next session he briefed about Walkthrough on Assessor Portal and ICT Integration. Followed by this, Dr. S. Srikanta Swamy, former, Academic Expert, Research and Analysis Wing



explained in detail about how to do Report writing and score sheet, Modalities for Preparing and submitting the Peer Team Report and Score Sheet. Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC presented a clear view about the DVV process and clarified the doubts of the participants.

The participants were divided into different groups to discuss the SSR for simulation exercise and enabling the preparation of the Peer Team Report and Scoring Sheet as required by NAAC. The mock presentation was very effective and all the 7 groups participated effectively and submitted the reports to the NAAC officials.

## AOP @ Vidya Pratishthan's Arts, Science & Commerce College, Baramati, Maharashtra

Dr. Jagannath Patil, Adviser, NAAC participated in the NAAC awareness programmes as a resource person, on the theme 'NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Process' organised by Vidya Pratishthan's Arts, Science & Commerce College, Baramati, Maharashtra held on

6 January 2023. Dr. Patil, introduced the participants about the new Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) – Process of Assessment and Accreditation such as Quantitative Metrics, Qualitative Metrics, Weightage and Benchmarking for various Metrics.

## Participation in National Events

- Dr. Jagannath Patil, Adviser, NAAC participated in the Mentors' Orientation program through online mode held on 3 January 2023. He threw light on the responsibilities of the Mentoring Institutions and the role to be played as a mentor in achieving the intended purpose.
- Dr. Jagannath Patil, Adviser, NAAC participated as a Speaker in the AIU South Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet 2022-23 on the theme 'Interface with Officers from Apex Bodies' during AIU South Zone Vice Chancellors' held on 31 January, 2023 at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- Dr. Jagannath Patil, Adviser, NAAC participated in an Expert talk on the theme 'Recommended Benchmarks

initiated by NAAC for the affiliated College' organised by Mahatma Gandhi Vidyamandir's Loknete Vyankatrao Hiray Arts, Science & Commerce College held on 11 February 2023 & K.K. Wagh College, Nashik, Maharashtra on 12h February 2023. Dr. Patil's deliberations mainly focussed on explaining the overall Benchmarks initiated by NAAC for the affiliated Colleges.

- Dr. Jagannath Patil, Adviser, NAAC participated at the Global ESG Summit organised by Council of Royal Roots through online mode on 16-17 March 2023. Dr. Patil deliberated on "Quality Education" and "Building System for Sustainable Skilling – Sustainable Lifestyle" during the sessions.
- Dr. Jagannath Patil, Adviser, NAAC participated as a Chief Guest at the 9th International Yoga Day organised by Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (S-VYASA) Deemed to be University at S-VYASA campus, Bengaluru on 21 June 2023. Dr. Jagannath Patil threw light on the immense work executed by NAAC in the accreditation of Yoga higher education institutions in India and even in the international arena.



## NAAC Awareness Program for Colleges of Nagaland



In coordination with the Department of Higher Education, Government of Nagaland, a hand-holding programme on the New Accreditation Framework for the Principals and IQAC Coordinators of Non-accredited colleges was arranged on 2 May 2023. Shri. TemjenImna Along, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Nagaland, presided over the event. A day before the same, the Hon'ble Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan was appraised about the situation of accreditation of Higher Education Institutions of Nagaland and how to improve the same by Dr. Sujata Shanbhag, Adviser, NAAC and Dr. Priya Narayanan, Assistant Adviser, NAAC. The Hon'ble Governor assured all support and coordination in preparing a plan for NAAC accreditation of

all Higher Education Institutions of Nagaland. Stakeholders of all Higher Education institutions of Nagaland not accredited so far, attended the program. The participants were appraised of the process and procedures involved in NAAC accreditation. A special session to clarify the doubts and procedural glitches during NAAC accreditation process was organized. As an outcome, a WhatsApp group for the colleges in Nagaland was created for speedy communication with the NAAC officials. The participants expressed their gratitude to NAAC for the program. Further, the teacher education institutions requested to organize an exclusive program for teacher education institutions. The same was organized online on 17 May 2023.



## INQAAHE International Conference @ Astana, Kazakhstan

INQAAHE International Conference on "17th Biennial Conference Roadmap to Enabling Quality in Tertiary



Education 2030" hosted by Independent Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (IQAA) Astana, Kazakhstan was organized on 29 May to 1 June 2023, at Astana, Kazakhstan. In this connection Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Adviser, and Dr. B. S. Ponnudiraj, Adviser from NAAC, participated in the conference and presented the topic- "Quality Assurance Issues & Practices in Higher Education Institutions in India with special reference to National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accredited institutions".

## Celebration of Jashne "Eid- 2023" at NAAC

NAAC celebrated Jashne "Eid-2023" on 26 April 2023 at NAAC Conference Hall, Bengaluru. Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Senior. Communication cum Publication Officer, Convener, Research and Analysis Wing welcomed the participants on behalf of NAAC.

The programme began with an Invocation (Qirat with translation) by Prof. Maulana Hafiz Qari Asgar Ali. Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Sr. CPO of NAAC welcomed the distinguished guests and invitees. Prof. K.R. Iqbal Ahmed, Director (DDE, Rtd.), MANNU, Mr. Umar Ismail Khan, Chairman, Al-Ameen Movement, and the chief guest

Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad were present on the occasion.

Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan spoke on the occasion and explained the significance of the occasion. He called for harmony and peace among all the people and vouched for peaceful coexistence and opined that such programs promote peace and harmony in the society. Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director of NAAC presided over the event. Dr. A. Mumtaz, Academic Consultant, NAAC, proposed the vote of thanks.

"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

## Glimpses of Peer Team Visits



Govt. College for Women, Haryana, 14-15 June 2023. Dr. Mazaahir Kidwai (Chairperson), Dr. Vineeta Singh (Member Co-ordinator) and Dr. Preeti Agarwal (Member).



Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College, Karnataka, 06-07 Nov 2023. Dr. Suresh Varma Penumathsa (Chairperson), Dr. Benny Mathews Abraham (Member Co-ordinator) and Dr. Dattatraya Bormane (Member).



Jawaharlal Nehru Smriti Government Post Graduate College, Madhya Pradesh, 19-20 May 2023. Dr. Radhe Shyam Sharma (Chairperson), Dr. B R Kaushal (Member Co-ordinator) and Dr. Minakshi Waykole (Member).



Rajmata Jijau Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's, Maharashtra, 03-04 March 2023. Dr. Tusharbindu R. Desai (Chairperson), Dr. Vijay Juyal (Member Co-ordinator) and Dr. Sunil Jalalpure (Member).



Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Odisha, 11-13 Sep 2023. Dr. Mallesh Sankasala (Chairperson), Dr. K. Venugopal Rao (Member Co-ordinator), Dr. Shivanand Gornale (Member), Dr. Soni Jatinkumar Harjivandas (Member), Dr. Vandana Suhag (Member) and Dr. Poonam Silotia (Member).



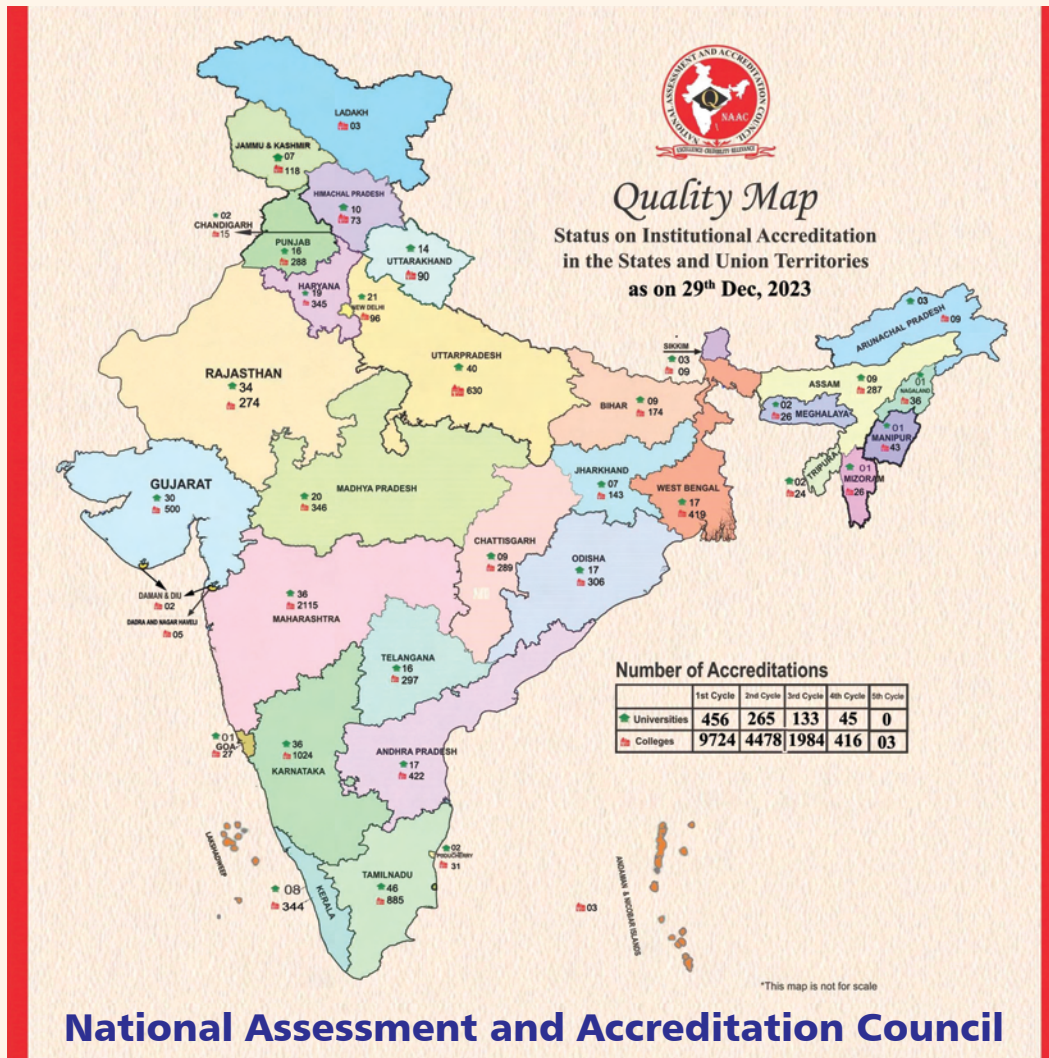
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Andhra University, Andhra Pradesh, 04-06 Nov 2023. Prof. V P Mahadevan Pillai (Chairperson), Dr. Charu Lata Mahanta (Member Co-ordinator), Dr. Manju Jaidka (Member), Dr. Jaswant Singh (Member), Dr. Bharathi P Salimath Salimath (Member) and Dr. Anuradha Gajjar (Member).



Samarpandeeep B.Ed. College, Jharkhand, 20-21 March 2023. Dr. Rameshchandra G Kothari (Chairperson), Dr. Madupalli Suresh Kumar (Member Co-ordinator) and Dr. Raja Gopal (Member).



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