Report on One day Workshop on Quality assurance for Non Accredited Colleges Affiliated to Mangalore University on 22nd August 2019

National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is primarily involved with assessment and accreditation of institutions with prime agenda to improve the quality of higher educational institutions in India. NAAC developed Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) to make the existing assessment and accreditation process more robust, objective, transparent, outcome oriented and stakeholder friendly. In light of the above One day Workshop on Quality assurance for Non Accredited Colleges Affiliated to Manglore University was organized at NAAC Bengaluru on 22nd August 2019. The Sixty Seven (67) participants from non accredited colleges affiliated to Mangalore University participated in the workshop. The Programme was geographically covered participants from districts of Mangalore, Udupi, Kodagu and Dakshina Kannada.

The workshop was formally inaugurated by Chief guest Dr. Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat ji, was President, Vivekananda Vidyavardhaka Sangha Puttur, Dakshina Kannada, Guest of Honour Ms. Shobha Karandlaje, Honourable Member of Parliament, Udupi-Chickmagalur constituency, and Dr. P. Subrahmanya Yadapadithiya, Vice Chancellor, Mangalore University was invited as distinguished guest and Prof. S.C Sharma, Director, NAAC graced the programme.

Prof. S.C Sharma, Director, NAAC, welcomed the guests and esteemed participants to the workshop. In his opening remarks he presented an overview of RAF and significance of the workshop. He expressed his deep concern over the quality of Higher Education institutions (HEIs) in India. He recalled the poor responses from HEIs in the emergent stage of NAAC and significant changes that he witnessed in the transition period in the outlook of HEIs towards A&A process, recognizing it as an integral part of Education and management. Prof. S.C Sharma added that NAAC has revised the Assessment and Accreditation mechanism to make it more technology based, robust, scalable, transparent and objective.

Dr. Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat ji inaugurated the workshop with a thought provoking and inspiring inaugural speech. He stated that India has one of the largest and diverse education systems in the world. Privatization, wide spread expansion, increased autonomy and introduction of Programmes in new and emerging areas have improved access to higher

education and at the same time, it has also led to widespread concern on the quality and its relevance in higher education.

Ms. Shobha Karandlaje, Honourable Member of Parliament, Udupi-Chickmagalur constituency, in her address, thanked the guests and dignitaries. She was of the view that students are the most important part of the Higher Education and entire assessment and accreditation needs designed to be student centric and based on skill development in the student. She, as a leader, motivated the participants as well as organisers to join hands for successful assessment and accreditation efforts to improve the quality culture of higher education in Karnataka.

Dr. P. Subrahmanya Yadapadithiya, Vice Chancellor, Mangalore University in his address expressed happiness at the interest shown by non accredited colleges in the accreditation process. He explained the need for accreditation and concerns relating to the same specifically when it gets related to funding, better quality standards and global trends in Higher Education. The benefits of assessment and accreditation were explained and assured that the Mangalore University stands first not only in being clean and green, but will also be among the leading University in educational excellence.

The Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Deputy Adviser, NAAC and overall programme was coordinated and also master of ceremony was done by Dr. K. R. Vishnu Mahesh, Assistant Adviser, NAAC. Finally the inauguration programme was ended with National anthem.

After the inaugural programme the technical **session-1** was handled by Dr. Devender S Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC on "Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) an Overview. In **Session-2**, Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Deputy Adviser, NAAC, explained about peer team on-site visit and logistics. In **Session-3**, Dr Vinita Sahu, Assistant Adviser NAAC spoke on Data Validation and Verification (DVV). In the last, open forum and interactive session, queries from all the participants were clarified by Dr. Devender Kawday, Dr. Ganesh Hegde and Dr Vinita Sahu.







