

**Report on One Day Workshop on NAAC Awareness Programme (NAP) at
Assam University, Silchar, Assam
Sponsored By NAAC, Bangalore**

Chief Guest and Resource Person : Dr. M. S. Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC
Venue : Assam University, Silchar, Assam
Date : 17th January, 2019

A one-day workshop on NAAC Awareness Programme jointly organized by the College Development Council (CDC) and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Assam University was held at the Bipin Chandra Pal Auditorium of Assam University, Silchar on 17th January, 2019. The programme was fully sponsored by National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bengaluru. Dr M S Shyamasundar, Advisor, NAAC, Bengaluru was the Chief Guest cum resource person of the workshop . The other resource person was Dr Mohit Tiwari, Assistant Adviser, NAAC, Delhi.

The Programme was organized to make the non-accredited Colleges aware of the Revised Accreditation Format (RAF). The target participants were the Principals and IQAC Coordinators of all non-accredited Higher Educational Institutions under Assam University and its adjoining Universities. However, institutions which are already accredited were also invited to apprise themselves of the Revised Accreditation Format (RAF). In total, Eighty Eight participants attended the programme belonging to colleges affiliated to Assam University as well as Nagaland University and North Eastern Hill University, Shillong.



The Ceremonial Lighting of Lamp by Dr M S Shyamasundar, Advisor, NAAC

Inaugural Programme: The Inaugural Programme was held at 10:00 am with ceremonial lightening of the lamp by the dignitaries on the dais with simultaneous rendition of a Tagore song by the students of the department of Performing Arts. The resource persons were then felicitated by Hon'ble Vice chancellor and Registrar in the traditional way.

The Coordinator, Dr Debasis Kar, in his welcome address extended a warm welcome to all the Principals, IQAC Coordinators, teachers and all other participants. He appreciated the efforts initiated by NAAC to organise such a workshop which was indeed a positive step to encourage the non-accredited institution to come forward and go for accreditation. He further stated that such initiative of NAAC could be very well termed as "NAAC at your Doorstep" since instead of approaching NAAC for information pertaining to accreditation, NAAC has come forward to impart and educate the Higher Educational Institutions with necessary procedural rules and regulations so that the HEIs should feel encouraged to embark on the process of accreditation .



Dr M S Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC delivering his key note stressed the need for proactive steps to be initiated by the colleges to go for accreditation.

He further stated that quite often it is due to the lackadaisical approach of the institutions which proves to be a hindrance in the process of accreditation by the colleges. Dr Mohit Tiwari also deliberated upon the need for accreditation and the procedural aspects of how to approach for accreditation by the colleges. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof Dilip Chandra Nath in his presidential address stated the importance of accreditation and thanked NAAC for taking the initiative to ensure accreditation of all HEIs by 2022.



Address by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Assam University Prof. Dilip Ch. Nath

Before the closure of inaugural programme, Dr Shyamasundar played a video on NAAC which displayed the aims and objectives of NAAC along with its multifaceted activities carried out with a view to ensuring a paradigm shift on the quality of education of our higher educational institutions. With this the inaugural programme was over with singing of the National Anthem by one and all.



Dr M S Shyamasundar Technical Session on Relevance of Assessment and Accreditation

Technical Session: Under Technical Session, Dr M S Shyamasundar was the first speaker. He delivered his lecture through power point on “Relevance of Assessment and Accreditation”. In his speech Dr Shyamasundar touched upon (i) Relevance of QA - International (ii) Accreditation outcomes into Policy Planning - Funding Linkages (iii) The objective and functions of IQAC (iv) The Best Practices and how it can be imbibed into the institutional philosophy. His speech was a perfect blend of knowledge, motivation, substance and facts with a touch of occasional humour. To say the least, the audience was deeply enthralled by his speech and appreciated the same with emphatic applause.

The next speaker was Dr Mohit Tiwari. His topic of discussion was “Process Flow for HEI for Assessment and Accreditation”



Speech by Dr Mohit Tiwari

In his speech, Dr Tiwari discussed elaborately the steps to be undertaken by the HEIs for accreditation. Since many institutions get discouraged to undergo accreditation due to apparent intricacies involved in the process, Dr Tiwari’s lucid lecture through power point slides coupled with videographic demonstrations on the steps for accreditation made things appear very simple and systematic.

Post Lunch and concluding session: In the post lunch session, participants were requested to put forward their feedback on the workshop. In their feedback, the participants highly appreciated the efforts of Assam University to organise such a valuable workshop under active support of NAAC. The workshop, in their opinion, was not only a timely step to motivate the colleges to go for accreditation but also facilitated to build a closer bond between NAAC and the HEIs with the common goal of achieving education par excellence in order to bring our nation at par with global standards.

In his concluding remarks Dr Debasis Kar, Coordinator expressed his thanks and gratitude to NAAC for giving the opportunity to organise the workshop at Assam University. He also thanked the participants for bearing all pains to attend the workshop from far flung areas which evinced their keen interest to elevate their institutions to higher standards as envisioned by NAAC.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr Prodipto Das, Assistant Coordinator, in which he expressed his sincere gratitude to Dr M S Shyamasundar and Dr Mohit Tiwari for their excellent and meticulous presentation of their speech. He also thanked the Assam University authorities, all participants and all those who extended logistic support for overall success of the workshop and above all NAAC for extending all support, cooperation, financial assistance and beyond everything for championing the cause of improvement in higher education through its relentless and dedicated efforts since inception.

The certificate of participation were then given away to all participants amidst deep round of applause.



Distribution of Certificates



A group photograph was then taken and the closure of the workshop was declared with a pledge to move ahead with full commitment and conviction.