

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT & ACCREDITATION COUNCIL, BENGALURU

ASSESSORS' ORIENTATION PROGRAMME (AOP)

GOVIND BALLABH PANT UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY, PANTNAGAR

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 objective to work continuously to improve the quality of education. To improve the quality of the education it is necessary to orient the assessors of NAAC in changing dimensions on Quality assurance. Keeping that in mind NAAC organizes Assessors Orientation Programme frequently. It is with this prime agenda that this programme was organized at Govind Ballabh Pant University, Pantnagar.



NAAC organizes AOP in a systematic manner with pre-planned schedules of the programme. The programme was divided into five sessions and each session comprising of theoretical and practical knowledge.

This event was conducted for northern region by **NAAC Office, Delhi** where 40 academicians in and around area of Uttarakhand participated. The group of people participated comprised of Vice-Chancellors, Directors, Professors and Principals belonging to different disciplines. The purpose of the workshop was to orient them towards the Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) modalities.

The Programme started at 9:00 am with the registration of the participants followed by the Inaugural session and lamp lightening. **Dr. Pratibha Singh**, Deputy Adviser NAAC, welcomed the guests and participants. **Dr. A. P. Sharma, Registrar**, G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology was the chief guest for the programme. In his keynote address he emphasized the need of time bound assessment as a tool for Quality sustenance in Indian Higher education system. He said that it is very essential to orient the peers and experts who go for assessment towards various changes and reforms taking place globally in the field of higher education. It was then followed by self introduction by the participants.

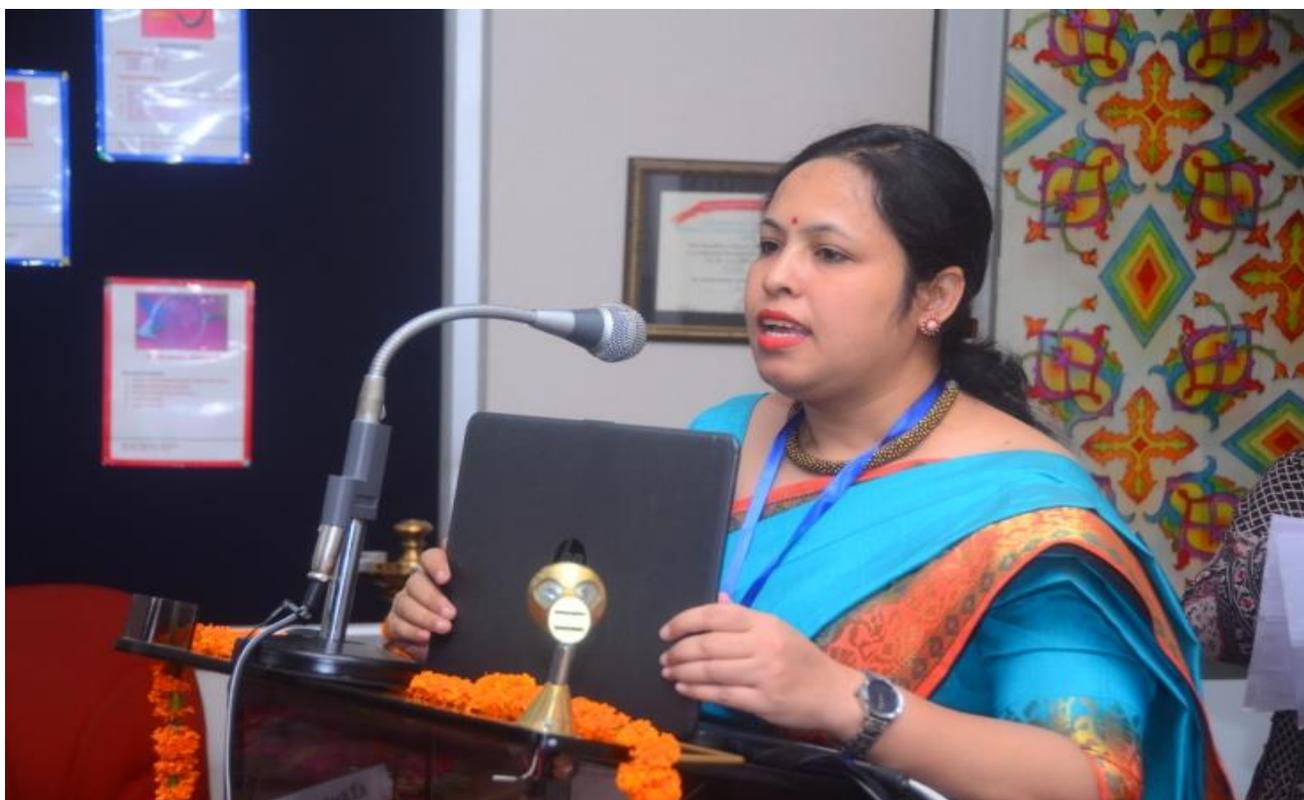


After Inauguration the round of Technical session began.



The session I was taken by **Dr. Devender Kawday**, Deputy Adviser, NAAC on “Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) Overview and Onsite visit & Logistics. The Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) was launched in July 2017. It represents an explicit Paradigm Shift by the use of ICT enabled technology. The current Assessors Orientation Programme (AOP) is also aimed at equipping the Assessors with salient features of the Revised Assessment and Accreditation Framework (RAF) and also to provide an insight in to the functioning of NAAC. He highlighted the logistic arrangement process followed by NAAC and emphasized the need of timely response by assessors going for visit to NAAC. It was then followed by tea break.

Session II was about “ICT integration of A & A Process” by **Dr. Pratibha Singh**, Deputy Adviser, NAAC, Delhi. She explained the entire framework’s ICT integration, features of various portals, process flows of RAF, Data Validation and Verification, Student Satisfaction Survey details etc. She also thrown light on “Assessors portal and Assessment Module” and explained the concept of preparation of peer team report. It was then followed by group photograph and lunch.



Post lunch, session III was about the Group Activity. All the participants were divided into seven groups. A criterion wise report was expected from each group. The Self Study Report was shared with all the participants and they were asked to prepare a draft the draft report. The idea of group activity in any of such programme is to simulate the exercise during onsite visit; therefore a chairperson also was made out from each group.

Each group prepared the report and score sheet for the SSR and presented during the second half of group activity. These reports were then presented by the Chairpersons of each group in session IV. The other groups were allowed to have a rigorous discussion about the report written and the scores assigned by the presenting group. With the consensus of all a group report is prepared and submitted to NAAC during the programme.



Later, open forum session was conducted by the NAAC team which was followed by closing remarks and Vote of thanks by **Dr. Devender Kawday**. The program was concluded with national anthem at the end.
