

## **Report of the Two-Day Awareness workshop on “NAAC Accreditation for Non-Accredited Higher Education Institutions” sponsored by NAAC Bengaluru**

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the Inspector of Colleges(IC) jointly organized Two Day Awareness Workshop on “NAAC Accreditation for Non Accredited Higher Education Institutions” sponsored by NAAC during 16-17 August, 2019 at the Vidyasagar Sabhagriha, University of Kalyani. 67 participants were registered for the workshop. Out of them, 44 participants were from 22 nonaccredited affiliating Colleges under the University of Kalyani. 10 participants from six Engineering Colleges including Government Engineering Colleges of West Bengal. Other participants were from three Universities namely Aliah University, Panchanan Barma University and West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences. Ten nonaccredited colleges under the Bankura University, Sidho Kanho Birsha University, West Bengal State University, Kazi Najrul University were also participated into the Workshop.

### **Inaugural Session:**

The Welcome address to the workshop was given by Prof. J. K. Mandal, Director, IQAC. The objective and detailed schedule of the Workshop was given by Dr. S.K.Ray, Inspector of Colleges, University of Kalyani. The Vice-Chancellor, University of Kalyani addressed the audience as Chief Patron of programme and highlighted the NAAC related activities of the University.



Figure 1: From Left Prof. J.K. Mandal, Dr. S.K. Ray, Prof. Jayasri Roychoudhury, Prof. (Dr.) Sankar Kumar Ghosh, Prof. (Dr.) Basab Choudhuri, Shri Jaydip Mukhopadhyay, Prof. Debansu Ray,



Figure 2 Participants

The Key Note address was given by Prof. (Dr.) Basab Choudhuri, Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal State University and the Chief Guest of the Workshop. Prof. (Dr.) Basab Choudhuri highlighted

the importance of accreditation of HEI. He also explained in brief about criteria and indicators for preparing the SSR. Prof. Jayasri Roychoudhury, the Director of Public Instructions, (DPI), Government of West Bengal addressed the audience as Special Guest. She emphasized the importance of NAAC accreditation and explained the roadmap prepared by the State Government for achieving NAAC accreditation by HEI of West Bengal. She also expressed her willingness to assist all

nonaccredited colleges for achieving the goal on behalf of the Govt. of West Bengal. Shri Jaydip Mukhopadhyay, Special Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education Govt. of West Bengal addressed the audience as Guest of Honour. He also expressed his idea how to achieve the goal of accreditation through estimating various indicators along with options for opting out possible indicators. The vote of thanks of the Inaugural session was given by Prof. Debansu Ray the Registrar of the University of Kalyani.

**Technical Session I:**

Prof.(Dr.) Basab Choudhuri, Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal State University, Barasat, West Bengal elaborately discussed criterion I. He comprehensively explained all sub criteria under criterion I along with all Key Indicators. He gave specific examples for all Qualitative and Quantitative Metrics under this criterion. He also cleared the doubts of all participants including some confusions of the participants from Government Engineering Colleges.

**Technical Session II:**

Prof.(Dr.) Shital K. Chattopadhyay, Ex-Coordinator, NAAC Committee, University of Kalyani discussed criteria 4 and 5, Infrastructure and Learning Resources and Student Support and Progressions. He extensively emphasised on Learning Resources, Library as Learning Resources, Infrastructure and maintenance of campus infrastructure. He also explained about student progression, student support and student participation and activities. The importance of Alumni activities and need of integration of Alumni of the institute for achieving the goal of accreditation was also emphasis by Prof. Chattopadhyay.

**Technical Session III:**

Dr. Partha Pratim Ghosh, Coordinator, IQAC, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata delivered his lecture on criterion II, Teaching Learning and Evolutions. He extensively discussed student diversity, teaching learning process, evolution process and all other subitems under this criterion. He explained all points on this criterion extensively. He also answered all questions asked by the participants.

**Technical Session IV:**

The Technical Session IV starts at the morning of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Dr. Priya Narayanan, Assistant Advisor, NAAC Bengaluru, delivered her talk on over all accreditation process. She explained minute details of Assessment & Accreditation (A&A) process beginning with eligibility criteria to online submission of IIQA. She comprehensively explained the preparation of documents, format of various documents. She also discussed the changes introduced in the Revised Assessment & Accreditation framework in July 2017, with an explicit paradigm shift making it ICT enabled, objective, robust and transparent. The need of creating a conducive environment for the students to facilitate their overall development and instilling in them feeling of social, responsibility was also emphasis by her. She also emphasized how Assessment by NAAC helps the institutions in recognizing their strength and weaknesses. She answered all questions asked by the audience.



Figure 3: Dr. Priya Narayanan, Assistant Advisor, NAAC Bangalore

Other two lectures in this session were scheduled and delivered by two experts. Prof. (Dr.) Amitava Dutta, Ex-Director, IQAC, Jadavpur University, Kolkata discussed criterion III in details. He explained every details of each points and sub points under criterion III. Prof. (Dr.) Smoantak Das, Director, IQAC, Jadavpur University, Kolkata delivered his lecture on Criterion VI i.e. Governance Leadership and Management. He discussed each and every point on this criterion comprehensively.

#### **Technical Session V:**

Dr. Tushar K. Ghara, Jt. DPI, Govt. of West Bengal discussed criterion 7, Institution values and Best Practices. He discussed all points under this criterion in details.



Figure 4: Certificate given to the participant by the Honourable Vice-Chancellor, University of Kalyani

In the valedictory session Vice-Chancellor, University of Kalyani gave his inspiring lecture on the utility of NAAC accreditation. Participants were also interacted with the dignitaries in this session. The certificates were given to the participants at end. The local media and news paper also covered the entire workshop.