

## **REPORT OF PROGRAM ON ACADEMIC AUDIT**

National Assessment and Accreditation Council had organized a program on Academic Audit on 5th November 2019. Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser NAAC, welcomed the gathering and briefed about the program. Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director of NAAC presented the opening remarks of the program.

The director referred to the roots of academic audit in ancient *bharthiya parampara in Moksha sanyasa Yoga* and quoted phrases related to quality of knowledge and its attainment. He also quoted phrases from *Upanishads* that explains how the knowledge flows and what kind of introspection that should exist elaborates the academic building of institutions.

Shri. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and President of Indian Council for Cultural relations presided the program. He addressed the gathering on Science of Institution building and the importance of Academic Audit. Emphasizing the need for training on academic administration for persons in apex of decision making in institutions, he emphasized on leadership dynamics, the purpose and goal setting with a sense of participation in the institution-building process.

Elaborating the administrative fragmentation would seldom help institution progress, he insisted on academic engagement in the campus and relationship building. Institutional leadership is just not the position that a person occupies but is an onerous responsibility that one has agreed to shoulder.

Apt level of commitment with non-compromising attitude towards quality of institution determines the subject of institution building. There exists variety of institutions ranging from central Unities, State University, Deemed University, IITs, IIMs, NIT, ISER, etc, but the art or Science of Institution Building is being continuously ignored. Institution building is neither a subject of thought nor a subject taught in any Indian Institute of Management or Indian School of Business. Thrust was also given on the passion, mission and vocation in the educational regime. Science of organization, leadership science and institution building are subjects crying for attention. Fiscal needs of the institutions are easier to handle than instituting the vibrant academic culture into those buildings to make it become alive.

The address was followed by the lecture of Prof. A. Balasubramanian, Retd. Professor of Geology, Mysore University, on Framework of Academic Audit. In his speech, he emphasized on the benefits and components of an Academic Audit. Details like how often the audit has to be conducted, guidelines etc. were also elaborated. The program was attended by Vice-Chancellors and IQAC Coordinators of different Universities though out the country.

Later, a working session was conducted to understand group representatives presented the practical issues involved in practicing regular academic audit in universities and the same. The program was concluded with understandings and modalities of conducting an academic audit. Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC and Dr. Priya Narayanan, Assistant Adviser, NAAC coordinated the Program.







