

## **Silver Jubilee Lecture Series- Dr. M. Pushpavathi, Director, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore.**

To commemorate its Silver Jubilee year of existence, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) hosted a series of Special Lectures by eminent Academicians at NAAC on various themes associated with quality in Higher Education. The second Lecture in the series was organized at NAAC on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2019. The special lecture was delivered by Dr. M. Pushpavathi, Director, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore.



The programme started with lighting of lamp by Special Invitee Dr M. Pushpavathi, Prof S C Sharma, Director, NAAC and other dignitaries. Dr Ganesh Hegde, Deputy Adviser, NAAC welcomed and introduced the guest to the audience. Prof S. C. Sharma, Director, NAAC chaired the programme and felicitated Dr. Pushpavathi. Dr M. S. Shyamsundar, Adviser, NAAC and Dr Sujata Shanbhag also felicitated the expert. Several external academicians from different Higher Education Institutions

(HEIs) in Bengaluru attended the programme. The programme was keenly attended by Officers and employees of NAAC besides several external academicians from different HEIs.

Dr. M. Pushpavathi made a brief presentation on “Inclusive Education-Premise and Process”. In her eloquent speech, she brought to the notice of the audience the prevalence of various disorders like Speech, Language and Hearing disorders, amongst the special children. She stressed on early identification and rehabilitation of disorders among special children and use of sign language which can be an effective mode of rehabilitation. She stressed on the importance of parental care in identifying disorders at an early stage and noted the fact that several disorders are identified at early stage like autism, hearing problem etc. She also highlighted the rights of persons with disabilities Act, 2016 by Govt. of India.





Dr Pushpavathi spoke at length on various intricacies involved in the inclusive education and also the importance and role of educators in inclusive education. Dr Pushpavathi stressed the fact that Special Education should be provided to special children along with other normal students..



In his Presidential remarks, Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC appreciated the presentation made by Dr Pushpavati. He highlighted the importance of music in rehabilitation of disorders among special children. He pointed out that studies have revealed behavioral modification during the course of music rendering.

Dr. Sujata P Shanbhag, Deputy Adviser, NAAC proposed vote of thanks to all external academicians and NAAC staff.