

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR THE ROLE OF THE TEQSA IN REGULATING AND QA IN AUSTRALIAN HEIS

Webinar on “Quality Assurance and Character Education Higher Education” organized by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru was held on **29th January 2021**, through video conferencing using Cisco Meet platform. The webinar was organized with an aim of taking initiatives to reach out the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for quality improvements, quality sustenance and Re-thinking of Quality Assurance and Accreditation for distance education institutions in post Covid scenario. Around 200 participants comprising a blend of national and international Academicians, Vice-chancellors, Professors, Principals, IQAC and NAAC Coordinators from various institutions attended the webinar. The Webinar started at 10.30am (IST) with the welcome address and programme description delivered by Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC.

Opening remarks was given by hon’ble Prof. S. C. Sharma, Director, NAAC. Introduction of Resource Person **Dr. Karen Treloar, Director, Engagement Group, TEQSA, Australia and Dr. Emily Goode, International and Industry Professional Bodies Manager, Engagement Group, TEQSA, Australia** was given by Dr. DevendewrKawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC.

**Dr. Karen Treloar, Director, Engagement Group, TEQSA, Australia and Dr. Emily Goode** in their address specifically highlighted on standards for assessment on quality followed by TEQSA in Australia in terms learning/Institutional context, learning resources, Learning processes, character and value education check such as information about organization etc. They also briefed about the importance of target audience, quality of content, programme design, technology, evaluation and review.

The Interactive Session was hosted and handled by Dr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel, System Analyst, NAAC. The clarifications and queries raised by participants regarding various aspects were addressed by the Resource Person and from NAAC as well.

From ICT, Prof Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel System Analyst, NAAC had taken good and effective initiatives to successfully conduct the webinar.

Finally, the webinar was concluded with expression of gratitude by Dr. Shyam Singh Inda Assistant Adviser, NAAC.