

5th international webinar “**Assuring the Quality of Higher Education: The case of AQU Catalunya**”

Webinar on “Quality Assurance and Character Education Higher Education” organized by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru was held on **8th february 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 150 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 **4.45 pm** (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. Martí Casadesúsi Fa, Director, AQU Catalunya** was given by Dr. DevendewrKawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC.

Dr. Martí Casadesúsi Fa, Director, AQU Catalunya in his address specifically highlighted on standards for assessment on quality followed by AQU in Catalunya in terms learning/Institutional context, learning resources, Learning processes, character and he also stressed about the present teaching paradigm and the ways to improve it. Further he added the importance of higher education on global economic prospectus.

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. Vinita Sahu Assistant Adviser, NAAC.