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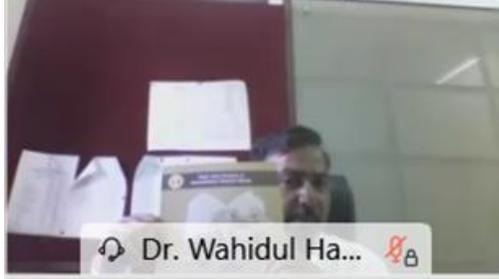
Brief note on the release of the 14th State-wise Analysis of Accreditation Reports of Odisha on 23rd November 2020, at the residence of Higher Education Minister, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

The programme started with a welcome address and Introduction of the Guests by Dr. **Amiya Kumar Rath**, Adviser, NAAC. Followed by this, **Dr. S. Srikanta Swamy**, Academic Consultant, Research and Analysis Wing, NAAC, spoke about the preparation of the report and briefed about the contents covered in the chapters. Later Prof. **Susmit Prasad Pani**, Former Director, Distance and Continuing Education, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, highlighted on the recommendations given in the Odisha report.

Dr. Arun Kumar, Sahoo, Minister Department of Higher Education and Agriculture released the 14th State-wise Analysis of Accreditation Reports of Odisha and reiterated the resolve of the Government of Odisha to work towards improving the quality of higher education and promoting HEI's to seek accreditation from NAAC. In Particular, he emphasized the special needs of Odisha and its tribal population. He also thanked NAAC for suggesting a roadmap for reform and Quality Improvement. He hoped that NAAC would continue to support the colleges, universities and the Odisha Government in their efforts for Quality Improvement. He hoped that the report will be well received by educators and all the stake holders. He congratulated the NAAC team members for their efforts in preparing and publishing Odisha report on Assessment and Accreditation.

Shri. Saswat Mishra, IAS, Commissioner cum Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha, appreciated the members of the committee for their hard work in preparing the state-wise Accreditation reports of Odisha, which shows the road map for the policy makers to come out with an action plan to improve the quality of higher education. He also highlighted the areas in which the Government of Odisha has already initiated action to empower higher education institutions to provide quality education.

Then, **Prof. Asoka Kumar Das**, Vice Chairman of Odisha State Higher Education Council, provided detailed information regarding the status of accreditation of HEIs of Odisha and expressed concerns about those institutions which still have not undergone for Accreditation. He appreciated the efforts made by the members of the expert committee and assured of



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