



Shri Santaji Shikshan Vikas Sanstha, Nagpur's
SANTAJI MAHAVIDYALAYA
Wardha Road, Nagpur-15
(Accredited 'A' Grade by NAAC)
in collaboration with
National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bengaluru
NAAC Sponsored Online National Seminar
on
'Benchmarking Quality Enhancement Initiatives through Innovative Practices'
(9th January, 2021)

REPORT

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college felt the need to hold a national seminar on Quality Initiatives and Innovative Practices as the college is heading towards the 4th cycle of Assessment and Accreditation. In a meeting it was decided to host a National Seminar on these topics so that great number of Higher Educational institutions can be benefited. A proposal to organize a NAAC sponsored National Seminar was submitted which was accepted and approved by NAAC.

As an outcome of the deliberations held by the IQAC, a NAAC sponsored Online National Seminar on '**Benchmarking Quality Enhancement Initiatives through Innovative Practices**' was organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college in collaboration with National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bengaluru on 9th January, 2021. The college desired to hold the National Seminar in the august presence of dignitaries and participants but due to the pandemic crisis a webinar was a better option as more number of participants across the nation could participate through an online mode. The College used Edfly.com portal for live telecast and recording of the seminar. The responsibility of airing the online seminar live was assigned to Edfly.com to ensure seamless streaming and to confirm that there are no technical glitches. The brochure containing schedule was prepared and the soft copy was widely circulated through WhatsApp and emails so that wide publicity can be given. As many as 817 teachers registered themselves for the event.

The online NAAC Sponsored National Seminar started on the scheduled time at 10.30 am. Dr. Neehal R. Sheikh, Coordinator, IQAC cited the reasons behind finalization of the theme. He mentioned that the aim behind the theme has been the vision and mission and the objectives set up by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council. He added that the College IQAC realizes that the Higher educational Institutions are expected to design novel and need based policies which has aspects like creativity and utility which will contribute in the welfare of the society and the nation and the Higher Educational Institutions must become a think tank for designing of innovative practices to provide maximum benefit to its stakeholders. After the introductory address a Digital Aarti was held.

The Introductory Address was delivered by Dr. Priya Wanjari, Principal and Chairperson, IQAC. She welcomed all the dignitaries, resource persons and participants in the Online National Seminar. She expressed heartfelt gratitude towards National Assessment and

Accreditation Council, Bengaluru for accepting the proposal of the college and granting the college the permission to organize the seminar. She focused on the success graph and the painstaking efforts taken by the college which yielded into award of 'A' Grade by NAAC in the third cycle of Assessment and Accreditation in 2017. She mentioned about the traditional and professional courses being run by the college at UG and PG courses. She talked about the notable contribution of the institution in reaching benefit to the students through Career Oriented Courses being run by the college in collaboration with Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension of RTM Nagpur University. She narrated the historical efforts and success recorded by the college in different fields.

After the Introductory Address, Hon. Dr. Siddharthavinayaka P. Kane, Immediate Former Vice Chancellor, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur inaugurated the National Seminar. Before assuming as Vice Chancellor, he has handled the vital responsibility of being the Director of IQAC of RTM Nagpur University. Under his able leadership the University has been awarded 'A' grade. He was invited as inaugurator because of his huge and rich experience in academic and administrative fields. He formally inaugurated the Online Seminar. In his inaugural address he emphasized on parameters ensuring quality education and development of students. He said that the purpose of establishment of National Assessment and Accreditation Council is to see if the HEIs are moving in right direction and no compromise is being made so far as quality is concerned.

Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Adviser, National Assessment and Accreditation Council graced the occasion as he delivered the keynote address. He urged all the Principals and IQAC Coordinators to have a Vision Statement which needs to be short and specific. He asked the participants to unlock their potential and think of new ways of designing and implementing need based schemes. He exhorted all the colleges to create a window on college website which will contain all NAAC related information and all the relevant documents can be uploaded on this window so that they can be accessed as and when needed. In his address he asked all the colleges to prepare all criteria related questions for better self assessment and preparation. He imparted important information about Atal Innovation Mission, Incubation Centre, Start ups, Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat, Waste Management, signing of MoUs and laid emphasis on implementation of schemes of Ministry of Skill Development.

In the First Technical Session Dr. Anjan Naidu, NAAC Assessor & Principal, Dhote Bandhu Science College, Gondia made a useful presentation on 'Role of IQAC in sustaining Quality of HEIs'. He pointed out that the IQAC must adopt strategies and initiatives like establishment of Academic, Administrative & Financial Tasks, designing of quality oriented academic and research programmes, mapping of effective academic programmes for various sections of society, integration of modern methods of teaching and learning, ensuring accountability of evaluation procedures and research sharing and networking with other institutions in India and abroad. He pointed out that the IQAC should strive to develop and determine quality benchmarks, disseminate knowledge, contribute in organization of workshops, seminars, conferences on quality and relevant themes and promote quality as per local and situational needs.

In the Second Technical Session, Dr. MeghanaA. Hasamnis, Coordinator, IQAC and Professor, Electronics Engineering Department Shri Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management, Nagpur delivered her lecture on 'Online Assessment and Accreditation Methodology in Revised Accreditation Framework'. She laid focus on important issues like Quality Assurance in Indian Higher Education System, Challenges of Indian Higher Education System, Development of RAF, Key Features of Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF), Quality Indicator Framework (QIF), Online A & A process flow, Assessment Outcome, Mandatory Disclosure on HEI's Website and Benefits of NAAC. In her presentation she

imparted detailed information about the Criteria and Weightages, Distribution of Metrics and KIs across Criteria, Templates, Executive Summary and Quantitative metrics.

In the Third Technical Session Dr. Sandhya Khedekar, Principal, Gokhale Education Society's College of Education, Sangamner made an effective presentation on 'Role of Information Technology in Effective Documentation for Assessment and Accreditation by NAAC'. She spoke extensively on how ICT can be used for effective documentation. She advised all the Principals and IQAC Coordinators to prepare SSR well in advance before submitting IQA. She specifically mentioned that for effective documentation the essential requirements are Creation of New Documents, Review and Approval of Documents, Completion, Reproduction and Maintenance of Documents. She said that to obtain a good score the documents must be Legible, Concise, Traceable, Contemporaneous, Enduring and Accessible.

Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Adviser, National Assessment and Accreditation Council addressed the participants before the last technical session. He answered the queries of the participants in the most satisfactory manner.

In the last Technical Session Dr. Ela M. Dedhia, Associate Professor and Head of Department, Nirmala Niketan College of Home Science & Polytechnic, Mumbai guided the participants on 'Quality Initiatives and Innovative Practices in Higher Educational Institutions'. She emphasized that Technology plays a vital role in Higher Education and HEIs must get accustomed to new technologies and ways of imparting education.. She laid stress on Research and urged that a Research Promotion Cell be constituted which will promote innovative and state of art projects, encourage researchers to pursue ideas into prototypes, boost product development and inculcate creativity clubbed with social problem capabilities. She laid stress on Collaboration with renowned National and International Libraries and educational institutions. She also spoke on the need for Incubation Centre and Start ups.

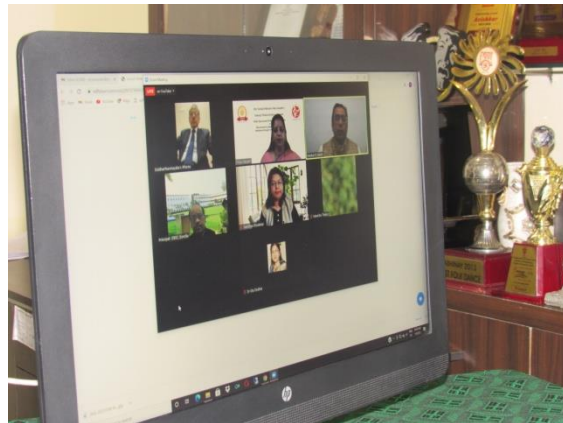
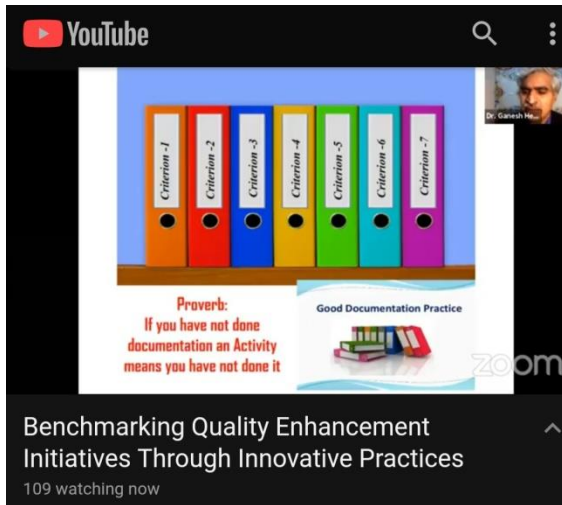
In all the sessions the participants raised queries which were satisfied by the resource persons. The participants were asked to fill the feedback form and certificates were distributed. Mrs. Manisha Thakur conducted the proceedings while Dr. Neehal R. Sheikh proposed the vote of thanks.

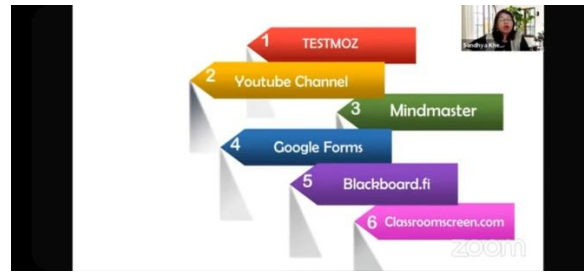
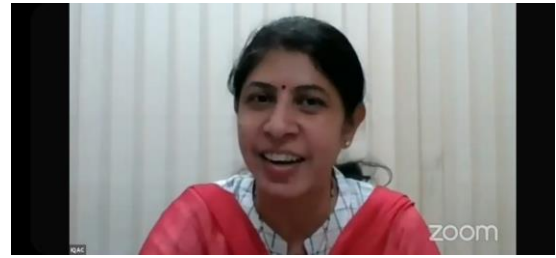
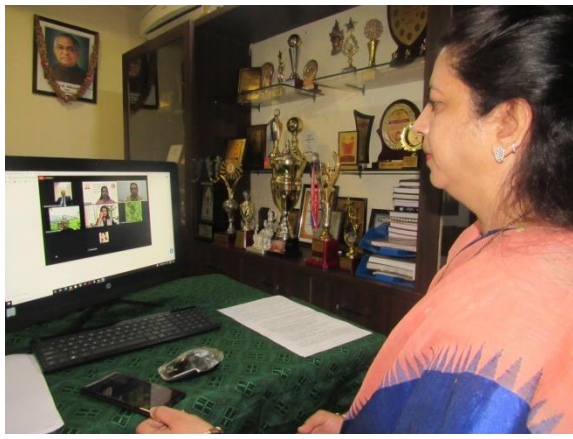
OUTCOME

1. New approach towards benchmarking of quality initiatives was developed.
2. Types of Innovative Practices came into notice.
3. Importance of Information Technology to bring in novelty and creativity was conveyed.
4. The expected role of IQAC was discussed in detail.
5. Light was thrown on Online Assessment and Accreditation Methodology in Revised Accreditation Framework.
6. Participants gained knowledge about the importance of Information Technology in Effective Documentation.
7. The strategies to be adopted by the IQAC were clearly defined and explained.
8. Parameters to prepare and finalize Action Plan by the IQAC were focused upon.
9. Idea was shared on kinds of Add on courses to be introduced.
10. It became evident that the methodology designed by NAAC for Assessment strongly emphasizes accuracy and authenticity and hence accurate and reliable data needs to be furnished.
11. Importance of ICT in documentation was clearly understood.
12. Time Management in view of submission of RAF came to be known.
- 13 Steps of Effective documentation was effectively conveyed.
- 14 Codes of Professional Practice were elaborated.
15. Information about different IT tools was imparted.

16. Different modes of development of E-content were explored.
17. Elements of Innovation and Design in Curriculum were focused on.
18. Reformatory measures in existing schemes were pointed out.
19. Faculty empowerment strategies were conveyed.
20. Benchmarking quality initiatives were widely discussed.

Images of the Webinar







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