Seventh One Day Meeting of Commissioners/Directors/Head of State Level Quality Assurance Cells (SLQACs) was organised by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) on 17th September 2018 at NAAC office, Bengaluru. Out of 29 states and 4 union territories SLQACs Heads invited for the meeting, 33 participants from 23 states and 2 union territories participated in the programme.

In the inaugural function all the dignitaries on the dais participated in “lighting the lamp” programme. Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Deputy Adviser, NAAC has done the comparing task of the programme very effectively.

Dr. M. S. Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC in his welcome speech outlined the percentage of accredited institutions in the country and objective of UGC Quality Mandate. Dr. M. S. Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC further elucidated the NAACs strategy for achieving the accreditation of all the non-accredited institutions in the country by laying out action plans to be adopted such as,

- Mentor-Mentee roles and responsibilities between A+ accredited colleges and non-accredited colleges to approach for NAAC accreditation.
- Accredited affiliated universities to inform non-accredited colleges under their affiliation to go for NAAC accreditation process.
- Need of identifying senior academician and NAAC Assessors as mentors/resource persons to visit, guide and create awareness on importance of NAAC accreditation in non-accredited institutions.
- Role of SLQACs in bringing all the government and private colleges to NAAC accreditations by conducting assessment and accreditation awareness workshops.
- Role of NAACs academic and financial support for organising awareness programs by the SLQACs and NAAC helpdesk and reactivation of regional wise task forces.
• Significance of qualitative and quantitative matrix involved in the Revised Accredited Framework (RAF) and instructions to be followed by institutions for submitting IIQA was also emphasised.

Prof. S. C. Sharma, Director, NAAC in his opening remarks shared his vision of Antyodaya, reaching the unreached HEIs and importance of assessment and accreditation in rural Higher Education Institutions. This was followed by the self-introduction by participants and screening of NAAC video documentary in the conference hall which was very much appreciated by the participants.

After the tea break, all the participants were requested to return to their respective chairs for commencement of first presentations session by participating Heads of SLQACs. This was followed by group photography event and lunch. Second presentations session by participating Heads of SLQACs ended with open forum.

Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Senior Communication cum Publication Officer, NAAC gave vote of thanks.

Region wise interaction between Heads of SLQACs and NAAC Officers was organised. Micro level discussions on creating awareness among non-accredited colleges on assessment and accreditation process along with action plans for achieving UGC Quality Mandate were done with each individual Heads of SLQACs.

Finally, the programme ended with concluding remarks by the Director, Prof. S. C. Sharma followed by High Tea.