



Research and Analysis Wing, NAAC

Brief note on the 2nd discussion meet regarding the preparation of State-wise analysis of accreditation report of Odisha-5th and 6th September 2019

The discussion meet was held on 5th and 6th of September, 2019 in the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) at Odisha.

The programme started with a welcome address from **Dr. Wahidul Hasan**, Sr. Communication cum Publication Officer, NAAC followed by the introduction of distinguished guests and dignitaries by **Dr. S. Samanta**, Registrar of the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology.

Shri. Saswat Mishra, IAS, Commissioner cum Secretary, Higher Education Department, and Government of Odisha was the Chief Guest of the event. He inaugurated the meeting and delivered the keynote address. He stressed on the need for accreditation of HEIs and expressed his full support and commitment towards encouraging higher education institutions of Odisha to maintain good academic standard and to go for Assessment and Accreditation process of NAAC.

Then, **Prof. Asoka Kumar Das**, Vice Chairman of Odisha State Higher Education Council, delivered a special address in which he provided detailed information regarding the status of accreditation of HEIs of Odisha and expressed concerns about those institutions which still have not undergone Accreditation.

Dr. S. Srikanta Swamy, Academic Consultant, Research and Analysis Wing of NAAC, gave the Power Point presentation highlighting the mission of NAAC in relation to the Accreditation Process. He showed the statistics related to the percentage of Universities and Colleges Accredited in Odisha (Universities-50%, Colleges-25.6%). He also presented the graph showing the number of Universities and Colleges accredited across different states of India and made request to the Higher Education secretary to accelerate the process of accreditation especially with respect to the non accredited colleges. He also highlighted the chapters that are included in the state –wise analysis of accreditation reports of Odisha.

Followed by this, **Prof. Susmit Prasad Pani**, Former Director, Distance and Continuing Education at the Utkal University elucidated a roadmap as to how to accelerate process of accreditation and create an action plan. He also highlighted that “Fear of Failure” is also a root cause for

Government and other Institutions not applying for Accreditation process. He gave few suggestions regarding how higher educational Institutions can be motivated in that direction.

Later, the finer details of using ICT procedure for A & A, DVV process with regards to accreditation were presented by **Dr. Amiya Kumar Rath**, Adviser, NAAC. He explained all the processes involved starting from IIQA stage till the announcement of the final grades of accreditation.

Afterwards, an interaction/discussion session with various stakeholders was organized in which many senior Vice-Chancellors from various universities participated. They raised valid doubts, difficulties and concerns about the accreditation process. All the relevant and genuine concerns were addressed and assured to be addressed by NAAC. After listening to all the suggestions made by the participants, **Mr. Mishra**, the Commissioner cum Secretary of Higher Education Department, Odisha addressed the gathering once again with the concluding remarks in which he reiterated that all the support including the finance will be provided to conduct awareness programmes and other initiatives to nudge institutions to get accredited.

Finally, the vote of thanks was delivered by **Prof. Jayantha Kumar Parida**, Director, Quality Assurance Cell, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology.

(Dr Arun Kumar Sahoo, Minister, Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha, hosted the dinner for the guests and participants at hotel Mayfair, and addressed all the dignitaries and participants. During his speech, he assured of all support to the higher educational Institutions who are on the way of applying for Accreditation.

Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Founder and Mentor of Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, also assured of providing all facilities to conduct training programme in collaboration with NAAC.)







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