

**Report of NAAC sponsored workshop on
“NAAC Accreditation and Re-Accreditation” for Principals and IQAC
Coordinators in Affiliated Colleges of the University of Madras
held on 31.10.2019 at University of Madras**

The University of Madras, one among the three oldest Universities of India, was established on 5th September 1857 by an Act of Legislative Council of India in the model of London University. University of Madras is the mother of almost all the old Universities of south India. At present, the University functions at four campuses in Chennai, one each for Social Sciences (Chepauk), Languages (Marina), Basic Sciences (Guindy), Basic Medical Sciences (Taramani). The University offers Post Graduate and Research Programmes through 87 Departments/Centers. The Undergraduate programmes are offered through affiliated colleges and Institute of Distance Education. The University has been accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with the five star rating first (2000) and later twice (2007 and 2014) with an A rating. The UGC has recognized the University as the “University with Potential for Excellence” in the country.

The University of Madras has 183 affiliated institutions including 131 Colleges and 52 Research Institutions. The distribution of affiliated colleges of the University is as follows:

- Government Colleges (Autonomous): 7
- Government Colleges (Non-Autonomous): 11
- Aided Colleges (Autonomous): 14
- Aided Colleges (Non-Autonomous): 10
- Self-Financing Colleges (Autonomous): 02
- Self-Financing Colleges (Non- Autonomous): 87

So far, 23 Autonomous Colleges and 29 Non-Autonomous Colleges have been accredited by NAAC. Overall, 52 out of 131 colleges have been accredited which works out to about 38%.

Under all categories (Government, Government Aided and Self Financing), the Autonomous Colleges have met the target for NAAC accreditation as all of them (100%) have been accredited and most of them have secured ‘A’ or A++’ grade. Government Non-Autonomous Colleges mark the least percentage of NAAC accredited colleges (10%) and followed by Non-Autonomous Self-Financing Colleges (21%). Non-Autonomous Aided Colleges do relatively better with 60% share in NAAC accreditation, however mostly with ‘B’ grade.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), University of Madras was established in 2005. Recognizing the need to bring in more colleges into the NAAC accreditation framework, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), University of Madras organized a Workshop for Principals and IQAC Coordinators of affiliated colleges of the University on “NAAC Accreditation and Re-Accreditation” on **31st October 2019 (Thursday)** at University of Madras. Based on the proposal submitted by IQAC, the NAAC, Bangalore had given its approval to conduct the above workshop with a financial support of Rs. 1 lakh.

There was an overwhelming response from 60 colleges with 146 participants, consisting of 30 Principals/Vice-Principals and 116 IQAC Coordinators as outlined below:

Total Number of participants		146
Principals/Vice-Principals		
Govt. Colleges (Autonomous)	2	
Govt. Colleges (Non-Autonomous)	3	
Govt. Colleges (Aided-Autonomous)	2	
Self-Financing (Non-Autonomous)	23	
IQAC Coordinators		116

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr.P.Duraisamy, Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras. Dr.R.Srinivasan, Registrar, University of Madras welcomed the gathering. In his Presidential Address, Dr.P.Duraisamy highlighted the importance of accreditation as well as creating and sustaining quality benchmarks. In her Special Address, Dr.Vinita Sahu, Assistant Adviser, NAAC, Bangalore outlined the Accreditation process. Dr.V.Bharathi Harishankar, Director, IQAC proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The second session was anchored by Dr.Vinita Sahu. She made a comprehensive presentation on the NAAC accreditation and re-accreditation framework. The session was highly interactive and she answered queries from participants and cleared their doubts.

The post-lunch session had presentations by Prof.M.R.Srinivasan, formerly Head, Department of Statistics, University of Madras and Dean, College Development Council as well as Dr.Anne Mary Fernandez, formerly Registrar, University of Madras. Prof.M.R.Srinivasan spoke on the process of preparing for NAAC accreditation for the first time. The participants were particularly impressed with his experiential responses to queries which provided a veritable road map for them.

Dr. Anne Mary Fernandez, spoke on the process of Re-accreditation. She pointed out how re-accreditation begins when an institution receives the expert report and grading in its first cycle. Reflecting on the workshop, participants not only felt that their doubts were cleared but also a sense of sharing among peers. This response augurs well for inter-institutional networking among colleges.





