At **Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University**, Patan campus one day workshop on NAAC-ACCREDITATION was organized on 12-02-2019. Dr. Madhukar B. S. (Ex. Advisor, NAAC) and Dr. A. V. Prasad (Asst. Advisor, NAAC) both from Bengaluru remained present as the principal information sources. Furthermore, out of seven colleges that obtained ‘A’ Grade by NAAC, two principals, namely Dr. Ajay Gor (Pramukh Swami Science and H. D. Patel Arts College, Kadi.) and Dr. Sudhir Joshi (Shri H. S. Shah College of Commerce, Modasa.) also guided and shared their experiences to the aspirants among the audience. In the inaugural function, the vice chancellor, Prof. B. A. Prajapati expressed the significance of NAAC-accreditation as well as he told that now NAAC itself helps in preparation of SSR of the college. Prof. J. J. Vora, Head of Chemistry Department, welcomed all the dignitaries, participants and the Registrar gave vote of thanks. The announcements were made by Prof. Nishith Bhatt (Head, Department of Commerce and Management) and Prof. Sangita Sharma (Chemistry Department). Dr. Himanshu Bariya (Life Science Department), Dr. K. K. Patel (Head, Hospital Management Department) and many other faculty members helped to make this program successful. Around 250 delegates were registered from more than 100 colleges. These include principals, heads of various departments and other faculty members from affiliated colleges who are all engaged directly with NAAC-accreditation. Mr. K. B. Upadhyay (Rtd. IAS) (CEO-KCG) also remained present on the occasion and addressed the gathering.
Dr. Madhukar B. S. (Ex. Advisor, NAAC) expressed the basics of NAAC- accreditation. He said that for last 20 years, NAAC has been playing an important role in almost all parts of our country. NAAC has been synonymous with quality and even now private institutions are looking for NAAC-accreditation result. Large database of questionnaire is now available and numerical output has come out. He said that a paradigm shift has occurred. Recent NAAC- accreditation is a combo process comprising of 70-30 of two sets of matrices, one being qualitative matrix and the other being quantitative matrix. In past, criteria like research, teaching, result, etc. had profound impact however, now a days, focuss is on innovation in research, uniqueness of the institution etc. He stated that the relevant manual has been prepared. He also recommended that the website of NAAC should be observed every day because changes are made on regular basis.
The online student survey is now very significant and the concerned institution should supply email and mobile no. of students so as to make possible the important survey. He emphasized that institutions should not hurry in the submission of SSR as only 45 days are available to complete the formalities. He insisted that minimum 20% should be obtained other than student survey. He said that answers given by an institution will be converted into percentage and then averaged.
Data validation and verification process is quite significant. Dr. Madhukar narrated hall make of IQAC activities. He said that value addition to every student is of profound significance but it will not be found in curricula.
The resource person Dr. A. V. Prasad who is assistant adviser at NAAC, Bangalore, presented on ‘PROCEDURAL ASPECT for NAAC submission.’ In course of his energetic presentation, he flagged certain important points which the institutions should focus upon during their online submission. He started his talk that, NAAC framework for assessment and accreditation is unique to any other country and the assessment is based on Global Good Practices and Norms. He started with good beginning of talk with very basic information about 6 stages of entire NAAC process for any institution or university. For self finance institutions, they must have AICTE certificate to apply for accreditation. He focussed mainly on student’s information. He stated that information of all students have to be submitted by institute and also have to fulfill minimum target response. Failure to do, will receive an email from NAAC for fulfillment of remaining information within next 10 days. This is very important step for pre-qualifying of institute for accreditation. After pre-qualify, NAAC asks about online submission of fees and other formalities and email will be sent for peer team visit to institute headquarter. Standing committee will announce the result next day. He also showed how to go for online submission for NAAC and said that institute has 45 days long time period for all submission. He also stated that cycle 1 and 2 is valid up to 5 years of period and cycle 3 is valid up to 7 years.

Technical Session – III
Principle Dr. Ajay Gor from Pramukh swami Science and H. D. Patel Arts College, Kadi, Gujarat presented overall experience of NAAC accreditation in his college and also troubleshooted some important quarries arising during data uploading. He started his talk with a slide indicating about previous format and revised (latest) format of NAAC. He also said the students, the main stakeholder of the institute, is heart of NAAC database. Student satisfaction form is very important for NAAC online submission. He also suggested practicable solution to collect all data from student by forming 50-50 students group with one teacher. All datasheet should have their respective evidence, he said. Without evidence, it will be considered as suspect. He also suggested what should be provided to NAAC and what not. Overall he flagged that NAAC is responsibility of all of us, not of any individual. Cooperation of entire team of institute will aid very positive attitude for any work. He also addressed about very quick response of our queries by NAAC after writing of our questions. He specified about current year meaning, he told that current year means - last completed academic year, so all institutes should provide all information accordingly. Finally, he thanked all dignitaries and all members of organizing committee.

Technical Session – IV

Dr. Sudhir Joshi, principal from Shri H. S. Shah College of Commerce, Modasa, Gujarat presented and shared his recent experience about NAAC accreditation in his college. He kept weightage on coordinator selection for NAAC assessment of institute. It should be from good English language command or IT professor. He told the delegates to have a regular staff meeting and have to first read and understand latest Proforma for NAAC followed by distribution of workload. He also addressed to delegates about coordination of team and each and every document with all evidence should be maintained year to year. Website of all colleges or institutes must be updated regularly, he told. He focused on IQAC data and said that IQAC should be active and meetings should be regular. He gave examples of persons with their best efforts. He told that NAAC accreditation is now must for any institute or university to get grants from Government. He shared his experience during peer team visit. He also stated about the students and said that students are our mirror and their information earns about 70% score for NAAC, only 30% remaining with peer team. He wished good luck to all colleges and institutes who apply for NAAC and those who will have NAAC in near future.

Question - Answer Session:
In the last, concluding session, Dr. Madhukar, Dr. Prasad and Dr. Sudhir Joshi remained on stage and questions were asked from the audience. The three experts answered the questions to the level of satisfaction of the person asking. Questions were asked about the general procedure, technical details as well as organizational requirements. Due to either first time accreditation or changed procedure, information and solving the queries helped a gathering of 250 from a state university, Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, a lot. Then the program was over by around 5.00 p.m.