Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat &
National Assessment And Accreditation Council (NAAC)
Organize One Day Workshop
On
REVISED ACCREDITATION FRAMEWORK OF NAAC

13th February 2019

Venue:
Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat
Opp. PRL, Near L. D. Eng. College,
Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Reports of
One Day Workshop on
Revised Accreditation Framework of
NAAC

Jointly Organized by
Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat,
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&

Sponsored by NAAC, Bengaluru

➢ Convener : Prof. R. K. Shah
➢ Date : 13th February, 2019 – Wednesday
One Day Workshop on Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF), jointly organized by Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Government of Gujarat sponsored by NAAC, Bangalore was held on 13th February, 2019 at the Conference Hall of KCG, Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Ahmedabad. There were 190 participants: 1- Retired Commissioner, 1 Former Vice Chancellor, 1- Director, QA, 15 Officials from different Universities of Gujarat, 85 Principals and 90 IQAC Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators from affiliated Colleges and faculty members of different Universities of Gujarat attended the workshop.

The Inaugural Session was conducted by Dr. Jayendrasinh Jadav, Joint Coordinator, NAAC workshop and Coordinator, and began with a welcome address from Prof. R. K. Shah, Director, QA, KCG. He greeted all members and expressed his appreciation to Dr. A. V. Prasad, Assistant Adviser, NAAC, Bengaluru for having played the key role since the establishment of NAAC and also expressed his gratefulness to the presence of Prof. A. U. Patel Adviser, KCG, Ahmedabad in the auspicious occasion. Further, he expressed his gratitude to the officials from the State Higher and Technical Education. In acknowledging the presence of Shri K. B. Upadhyaya-IAS and expressed his appreciation of the success of all initiative of KCG for the various developments in state in the recent years. He welcomed all the participants.

Prof. A. U. Patel, Patron of the workshop & Former Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat University also extended his gratitude to all participants. He mentioned about his initiatives that by December 2019 all Government & Grant in Aid colleges under Government of Gujarat are expected to apply for NAAC assessment and that soon all Colleges should have NAAC accreditation. He emphasized the importance to have NAAC accreditation, as it is a necessity to acquire funds from all funding agencies like RUSA, UGC and others. Followed by Shri K. B. Upadhyaya- IAS-CEO, KCG and retired Commissioner, Higher Education and Chief Patron greeted all dignitaries and participants from different Universities and Colleges of state.

The Inaugural Session was closed with the vote of thanks proposed by Prof. S. S. Sodha, Joint Coordinator of this workshop.

**Technical Session - I**

The resource person Dr. A. V. Prasad presented on ‘Revised Accreditation Framework of NAAC’. He greeted and welcomed all participants. He applauded KCG & Government of Gujarat for maintaining peaceful and calm academic friendly atmosphere. Highlighting the broad feature of the Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) he mentioned that MHRD has received a lot of feedback by V.Cs of different Universities and therefore NAAC has also made a lot of concessions. UGC, MHRD and policy making stakeholders were consulted and now a
new format is formed where assessment is no longer wholly depending on qualitative judgment of Peer Team but also a quantitative SSR submitted by the institutions. Questions are also reduced and online submission to be done by all educational Institutions. Student satisfaction survey is introduced which is the first of its kind in the world.

In course of his dynamic presentation, he flagged certain important points which the institutions should focus upon. Those points may be summarized as follows:

- NAAC framework for assessment and accreditation is unique to any other country and the assessment is based on Global Good Practices and Norms.
- Quality Assurance is a must and therefore quality assessment is to be accepted as a pleasant and productive challenge.
- NAAC is instituted to help institutions to help and achieve quality assurance and face the challenge.
- Students, the main stakeholders should not lose maximum benefit simply because the authorities of the college do not dare to face the challenge of NAAC Assessment. It is an opportunity denied to the students to venture to different Universities and institutions for further studies within and outside the country.
- Relevance and need for SWOT and documentation.
- IQAC should be empowered to take necessary action and bring a change for the better.
- Since Best Practice can significantly contribute to the development of the institution, identifying Best Practice is the need of institution.

He concluded by wishing all the best to all participants.

**Technical Session II**

Prof. R. K. Shah, Director, QA, KCG chaired the Session. Dr. Jayendrasinh Jadav, Member, AAA team presented on the theme ‘An Overview of Revised Accreditation Framework’ with well sequential and structured Power Point Presentation and highlighted changes that have been introduced in revised assessment and accreditation framework. Some of the important points were highlighted as follows:

- Importance of strict adherence to timeline.
- Need to read relevant documents
- Frequent visit of NAAC website, dashboard, Standard Operating Procedure.
- Need to give importance in preparing SSR, once it is submitted it cannot be edited.
- Provision of optional metrics.
- Timeline for DVV queries.
- As Students Satisfaction Survey has been introduced in the revised framework, details and awareness of the students should also be addressed.
Panel Discussion & Interaction Session

At the discussion and interaction sessions participants from various colleges raised their questions and sought clarification on issues relating to logistic fee, Peer team visit, IIQA submission and others. Since most of the procedures and proceedings are based on ICT enabled, therefore, NAAC may consider upon the practical problem faced by the institutions so that solution may also be worked out.

Valedictory Session

Dr. A. V. Prasad, Assistant Adviser, NAAC made his concluding remarks and Prof. S. S. Sodha, Joint Coordinator proposed vote of thanks.

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