“NAAC AWARENESS PROGRAMME (NAP)”

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Organised at University of Lucknow, Lucknow

The University of Lucknow, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), National Assessment and Accreditation Council, NAAC, UPSHE and Regional office higher education organized a workshop on NAAC awareness programme (NAP) on 7 February, 2019 at the Malviya hall, University of Lucknow.

Such a workshop was held for the first time in the Northern part of the country particularly in the state Uttar Pradesh. The University of Lucknow was chosen as the university to initiate this program in Northern India. The workshop was mainly focused on creating awareness on NAAC accreditation process among the affiliated colleges of University of Lucknow. Around 80 colleges and 150 IQAC directors of colleges and principles/ their representatives attended this workshop. In addition to that representatives from other private and government universities in the city also attended the workshop.

The NAAC awareness programme (NAP) workshop was inaugurated with Saraswati Vandana and lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. The members on the Dias present were Professor S. P. Singh, Vice Chancellor University of Lucknow, Professor R. K. Singh Pro-Vice Chancellor University of Lucknow, Dr. R. K. Chaturvedi, Additional Secretary, U.P. State Higher Education Council, Dr. Pratibha Singh and Dr. Mohit Tiwari from NAAC and Prof. Rajiv Manohar, Director, IQAC, University of Lucknow.
A number of other dignitaries and faculty members from the University of Lucknow and other universities were also present in the inaugural session. The workshop was being coordinated by Dr Ajai Prakash of University of Lucknow.

Professor Rajiv Manohar welcomes all the participants and delegates of the workshop. He was instrumental in outlining, how the workshop will progress throughout the day he also emphasized the need of how each and every college should take up the new accreditation process.

Professor S.P. Singh, vice chancellor University of Lucknow in his keynote address emphasized the need for each and every educational institution to become a quality institution. He tried to raise issues as to how teachers and teaching can be important pillars in the development of an institution and emphasized on the importance of getting their institutions accredited on quality standards. Professor S. P. Singh highly motivated the participating principles and IQAC directors to get themselves NAAC certified. He outlined the administrative as well as the academic issues which lead an institution to advance in the field of academic world.

Dr R.K. Chaturvedi, Additional Secretary U.P. State Higher Education Council was the next speaker and he asked all the institutions to get themselves accredited by NAAC, so that the institutions do not face the problem of getting various grants of government supporting schemes for development. He clearly told the institutions that until and unless they become quality education providers they will not be able to sustain themselves in the near future. So rather than perishing it is better to progress in a beautiful manner.
The advisors from NAAC, Dr Mohit Tiwari and Dr Pratibha Singh spoke for around 4-5 hours and they exhibited the new NAAC accreditation process, where by the institutions can get themselves NAAC certification in a more transparent manner as it is now totally ICT based. The power point presentation made by both the resource persons has covered each and every aspect of the new process and also they have made the process clear by using flow charts and other animations. They also told how the new process is a departure from the old and what are the issues organizations will face in case they had already enrolled themselves in the past for the next generation process.

There was a question answer session also, where numbers of queries were asked by the colleges and their queries were clarified by the advisors. This helped the colleges a lot. There were a number of issues which came up from different institutions and institutions also said that now it will be easy for them to approach the NAAC office as now NAAC has opened up a new office in Delhi and they do not have to go to Bangalore. The participants also said that in Bangalore because of the lingual problem it became difficult for them to get their queries cleared but now as it is in Delhi they expect a higher and faster resolution of the issues which will lead to easy accreditation.
The workshop finished at around 5:00 p.m. after three sessions and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Ajai prakash.