Report on One day Awareness Program on Revised Accreditation Framework for Affiliated Colleges of University of Mysore and Karnataka University on 13th September 2019

Awareness Program on Revised Accreditation Framework for Affiliated Colleges of University of Mysore and Karnataka University was organized on 13th September 2019 at NAAC office Bengaluru. The focus of the Awareness Program was on promoting quality assurance in higher education and on mandatory accreditation of the Higher Education Institutions for improving the quality of HEIs. More than 100 candidates participated in the workshop representing colleges affiliated to University of Mysore and Karnataka University. Programme was geographically covered participants from the districts of Mysore, Mandya, Hassan, Dharwad, Uttara kannada, Haveri and Gadag.

The NAAC awareness programme (NAP) was inaugurated with Saraswati Vandana and lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. The Chief Guest Sri. Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi, Minister of the Parliamentary Affairs, Minister of Coal and Mines, Government of India, Honourable Member of Parliament, Dharwad Constituency, the dignitaries Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC and Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore had graced the occasion. All the dignitaries on the Dias had released the NAAC news letter Kannada version in inaugural programme.

Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC welcomed the distinguished guests and participants to the awareness programme. In his opening remarks, he highlighted the importance of accreditation for higher education institutions in the fast changing globalised era and asked all the institutions to get themselves to accredited by NAAC, so that the institutions do not face the problem of getting various grants of government supporting schemes for development. He motivated the institutions that until and unless they become quality education providers they may not be able to sustain themselves in the near future.

Sri. Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi inaugurated the workshop with a thought provoking and inspiring inaugural speech, in his address emphasized the need for each and every educational institution to become a quality institution. He tried to raise issues as 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. He appealed all non-accredited institutes to initiate the process of accreditation without delay.

**Dr. M.S. Shyamasundar**, Adviser, NAAC gave introduction to the programme and explained the achievements of NAAC. He outlined the workshop for the day and also emphasized the need of how each and every college should take up the new accreditation process.

The Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Sujata P. Shanbhag, Deputy Adviser, NAAC and overall programme was coordinated by Dr. K. R. Vishnu Mahesh and Dr. D. K. Kamble, Assistant Advisers, NAAC and master of ceremony was done by Dr. Devender S Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC. Finally the inauguration programme conducted with National anthem.

After the inauguration, the **technical session-1** was handled by Dr. Devender S Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC on “Revised Accreditation Framework” (RAF) an Overview, he specifically projected the critical points in connection with the changes brought in between the earlier and new A&A methodologies. He has drawn a clear picture on merging of LOI, IEQA as IIQA, Quality Indicator Framework (QIF), regarding pre-qualifier, changes in the seven criteria, key indicators, SSR preparation, onsite visit and non-applicable metrics etc. In **Session-2**, Dr. Sujata P Shanbhag, Deputy Adviser NAAC, dealt with On-site Visit and Logistics. He highlighted the requirements, code of conduct and expectations of NAAC from HEI during the Peer team visit. In **Session-3**, Dr Vinita Sahu, Assistant Adviser NAAC spoke on Data Validation and Verification (DVV) what exactly data validation and verifications means from NAAC perspective and details about the process involved in DDV in terms of clarifications and responses etc. In the end of the awareness programme in open forum and interactive session, the queries of all participants were clarified by the NAAC officers.