

Report on Assessors Orientation Programme (AOP) at Kurukshetra University

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The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is an autonomous body which is a quality assurance agency of India in the higher education. The prime agenda of NAAC is to assess and accredit institutions of higher learning with all objective of helping them to work continuously to improve the quality of education. NAAC is a member of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education comprising of over 120 different national agencies engaged in Assessment, Accreditation and Academic Audit. It regularly conducts Assessor Orientation Programme in various regions of the country. This time it was conducted on 15th February at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra for the assessors in Haryana state. It was a one day programme and a total number of 59 participants attended the programme, which includes Vice-Chancellors, Directors, Professors and Principals belonging to various disciplines.



Programme comprised of Inaugural session followed by Technical deliberations related to Assessment and Accreditation process of NAAC. Inaugural session began with welcome address. Dr. Pratibha Singh, Deputy Adviser, NAAC Delhi welcomed the distinguished guests and the esteemed participants to the Assessors' Orientation Programme (AOP). She mentioned the purpose and details of programme in her welcome address. The guest of honor for the programme was Prof. Kailash Chandra Sharma, Vice Chancellor Kurukshetra University. In his keynote address, he highlighted how the innovations and development in Higher Education has increased the strength of students in universities. The self introduction by the participants took place followed by Vote of thanks by Dr. Pratibha Singh. The Inaugural session was followed by tea break.



After tea break the programme began with the technical round of discussions. In **Technical session-I**, Prof. Vishnukant S. Chatpalli, Adviser NAAC spoke on “Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) explained the workflow, challenges, and execution of peer team members during NAAC onsite visit. He described the details of entire framework including metric, weights, evaluation methodology for qualitative and quantitative metric.



Session – II, Session II, was taken by, Prof. Vishnukant. S. Chatpalli, Adviser NAAC. The topic of the session was ICT integration of A & A Process. He explained the entire framework's ICT integration, features of various portals, process flows of RAF, Data Validation and Verification, Student Satisfaction Survey details etc.

Session – III

In Session-III, Dr. Pratibha Singh, Deputy Adviser, NAAC, dealt with On-site Visit and Logistics. She gave information about assessor's dashboard, profile, non availability calendars etc. She also, spoke on "Demonstration of Assessors Module". She explained the Assessors module and details using ICT integration.



Session IV: It was all about Group work which was taken by Dr. Pratibha Singh, Deputy Adviser NAAC, Delhi. The participants were divided in to seven groups. Each group prepared the report and score sheet for the SSR. Each group made the role plays (simulation) Pre-visit Meeting, Interactions with Principal/ Management, Faculty/Students etc.

Session V: The Group presentation for the report was undertaken. The chairperson of the each group explained about the report presented by their team. In this session discussion on Report writing and Assessment Outcome was also held which was handled by the Adviser and Deputy Adviser, NAAC.



Session VI: In the open forum Prof. Vishnukant. S. Chatpalli , Advsier and Dr. Pratibha Singh Deputy Adviser, NAAC chaired the session and clarified the doubts regarding new RAF methodology and procedure and also requested the assessors to be ambassadors of the NAAC and to promote the quality in Higher Education. The program was summarized by Prof. Vishnukant. S Chatpalli with closing remarks.

In the vote of thanks Dr. Pratibha Singh, Deputy Adviser, NAAC, Delhi thanked Vice Chancellor, Kurukshetra University, the Adviser, Invitees, Senior Academicians, staff members etc. She extended vote of thanks the committee members, Kurukshetra staff for all kinds of support and helps to make the programme successful. The programme ended on a good note followed by High Tea.

