

Report on Assessors Orientation Programme (AOP) held on 14th August 2019 at Mizoram University



The National Assessment and Accreditation Council is an organisation that assesses and accredits higher education Institutions in India. Assessing the quality of education offered by an institution of higher learning is the responsibility of the assessors. Therefore, bringing an objectivity and consistency in the way different assessors draw inferences becomes a major concern of NAAC. NAAC believes that the quality of the assessment depends on the quality of the assessor. Hence, the orientation of the assessor is a crucial part of accreditation. It is with this prime agenda that this programme was organised.

NAAC organises periodically the Assessors interaction/Orientation Programmes with a view to equip/update the assessors with present assessment system efficiently and effectively. The Assessors Orientation Programme (AOP) held on 14th August, 2019 was a part of the above objective and assessors from different parts of North East. Almost around 100 participants from almost north east and eastern states participated and being oriented in tune with new Revised accreditation framework (RAF).

Professor Shambasivarao Vice chancellor Mizoram University welcomed the distinguished guests and the esteemed participants to the Assessors' Orientation Programme (AOP). In his welcome address, he briefed about the program schedule and new Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) system.

Dr. M. S. Shyamasundar, Adviser, Nodal Officer and Guest of Honor from NAAC, in his Opening remarks presented an overview of RAF and the significance of this current AOP as it was of its first where the participants would be trained under the latest E-AOP launched by NAAC which is unique detailed oriented and user friendly that will help the participants to go through the entire RAF process in detailed way

and give better understanding on the RAF. Further he also added that it is for the first time in the history of NAAC and for any institution that around 100 participants are being trained simulatenously. He welcomed the distinguished guests and the esteemed participants to the Assessors' Orientation Programme (AOP. Dr. M. S. Shyamasundar added that NAAC has revised the Assessment and Accreditation mechanism to make it more technology based, digital, scalable, transparent and objective.



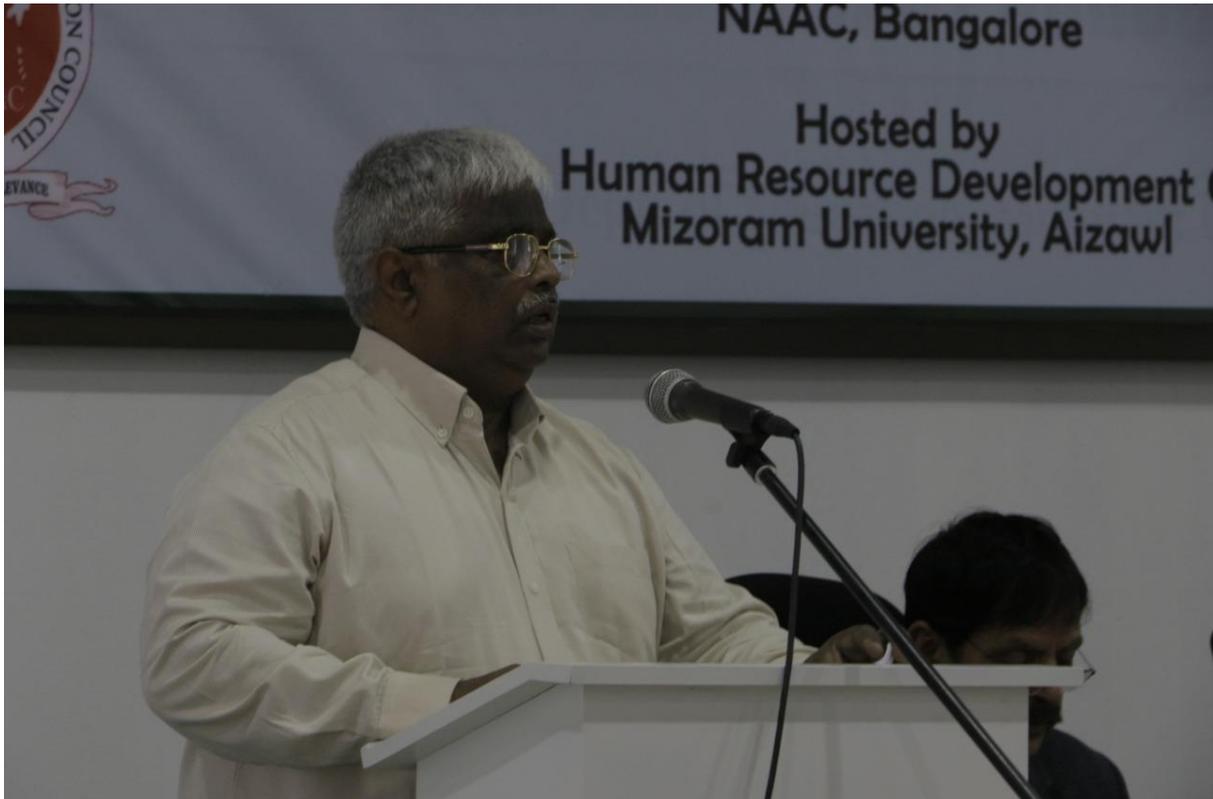
Mr. PU Lalrinliana Sailo Hon"ble Speaker of the Mizoram Assembly and Chief Guest on the eve in his special address expressed his views about the concern over the changing demands of education in association with technology and ICT feature. He elucidated the need of self regulation and accountability in HEIs. He spoke about the RAF in the light of Global competencies and international accreditation mechanisms. He described the real challenges of Indian HE in terms of large size and diversity of HEIs.



Dr Shyam Singh Inda Assistant Adviser NAAC in his technical session briefed that NAAC has revised the Assessment and Accreditation mechanism to make it more technology based, digital, scalable, transparent and objective. The Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) was launched in July 2017. It represents an explicit Paradigm Shift by the use of ICT enabled technology. The current Assessors Orientation Programme (AOP) is also aimed at equipping the Assessors with salient features of the Revised Assessment and Accreditation Framework (RAF) and also to provide an insight in to the functioning of NAAC. Simultaneously he also briefed the participants about Guidelines on how to accept the visit and fill the Peer Team Report online in the new system.



In Session-II, Dr. M. S. Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC, dealt with On-site Visit and Logistics. Basically he focused on two points that the Peer Team should be a Cheer Team instead of a Fear Team; and the visit should be for fact finding and not for fault finding with the Institution. He explained various aspects regarding the Time Management, Personal Management, and Materials management during the on-site visit and also different roles to be undertaken by the team during the visit. Further he spelt out that the team members need to be adherent to the NAAC's conflict of interest policy, including the prohibition of paid consulting or job.



In Session-III Professor Shambasivarao Vice chancellor Mizoram University in his session briefed that Peer Team members should be in an encouraging mood to the institution and also, a good team member should be polite and respectful, an effective communicator, a patient listener, objective and transparent, a good time manager, observant, analytical and judgmental, empathetic and open minded, expressive but precise in writing report.

In Technical Session IIII Professor Niranjan Roy Professor Assam University spoke on Data Validation and Verification (DVV)” what exactly data validation and verifications means from NAAC details about the process involved in DDV process in terms of clarifications, responses etc,

