The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru organised an Assessors’ Orientation Programme (AOP) in collaboration with Research for Resurgence Foundation (RFRF), Nagpur, Maharashtra at RFRF Auditorium Hall, NEERI, Nehru Marg, Nagpur on 22nd November 2019. Total 58 participants have participated in the programme which includes Vice Chancellors, Directors, Professors and Principals belonging to various disciplines.

It was a one day programme with five session and two breaks in between. The AOP began with the Lighting of the Lamp by the dignitaries of the programme. Hon’ble Dr. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC welcomed the distinguished guests and the esteemed participants of the Assessors’ Orientation Programme (AOP). Dr. Arvind Joshi, Coordinator of the programme and Secretary, RFRF conducted the programme. He initially introduced the programme and its importance. Dr. Rajesh Biniwale, Convenor, RFRF in his presentation shared the highlights of RFRF and its working. Shri Mukul Kanetkar, Organising Secretary, Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal (BSM), Nagpur delivered Keynote Address. It was followed by a round of self introduction by the participants followed by Tea Break.
Session I was undertaken by Dr. Devender Kawday, Programme co-ordinator, Deputy Adviser, NAAC. He introduced the participants about the new Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) – Process of Assessment and Accreditation such as Quantitative Metrics, Qualitative Metrics, Weightage and Benchmarking for various Metrics. He also highlighted the current process followed by NAAC for Logistic arrangement done for onsite visit.

Dr. Sujata Shanbhag, Deputy Adviser, NAAC spoke on the Session II about ICT integration of A&A Process. She explained the entire features of ICT integration of various portal, process of RAF such as Data Validation and Verification (DVV), Student Satisfaction Survey (SSS) etc.

She also explained the features of Assessors portal and Report Writing.

After Session II group photographs was taken, followed by lunch.

In the post lunch session III, participants were divided in to seven groups. Each group prepared the draft Peer Team Report (PTR) and Confidential Peer Review Score Sheet for the SSR and presented it in the plenary along with Role Play in Simulation.

Session –IV, The Group presentation for the report was initiated. Chairperson of each group was asked to give a brief presentation on the report prepared by them during group activity. The scores assigned by the group were also announced during the presentation so as to obtain the difference between allotted score by the group with their individual assignment of score.

Session V: The Open Forum session, which was handled by Dr. Sujata Shanbhag, Deputy Adviser, NAAC & Dr. Devender Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC. All the doubts and apprehensions raised by the participants were answered in this session.

Concluding session was chaired by Dr. Shrinivasa Varkhedi, Vice Chancellor of Kavikulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek, Maharashtra with the other dignitaries on the dais viz., Dr. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC & Dr Vishwajit Pendse, Dr. Rajesh Biniwale, Dr. Arvind Joshi, RFRF personnels.
Dr. Shrinivasa Varkhedi in his remarks shared the importance of Quality in Higher Education and the stakeholders perspective to achieve it.

The programme ended with the Vote of Thanks given by RFRF Personnel who extremely thanked Director, NAAC, Chairman, RFRF and the internal team of NAAC & RFRF for support regarding success of the event.

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