ASSESSORS’ ORIENTATION PROGRAMME (AOP)

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Report on NAAC Assessors Orientation Programme (AOP) held on

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The National Assessment and Accreditation Council is an organisation that Assess and Accredits higher education institutions in India and is continuously striving for improvement of A & A process. Cognisance is also taken with changing demands of education and to align reforms for transformation of education at global scenarios. The quality assessment depends upon quality assessors. Hence the responsibility and role of assessors is very critical and crucial in A & A mechanism. It aims at equipping and updating the assessors for A & A mechanism in the revised accreditation frameworks. Therefore, NAAC periodically organising orientations for the assessors.

This workshop was part of the above objective in which 51 participants (Vice Chancellors-3, Professors-9, Principals-39) and 6 resource persons from Western Region of India participated that were diverse in subjects representing various western universities. They are also tuned with Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) system.

At the outset, Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Deputy Advisor, NAAC welcomed the dignitaries and welcomed all the participants. He threw light on RAF and significance of AOP. The revised Assessment and Accreditation mechanism is technology and ICT oriented, transparent and objective. The Assessors must have eagles eye both into the Pros and Cons of the Institution. He also provided insight into the functioning of NAAC. This was followed by self introduction by all the participants and resource persons.

It was followed by the talk of Dr. Devendra Kawday, Deputy Advisor, NAAC on “Quality Assurance in HE – Assessors & Perspective”. He focussed upon the quality Assessment and quality assurance in higher education, with focus on vision and mission statement for every institution. He emphasised that five parameters play very crucial role for any Institution to achieve excellence in higher education. This should be followed by continuous periodic assessment to stimulate Academic Strength, self evaluation, Quality Research and collaboration. He distinguished between Universities, Autonomous and affiliated colleges on the basis of metrics and weightages. He mentioned that the word ‘Quality’ designates the seven criteria with 34 key indicators as per the RAF guidelines. He discussed about the UNESCO elements in teaching and learning process.
Dr. V.S. Sapkal, Former Vice Chancellor, RTM Nagpur University, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Chemical Technology, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University spoke on ‘Strategy of Accreditation : Excellence in HEI’. He stressed upon how to achieve excellence globally? Excellence among the rural students will certainly help in solving problems and move forward for excellence. The potentials should be tapped in right way for quality outcome which leads to excellence in Technology. ICT oriented building blocks of quality education should be strengthened in order to achieve the excellence in higher education. He discussed about the 21st Century Education Scenario for quality assurance.

The first half part of the programme ended with talk of Chairman and Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University Dr. Murlidhar Chandekar on “Role of Assessors for Assessment and Accreditation of HEIs”. He mentioned about the mechanism, challenges and excavation of A & A. The Assessors first should understand and digest the RAF in total and understand the mechanism of implementation process of accreditation. We are fortunate that, NAAC is assessing and accrediting HEIs for the National Development with the changing scenario of education system in the RAF. Assessors play a very significant role in the accreditation and assessment process. The ratio of enrolment and engagement should be significantly improved for getting better grade.

In Session I, Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Deputy Advisor, NAAC spoke on “Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) – An overview”, highlighting the changes in RAF with special focus on the seven criteria and DVV, SSC and ICT integration. He has explain the detailed information that should be written in qualitative metrics in about 300-500 words for all the criteria, and how to enter the information in the DVV, SSS, data collection and to upload the documentary evidences. He has explained that each Criteria wise information that should be uploaded on the NAAC website shall provide basic quantitative and qualitative data matrices. The grading system adopted in RAF was displayed and explained in a beautiful manner with suitable example.

In Session II, Dr. D.K. Kamble, Assistant Adviser, NAAC spoke on “DVV, SSS, ICT Integration RAF, Online registration of Assessor”. DVV has a timeline if not submitted will not be valid. Queries and Classification can be provided through the supporting documents, Compliances to DVV need to be mentioned. SSS should be concurrent submission with SSR. The guidelines should be followed strictly. He projected the critical points in SSR and DVV. This session was continued further by Dr. Ganesh Hegde.

In Session III Dr. D.K. Kamble, Assistant Advisor, NAAC spoke on “On-site visit and logistics”. He explained on workflow on logistics. He further explained how effectively work is being taken care by NAAC with the help of M/s. Balmer Lawrice Co
(A Govt. of India Enterprises). It was continued by Dr. Ganesh Hegde, He also projected the Pros and Cons situations in Air Ticket booking and travel programme. He has guided regarding the management of NAAC portal for the Assessors with hands on experience.

In Session III, Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Deputy Advisor, NAAC emphasized “On-site visit and logistics” with practical approach and perspective. He focused on Time management and personal management by the Peer Team, wherein he emphasised that the Peer Team should act as the cheer team and not the fear team.

In Session IV, Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Deputy Advisor, NAAC has expressed his views on Do’s and Dont’s to be considered during report writing. He explained the important methods of report writing and accreditation outcome and introduction of group activity. He emphasised the need of team work by the Peer Team members to achieve the expected outcomes as per the NAAC guidelines. This was followed by discussion among the participants and resource persons followed by group photo.

In Session V, began with “Group Activity”. All the participants were distributed in seven groups according to seven criteria of NAAC. Each group consists of one chairperson and various members. Each group was given link from NAAC for the group activity with technical support and uninterrupted wi-fi facility. Each group has prepared their group activity on the criteria allotted to them with the help of resource persons. Group 1 has prepared the report together on criteria I of NAAC and the like. This was followed by sharing the report of each criteria allotted to various groups which was presented by one member among the each team (Group 1 to Group 7). Then, sharing of each criteria report was presented and discussed among the participants in detailed manner.

In Session VI, “Open Forum – Closing Remarks” was organised under the Chairmanship of Dr. Murlidhar Chandekarji, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati along with the other resource persons, where in the queries raised by various participants were answered fully to their satisfaction and Hon’ble Vice Chancellor has guided the participants on various aspects of achieving quality in higher education institutions (HEI).
Overall, the Assessors’ Orientation Programme (AOP) was successfully conducted by Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Deputy Advisor, NAAC and Dr. D.K. Kamble, Assistant Advisor, NAAC under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Vice Chancellor through the IQAC, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University. All the participants have expressed their fullest satisfaction and highly appreciated the overall organisation of the Assessors’ Orientation Programme including Registration, Hospitality, Travel Arrangements, Technical Sessions including facilities provided for the group activity for report writing by each group and accommodation. Various dignitaries of highest repute were felicitated by offering a Memento by the hands of the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor.

Finally, Dr. S.F.R. Khadri, Director, IQAC & Professor and Head, Dept. of Geology, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, offered a vote of thanks to all the participants, dignitaries, resource persons, university authorities, administration and various team members who have helped in making this programme a grand success.

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INAUGURAL WORDS: Dr. Devendra Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC delivering the Inaugural Speech
SPECIAL INVITEE: Dr. V.S. Sapkal, Former Vice Chancellor, RTM Nagpur University, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Chemical Technology, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University

ROLE OF ASSESSORS: Dr. Murlidhar Chandekarji, Vice Chancellor of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University speech during the Inaugural Address
**EMPHASISING ON THE ROLE OF ASSESSORS:** Dr. Murlidhar Chandekarji, Vice Chancellor of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University

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