REPORT ON AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON
REVISED ACCREDITATION FRAMEWORK (RAF)
of
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION COUNCIL
26th September, 2019 (Thursday)
Held in the Seminar Hall of the Department of Physics, Sambalpur University,
JyotiVihar, Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha-768019

Summary

Sambalpur University is accredited with “A” grade by NAAC during the 2nd cycle and planning for the 3rd cycle. The Govt. of Odisha has also advised the University to train and motivate the personnel of different affiliated colleges for NAAC accreditation which is helpful for improving the quality of education in the state. With this backdrop a one day Awareness workshop on Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) was held on September 26, 2019 at the seminar hall of the Physics Department, Sambalpur University (SU), Odisha. It was organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and NAAC committee, Sambalpur University. It was sponsored by NAAC, Bengaluru. Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Advisor, ICT NAAC, Bengaluru, Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Asst. Advisor, ICT NAAC, Bengaluru and Prof. Sasikant Dash, Principal, Tagore Govt. Arts and Science College, Puducherry were the domain experts.

The Inaugural function was presided over by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of Sambalpur University, Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera who emphasised on the objective of the programme to sensitise the principals of colleges on the criteria for applying for NAAC. Prof. Biswajit Satpathy, Convenor NAAC Committee, said “as per the revised framework, the colleges are now required to keep all the records up-to-date as NAAC requires colleges to upload the record of development along with supporting documents on its online portal for transparent monitoring”. Prof. D.P. Ojha, Director IQAC discussed the importance of IQAC cell. Prof. A.K. Das Mohapatra, Chairman P.G. Council discussed on the role of higher education in improving the human capital and the role of NAAC in this direction. Prof. Sanjat Kumar Sahu, Registrar discussed the necessity of alertness and sincerity in the preparation of AQAR. Prof. Pradipta Kumar Behera, Director, College Development Council, discussed the thrust of Government Odisha on bringing Colleges under NAAC ranking. Dr. S.K. Pattanyak, Deputy Coordinator NAAC Committee, offered the vote of thanks. Dr. Hirak Kumar Chakraborty, Assistant Coordinator NAAC Committee managed the whole process of the awareness programme.

Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Advisor, ICT NAAC, Bengaluru, Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Asst. Advisor, ICT NAAC, Bengaluru and Prof. Sasikant Dash, Principal, Tagore Govt. Arts and Science College, Puducherry enlightened the participants on the revised framework of NAAC assessment and accreditation process.

Background:

Education plays a fundamental role in the economic prosperity of a nation. The education helps in producing and developing workforce which is not only qualified but is adequately skilled and trained to contribute to the progress in social, economic, political and technical aspects. The Higher education has therefore an important mission of building capacities for research, innovation, use of high technology, creativity in knowledge transfer, and for entrepreneurial and moral leadership. Therefore both the quantity and quality assurances should be given due focus in various academic programs being conducted by different universities and their colleges to ensure a steady and consistent quality improvement mechanism.
Realizing the above goals and objectives of Higher Education, Sambalpur University, which has over 235 affiliated colleges and 26 P.G. departments in diverse streams, proposed to bring awareness among them about establishing and putting in place the quality initiatives in all their endeavours. Although the University has a system of Academic Audit of the institutions conducted every year, yet achieving a nationally acceptable accreditation as an indicator of quality systems is very important for revealing its standard to its stakeholders including the government. Accreditation is beneficial to all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), Students, Employers, Faculty, Parents, Alumni, Country, etc.

NAAC plays a vital role in the assessment of quality of education matching with the internationally known best practices. The honourable President of India, Shri A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, at the conclusion of NAAC’s Decennial Celebrations on November 5, 2004 at Bangalore spoke “for each criterion of evaluation (set down by NAAC) there is a college or a university whose practices are the best and would stand out as a symbol of those practices”. University or colleges are considered ‘great’ when they secure ‘A’ or higher grade. Such institutions have earned the commendation on their own merit for the best practices they have evinced in their performance. NAAC supported the idea of its Awareness Programme on Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) for 43 Colleges and 13 P.G. Departments under SU, which was conducted on February 26, September, 2019 at SU Campus in collaboration with NAAC, Bengaluru.

Participants Profile:

The programme was attended by 120 participants mostly the Principals and NAAC coordinator of 50 colleges. These colleges are a mix of both Govt. owned and Self Financing institutions offering variety of programmes at Undergraduate and Post-Graduate Level in Arts, Social Science and Science. Some of these institutions are non-Accredited, some are in the process of submitting their proposals, and some are accredited and planning for the 2nd cycle of NAAC Accreditation. The heads and NAAC coordinator of 13 P.G. Departments of the University as well as the NAAC committee members of Sambalpur University also participated in the workshop.

Technical Sessions

The workshop was divided into three sessions namely Inaugural, Technical Session I and Technical Session II. The technical sessions in the programme were conducted by highly experienced Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Advisor, ICT NAAC, Bengaluru, Dr.RuchiTripathi, Asst. Advisor, ICT NAAC, Bengaluru and Prof.Sasikant Dash, Principal, Tagore Govt. Arts and Science college, Puducherry.

Technical Session I:


Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath discussed in detail on NAAC Revised Assessment and Accreditation Framework (RAF). He , covered the aspects like List of documents required to be uploaded, Queries related to IIQA, SSR with dedicated Help Desk, IIQA Application Process, Changes Introduced in RAF, Preparation needed before during and after A & A

_The Technical Session-I_ was followed by Lunch Break.

_ Technical Session II:_

Prof. Sasikant Dash discussed about the role of Principals in making the colleges. He said that the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) should be created as a first step and all the required data should be provided to the IQAC by the stakeholders. He further advised that inter- and intra-committee meetings should be held regularly. He also stressed upon the relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in enhancing the Quality of an Educational institute. He discussed on discipline and cleanliness indicators. He also addressed on the roles of NSS and NCC in enhancing the importance of the colleges.

Both the sessions were run in interactive mode. The queries were duly answered by all the technical speakers to the satisfaction of the participants.

The awareness programme ended with vote of thanks offered by Dr. Hirak Kumar Chakraborty to the participants, higher authorities, committee members and the resource persons.

**Benefits Achieved**

The initiative of the IQAC and NAAC Committee of SU and NAAC, Bengaluru for organizing the Awareness Programme was highly appreciated by all the participants. It clarified them about various issues, problems and difficulties faced by institutions, the benefits of NAAC accreditation, the methodology of assessment, students satisfaction survey, the data collection, DVV process and its validation, role of third party in various processes of assessment, fee payable, time and process of applying for NAAC accreditation etc. All the participants showed their commitment for quality enhancement and sustenance in their institutions.

Prof. Biswajit Satpathy
Convenor-NAAC Committee
Sambalpur University
Photo Gallery: Awareness Programme on RAF, NAAC Dated: 26.09.2019

Entrance of the Venue: Department of Physics, Sambalpur University

Seminar Hall, Department of Physics, Sambalpur University

The Awareness programme begins with Lighting in front of Goddess Samaleswari by Vice-Chancellor and Guests

Dr. Hirak Kumar Chakraborty, Asst. Coordinator NAAC Committee managing the process of the awareness programme

Glimpses from the Inaugural Session

Participants present during the Inaugural Session
Prof. Biswajit Satpathy, Convenor NAAC Committee: Addressing on the importance of the Awareness Program and Introducing the guests

Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor, Sambalpur University: Addressing as Chief Guest on the importance of the Awareness Program

Prof. Arka Kumar Das Mohapatra, Chairman P.G. Council: Addressing as Guest of Honour on the importance of the Awareness Program

Prof. Sanjat Kumar Sahu, Registrar: Addressing as Guest of Honour, on the importance of IQAC and AAAC

Prof. Sasikant Dash, Principal Tagore Government Arts and Science College, Puducherry, Addressing during Inaugural Session

Prof. D.P. Ojha, Director IQAC, Sambalpur University, Addressing during Inaugural Session

Dr. Ruchi Tripathy, Assistant Advisor ICT NAAC, Bengaluru, Addressing during Inaugural Session

Prof. Amiya Kumar Dash, Advisor ICT NAAC, Bengaluru, Addressing during Inaugural Session
Prof. Pradipta Kumar Behera, Director College Development Council addressing during Inaugural Session

Dr. Sanjaya Kumar Pattanayak, Deputy Director, NAAC Committee offering vote of thanks

Glimpses from the Technical Session

Prof. Amiya Kumar Dash, Advisor ICT NAAC, Bengaluru, discussing about the Key Criteria and their weightage

Participants present in the Awareness programme

Dr. Ruchi Tripathy, Assistant Advisor ICT NAAC, Bengaluru, discussing about the Grade Calculation methodology

Participants present in the Awareness programme

Prof. Sasikant Dash, Principal Tagore Government Arts and Science College, Puducherry, discussing about the Role of Principals and IQAC Coordinators

Participants present in the Awareness programme