GONDWANA UNIVERSITY, GADCHIROLI

REPORT OF ONE DAY AWARENESS WORKSHOP

ON

“NAAC Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF)”

Organized by

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Sponsored by

National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru

ON

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PRELUDE:

Quality education is the fundamental prerequisite for the development of any society. Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) function as prime pillar and play a vital role to provide quality education to all. Addressing the changing paradigms of higher education, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru developed Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) to make the existing assessment and accreditation process more robust, objective, transparent, outcome oriented and stakeholder friendly. In the light of above background, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Gondwana University, Gadchiroli, Maharashtra organized NAAC sponsored one day awareness workshop under the theme "NAAC Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF)" on 28th January, 2020.

The workshop was planned to motivate HEIs under the Gondwana University jurisdiction to initiate and encourage to undergo for NAAC accreditation with special emphasis on Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF). The University has invited two exceptionally endowed resource persons: Dr. R. S Nitonde, the Resource Person nominated by NAAC, Bengaluru and Dr. Prantik Bannerjee, NAAC trainer for RUSA and IQAC coordinator, Hislop College, Nagpur. Registration for the workshop started at 10:00 AM followed by the Inaugural Session, Technical Session I, Technical Session II and Open Session, as per the schedule (Program schedule enclosed). In all, 150 participants attended the workshop. These included Principals, Directors, IQAC Coordinators, faculty members and officials of colleges/ institutes affiliated to the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli.

INAUGURAL SESSION:

Dr. Ishwar S. Mohurley, Registrar, Gondwana University welcomed all the distinguished guests and briefed the participants about the objective and rationale of the workshop. He informed that the Revised Accreditation Framework of NAAC has necessitated documentation of the details on all aspects related to Curriculum, Teaching-Learning, Student Support, Research, Infrastructure, Governance etc. The session was presided over by Dr. N.V. Kalyankar Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Gondwana University. The session was also graced by Dr. C. V Bhusari, Hon’ble Pro-Vice Chancellor; Dr. Shriram Kawale, Dean, Faculty of Humanities; and Dr. Suresh Rewatkar, Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology and Dr. R. S Nitonde, the Resource Person nominated by NAAC, Bengaluru. Dr. R. S Nitonde, briefed the very concept of RAF and its relevance in the present higher education paradigm in India.

In his presidential address, Dr. N.V. Kalyankar, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, extended a very warm welcome to the participants and the resource persons. He emphasized on the need for accreditation of the colleges and institutes affiliated to the University. He was also appreciated the NAAC for the financial support in organizing the workshop. The inaugural session concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Dhanraj A. Patil, IQAC Coordinator of Gondwana University, Gadchiroli.
TECHNICAL SESSION I:

Dr. R. S Nitonde, the Resource Person nominated by NAAC, Bengaluru, acquainted the participants with the following key concerns: i) the genesis of RAF and NAAC ii) RAF at Third Party DVV iii) Assessors’ Role at RAF iv) SSS at RAF v) Teachers at RAF vi) IQAC at RAF vii) Identify College RAF viii) Before Starting Preparations ix) Documents to be Kept Ready x) Record to be kept in General and xi) Time to Go for Digital. Dr. Nitonde explained that implementation of RAF started in July 2017. There is a periodic revision every time in the RAF due to the changes taking place in this globalized era. It forms vision for meeting contemporary needs of the time. Role of EC has got significance in finalizing RAF. RAF has involved third party DVV in the process. DVV is the institution like TCS or such organisations which are very disciplined and time-bound in work culture. Consequently, out of 7 key criteria’s of RAF, Dr. Nitonde explained the initial criteria’s to be served as basis for assessment of HEIs in detail. The Key Indicators, including the new introduced ones, were also explained with suitable examples. The session was very lively with participants asking doubts regarding certain issues in the process of preparation for NAAC assessment.

The first technical session was thoroughly holistic and supported with primary observations and solutions shared with lucid linguistic perspective by Dr. R.S Nitonde.

TECHNICAL SESSION II:

In the post lunch session, Dr. Prankit Banerjee deliberated upon “NAAC Methodology, Role of IQAC to Improve Quality Culture and Strategies for Good Grade and Score”. He discussed crucial aspects which prove to be a game changer in the process of assessment. He insisted on visiting certain top educational websites’ and SSR documents for further reading. He recommended that the vision and mission statement of the institute be written every five years. Moving further in his discussion, he talked about institutional quality and best practices like distinctiveness of Alumni, quality of teachers, achievements of the students, Governance and leadership management and perception of public. Every best practice must continue till at least five years. He mentioned that NAAC lays emphasis on 3 parameters for quality such as quality initiative, quality in sustenance and quality in enhancement. Distinctiveness of your institute should be identifiable by everyone. Based on this distinctiveness, a unique course can also be initiated. Guest lectures and seminars for the students and FDPs for staff must be organized. Promotion of research publication, institutional engagement with social culture, employee welfare schemes and registration of Alumni committee must be taken care of. He ended the talk with few critical questions and their analytical explanations.

OPEN SESSION:

The attendees Principals, HODs, IQAC coordinators, faculty members from Gondwana University, Gadchiroli and affiliated colleges in the jurisdiction, took part in the discussion with the experts regarding their difficulties and got their doubts resolved. Also the participants conveyed their feedback and the event got concluded.
VALEDICTORY SESSION:

The session was presided over by Dr.C.V Bhusari Hon’ble Pro- Vice Chancellor, Gondwana University. Dr.Ishwar S.Mohurley, Registrar, Gondwana University and Organizing Secretary of the workshop and Dr. Prankit Banerjee also graced the session. The session was also attended by Dr. Shriram Kawale, Dean, Faculty of Humanities; and Dr. Suresh Rewatkar, Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology and esteemed members of management and academic council including IQAC co-ordinators from various colleges. Dr.C.V. Bhusari, Hon’ble Pro- Vice Chancellor expressed that, during his extensive association with NAAC he introduced innovative ideas and methodologies for NAAC assessment and offered very pragmatic lessons to the participants. The session was over by vote of thanks offered by Prof.Arundhati Ninave. After the valedictory session, the workshop concluded with distribution of certificates to the participants. In all four committees were formed, every one esteemed committee members have contributed their best to make the workshop productive.

Enclosed are a few photographs of the RAF workshop.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Workshop Banner depicts the complete taxonomy of NAAC Sponsored RAF Workshop
Dr. N. V. Kalyankar, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, while delivering the presidential address

Dr. C. V. Bhusari, Hon’ble Pro Vice Chancellor, while delivering the valedictory address
Dr. Ishwar S. Mohurley, Registrar, Gondwana University, while delivering the introductory remarks

Esteemed Participants Engaged in Workshop Session
Dr. R. S Nitonde, Resource Person nominated by NAAC while delivering expert talk

Dr. Prankit Banerjee (Resource Person) while delivering expert talk