Brief note on the 2nd discussion meet regarding the preparation of State-wise Analysis of Accreditation Reports of Jammu & Kashmir

The discussion meet was held on 19th and 20th of December, 2019 in the Government PG College for Women, Gandhinagar, Jammu.

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The programme started at 10.00 am, with a welcome address from Prof. Yaseen Ahmad Shah, Director Colleges, Higher Education Department followed by the introduction of distinguished guests and also about the programme by Dr. S. Srikanta Swamy, Academic Consultant, NAAC. He illustrated that determination and commitment is necessary for achieving the target. He referred to some practical reasons because of which Higher Educational Institutions are not coming forward for A&A process of NAAC. Further, he appealed to the secretary, Government of Jammu & Kashmir and the Director of Higher Education Council to take initiative in this direction.

Prof. Talat Parvez, Rohella (KAS), Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir was the Chief Guest of the event. He inaugurated the meeting and delivered the keynote address. He stressed on the need for accreditation of HEIs and expressed his full support and commitment towards encouraging higher education institutions of Jammu & Kashmir to maintain good academic standard and to go for Assessment and Accreditation process of NAAC. He also highlighted the initiatives taken by Jammu & Kashmir, Government for quality improvement of HEIs

Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu delivered a special address in which he expressed concerns about those institutions which still have not undergone for Accreditation. He also spoke on the benefits of Accreditation to Higher Education Institutions.

Dr. Wahidul Hasan, Senior Communication cum Publication Officer, NAAC, presented an overview of the NAAC Revised Accreditation Process and Status of Accreditation in the state of Jammu & Kashmir. He also motivated the non-accredited institutions to come forward for the accreditation and he stressed upon the need to speed up the process of accreditation and developing a mechanism between Higher Education Department and institutions of higher learning. He showed the statistics related to the percentage of Universities and Colleges
Accredited in Jammu & Kashmir (Universities - 42.9%, Colleges – 30.38%). He also presented the graph showing the number of Universities and Colleges accredited across different states of India and made request to the Higher Education secretary to accelerate the process of accreditation especially with respect to the non accredited colleges. He also highlighted the chapters that are included in the state –wise analysis of accreditation reports of Jammu & Kashmir.

Afterwards, an interaction/discussion session with various stakeholders was organized in which many senior Vice-Chancellors from various universities participated. They raised valid doubts, difficulties and concerns about the accreditation process. All the relevant and genuine concerns were addressed and assured to be addressed by NAAC. After listening to all the suggestions made by the participants, Prof. Talat Parvez, Rohella (KAS), Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir addressed the gathering once again with the concluding remarks in which he reitered that all the support including the finance will be provided to conduct awareness programmes and other initiatives to pave way for institutions to get accredited.

Finally, the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Ravinder Kumar Tickoo, Nodal Principal, Government PG College for Women, Gandhinagar, Jammu.
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