A Brief Report on one day awareness program on
Revised Accreditation Framework of NAAC on 26th of August 2019
Jointly Organized by
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ADIKAVI NANNAYA UNIVERSITY

Adikavi Nannaya University has organized a one day awareness program on Revised Accreditation Framework of NAAC on 26th of August 2019, sponsored by NAAC, Bangalore. Principals of affiliated colleges in East & West Godavari Districts under the jurisdiction of the university were invited to the program. Around 150 participants, comprising Principals of affiliated colleges and Faculty from the constituent colleges of Adikavi Nannaya University have attended for the program. The program began with the inauguration at 10 A.M. in the Convention Centre of Adikavi Nannaya University. Dr. D. Jyothirmai, Director of Admissions, welcomed the guests emphasizing the need for NAAC accreditation. All Principals of University constituent colleges, Deans, Controller of examinations, University officers and regular non-teaching employees have also attended the program.

Prof. P. Suresh Varma, the Vice-Chancellor of Adikavi Nannaya University, has inaugurated the program. Speaking on the need for accreditation, he directed all the affiliated colleges to go for accreditation on priority. The University coordinator of NAAC, Prof. K.S.Ramesh, has outlined the changes in the process of accreditation and thanked NAAC for collaborating with the university in organizing this awareness program. The IQAC coordinator, Dr.K.V. Swamy spoke about the various documents that need to be prepared and urged the university faculty to be prepared for accreditation in the coming months. The two resource persons from Andhra University, Prof. K. Ram Mohan Rao and Prof. K. Srinivas Rao greeted the participants. The inauguration closed at 11 a.m. with a note of appreciation for NAAC for encouraging all the colleges to go for accreditation. Dr. K.V. Swamy, Director IQAC proposed Vote of Thanks.

The first session started with Prof. K. Ram Mohan Rao, who spoke elaborately on 1,2, and 7th criteria – Curricular Aspects, Teaching-Learning and Evaluation and Institutional Values and Best Practices. He stressed on the quality principle, value addition and course enrichment and set the tone for the day – “Write what you do and Do what you write”. His lecture went for 2 hours where he exhaustively spoke on the various facets of preparation for accreditation. He stressed on how an institution ensures effective curriculum delivery through a well planned and documented process. The significance of gender, environment, human values and professional ethics in the curriculum was also stressed. He stated that every institution should strive to set its own uniqueness. The benchmark for one institution may not be the same for another. His session closed with brief interaction.
The next resource person Prof. K. Srinivas Rao, spoke on 3, 4, 5 & 6 criteria for accreditation – Research, consultancy and extension, Infrastructure and Learning Resources, Student Support and Progression, Governance Leadership and Management respectively. Even though colleges may offer consultancy, he urged the university faculty to focus more on it. Research is one area where the university should be a role model to the colleges. He also stressed that colleges can collaborate with the university and share its resources for advanced research. He urged institutions not to stop with certain common activities like NSS, but show their own uniqueness by collaborating with its surrounding communities. He stressed on team work and stated that every individual stake holder should own the institution and work for it. His session ended with interaction, where certain participant principals got clarified their doubts. The session broke for lunch at the convention centre.

Later at 2 pm in the afternoon session started with Dr. K.R. Vishnu Mahesh, Assistant Adviser, NAAC speaking about the Revised Accreditation Framework. He explained in detail about the differences between old methodology and new methodology (RAF). But learning from the experience of accrediting a large number of institutions, NAAC has revised and refined its framework and process for accreditation. He stressed how online evaluation process now occupies 70% of the total scores with peer team being left with 30% of the evaluation. The online submitted data will be cross checked by third party and if necessary they raise queries and submit their evaluation after getting all the necessary information. He stated that NAAC has taken every measure to cross check and re-verify the submitted data and has also given scope to address any grievance if necessary. NAAC has also provided appropriate differences in the metrics, Weightages and benchmarks, to Universities, autonomous colleges, and affiliated/constituent colleges.

Further NAAC, he stated, has brought in revised metrics, to bring in enhanced participation of students and alumni in the assessment process. He elaborated the different stages of assessment – from institution information to assessment outcome. His talk went on for more than two hours where he explained the timelines and the metrics involved in the assessment process. He also spoke about the recent changes in the assessment pattern and the need for uploading of essential documents. Displaying the screen shots of the key metrics he gave hands on experience of applying process to the participants. He concluded his talk stating that NAAC is continuously upgrading the process of quality assessment and contributing its might to improvement of quality in Higher Educational Institutions of India.

The NACC and IQAC coordinators have taken the feedback from all the participants and the analysis has shown that the awareness program is very informative to all the participants and the interaction has provided them necessary clarifications.

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The Vice chancellor of Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajamahendravaram Prof. P. Suresh Varma addressing the participants of RAF Awareness Programme on 26-08-2019.

The Principal, University College of Arts & Commerce and NAAC Co-ordinator – Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajamahendravaram Prof. K. Sree Ramesh addressing the participants of RAF Awareness Programme on 26-08-2019.
Prof. K. Rama Mohan Rao, Principal, College of Arts and Commerce, Andhra University – Visakhapatnam addressing the participants of RAF Awareness Programme on 26-08-2019.

Prof. K. SrinivasaRao, HOD, Dept. of Statistics, Andhra University - Visakhapatnam addressing the participants of RAF Awareness Programme on 26-08-2019.
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