NAAC has organised a meeting of Commissioners / Directors / Heads of State Quality Assurance Cells on 03rd June 2019 in Bengaluru. NAAC has invited 32 States and Union Territories for the meeting and 23 States and Union Territories representatives from Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Odisha, Telangana, Tripura, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and West Bengal have attended the programme.

Background of the Meeting from NAAC- SLQAC Report:

The process of assessment and accreditation has created tremendous momentum among the academia on issues pertaining to quality. This has largely been due to the successful partnership between the NAAC and the State Governments. The University Grants Commission, (UGC) New Delhi has made Assessment and Accreditation Mandatory for all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The outcome of assessment is linked to financial incentives to HEIs under various schemes UGC and Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD) under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA).

The State Level Quality Assurance Cell (SLQAC) is primarily under the Commissioner/Director of Higher Education of the State. The
SLQAC of a state is acting as the nodal agency between the HEIs of the state and the NAAC. The NAAC has conducted awareness programmes as well as preparatory activities in most of the States in collaboration with State Level Quality Assurance Cells and Universities to reach out to the geographically scattered Higher Education Institutions across India. This has helped many HEIs for undergoing the Assessment and Accreditation process.

NAAC will continue to provide financial support to SLQACs for organising Awareness Programmes to facilitate the HEIs to undergo the process of Assessment and Accreditation. NAAC has already supported some states for organising such awareness programmes by providing academic and financial support based on their proposal and area covered with number of institutions. The whole exercise is expected to not only build quality assurance capacity but also help HEIs to submit themselves for Assessment and Accreditation.

The purpose of the meeting is to analyse State-wise status of Higher Education, to share the experiences and Best Practices of SLQACs with other participating states. Each state is requested to draw a state-level action plan 2019-2020 for Assessment and
Accreditation and bring in awareness and understanding of the revised NAAC process.

**Report of Meeting:**
Meeting Started with Deep Prajwalan followed by welcome address and introduction to the programme given by Dr. Sujata P Shanbhag, Deputy Adviser, NAAC

**Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC** made opening remarks and highlighted the activities of NAAC, asked the States to be more proactive for implementing the mandatory accreditation. NAAC is also looking for tangible results in the near future he added.

**Prof. A. P. Padhi, Former Vice Chancellor, Berhampur University**, has shared his thoughts with the participants. He stressed on the recruitment of teachers in Universities and Colleges by State Government. Personal Counselling and Academic support need to be provided to the Students. Team works should be there for the HEIs to complete and Accreditation. Latent knowledge of the faculty should be converted
into patent he said. He elucidated Churchill quote “Nation Building is in the Class Rooms”

Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Deputy Adviser, NAAC has made a presentation on NAAC’s Assessment and Accreditation process, highlighting required documents for IIQA, Procedure of online submission of SSR, Mechanism adopted for student satisfaction survey, Online data validation & verification process, Onsite visit procedure, fee structure, Accreditation Outcome etc.

Representatives from Higher education Departments / SLQAC’s of various have made presentation on Higher education status of respective states. State like Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Telangana, Tripura, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and West Bengal made presentations.
Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC, Dr. K. Rama, Adviser, NAAC, Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Deputy Adviser, NAAC have participated in the deliberations and clarified the questions asked by the participants. The regional co-ordinators have met individual / groups to those representatives to clarify the doubts and submit the application.

Dr. Ganesh Hegde, Deputy Adviser, Co-ordinator of NAAC appreciated the efforts of the SLQACs and thanked each one of the participants of the respective states for sparing their time for these activities.

**Dr. A. V. Prasad**, Assistant Adviser proposed the vote of thanks.

**Plan of Action:**

Each State Quality Assurance Cells (SLQAC) have been asked to submit the proposals for financial Assistance for organizing Awareness Programme. NAAC Advisers shared their experiences and requested the State Quality Assurance Cell to be in touch with the regional coordinators for the awareness programme as well accreditation procedures.

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