Brief Report on
Silver Jubilee Lecture Series - Prof. D. D. Sarma, J. N. Tata Chair Professor, Solid State and Structural Chemistry Unit, IISc, Bengaluru

To commemorate Silver Jubilee Year, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) hosted a series of Special Lectures by Eminent Academicians at NAAC on various themes associated with quality in Higher Education. A lecture in the series was organized at NAAC on 31st January 2020. The special lecture was delivered by Prof. D. D. Sarma, J. N. Tata Chair Professor, Solid State and Structural Chemistry Unit, IISc, Bengaluru on “The Energy Crisis and A Wonder Material”. Several Academicians from different Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from Bengaluru were invited for the programme. The programme was also attended by Officers and staff of NAAC.

The programme was inaugurated with lighting of lamp by Prof. D. D. Sarma, Chief Guest, Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC and other dignitaries. Prof. S.C. Sharma, welcomed the distinguished Guest, delivered the opening remarks and felicitated Prof. D. D. Sarma. Dr. N. R. Mohan, Assistant Adviser, NAAC gave brief introduction about the Chief Guest.

Prof. D. D. Sarma made a brief presentation on “The Energy Crisis and A Wonder Material”. In his thought provoking speech, he stressed on the importance of Energy resources, statistics of the world with respect different types of Energy generation, consumption and better utilization of the energy resources. He focused on the solar energy and renewable energy resources and how it contribute to the growth of the country. He also gave special attention on the environment concern and explained the green house effect.

Dr. A.V. Prasad, Assistant Adviser, NAAC proposed vote of thanks to Dignitaries, all external academicians and NAAC staff and Dr. K. R. Vishnu Mahesh, Assistant Adviser, NAAC was the Master of Ceremony for the programme.

Dr. K. R. Vishnu Mahesh, Assistant Adviser, NAAC and Dr. N. R. Mohan, Assistant Adviser, NAAC coordinated the programme.
- Solar capacity increased by 370% in 3 years from around 2.6 GW to more than 12.2 GW.
- Record low solar tariff achieved: Rs. 2.44/unit in Bhadla, Rajasthan.