National Assessment and Accreditation Council is organising Lecture Series throughout the year on the occasion of Silver Jubilee Celebration. In this regard a special lecture on “Knowledge, Higher Education, Human Rights vis-à-vis National Building” was organised on Friday 24th January 2020. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Dnyaneshwar Manohar Mulay ji, Hon’ble Member of National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi. Dr. Mulay ji served as a Diplomat in the Indian Foreign Service (1983 – 2019). He is a renowned Author, Motivator and former Secretary to the Government of India.

The programme started with the lighting of the lamp. Dr. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC in his opening remarks welcomed the Guest, renowned academicians from various Institutions and Staff of NAAC. He also briefed the concept of Human right. Dr. Mohan. N. R, Assistant Adviser, NAAC introduces the Guest to the Audience. Participants were given the opportunity to introduce themselves. Dr. Devender Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC and the Convener of the programme made brief introduction about the NAAC’s A&A process.

About 80 participants including Professors, Principals and various academicians from different Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) including NAAC officials attended the programme.
Dr. Dnyaneshwar Manohar Mulay ji in his lecture emphasized that any formal education should enhance understanding of Human Rights. He advised NAAC to think on the line of how knowledge and formal education can reach all communities. Education should be the freedom from false judgment and freedom from ignorance. Education system should be a factor to ignite young minds and unlimited urge to serve the society and not brain drain to western world. Hence, linking the institutional framework with the society is more important. He stated that at present education and life skills have departed with each other. The essence of Indian life was “Vasudeva Kutumbakam” and “Sarve Janaha Sukinow Bhavanthu” that emphasized on imbibing culture that all humans should live happily and together. Social and legal framework should establish thanking towards Human rights as like the preamble of Constitution of India. The Indian society should enlighten towards gender balance and a caste free society. The four pillars of the constitution of India have more outlooks towards human rights. The learned citizens of Indian should lead by example and be exemptions to judiciary system and uphold transparency. We have to put our hands together to build a human rights complaint society with sensitivity to human rights by unleashing the forces of creativity though education system to facilitate a livable society. Deviations from human rights will lead to unrest in the society accrue to strikes and agitations. Development means compassing growth in education, economy, judiciary and other every walk of life. Nation building is not only in terms of GDP. India should think on the lines of countries like New Zealand and Bhutan who have developed new agenda to measure development.

After Dr. Mulay’s speech was followed by Question & Answer session. The participants were given the opportunity to clear their doubts by asking the question to the guest.

Dr. Vinita Sahu, Assistant Adviser, NAAC proposed vote of thanks to the dignitaries on the dais and to all the participants and NAAC staffs which was followed by Group photo.