

## **Brief Report on**

### **NAAC Silver Jubilee lecture Series Oration on the topic “Towards World Class Institutions of Higher Education in Science and Engineering” Oration by Prof. Anurag Kumar, Director, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore**

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. NAAC Silver Jubilee lecture Series Oration on the topic “Towards World Class Institutions of Higher Education in Science and Engineering” Oration by Prof. Anurag Kumar, Director, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore was organized at NAAC on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Several Academicians from different Higher Education Institutions invited for the programme. The programme was attended by Central University Vice-chancellors, state University Vice-chancellors, Principals, eminent Professors and also by Officers and staff of NAAC.

The programme was inaugurated with lighting of lamp by Chief Guest Prof. Anurag Kumar, S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC and other dignitaries. Prof. S.C. Sharma, welcomed the distinguished Guest, delivered the opening remarks and felicitated Prof. Anurag Kumar. Dr. B.S. Ponnudiraj, Deputy Adviser, NAAC gave brief introduction about the Chief Guest.

Prof. Anurag Kumar in his thought provoking speech on “Towards World Class Institutions of Higher Education in Science and Engineering” explained about the statistics of world class universities and their rankings as on Feb 2019. He compared the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, QS Rankings and Shanghai Rankings with respect to academic and research activities. He focused on the world class universities strategies to achieve excellence in education and research.

In his detailed lecture he explained about the origin of IISc, number of departments functioning, salient achievements, strengths, unique and good practices of IISc. He also focused on the role of nation building with respect to contribution to national development. In his conclusion Prof. Anurag Kumar gave some suggestions to incorporate in future while revising the NAAC metrics for evaluation of Higher Education Institutions with respect to Assessment and accreditation council.

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

Dr. B.S. Ponnudiraj, Deputy Adviser, NAAC and Dr. K. R. Vishnu Mahesh, Assistant Adviser, NAAC coordinated the programme.





