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. Silver Jubilee Year Celebration Lecture an Oration by Prof. C.N.R. Rao, F.R.S. (Bharat Ratna Awardee), Honorary President & Linus Pauling Research Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Jakkur P.O., Bengaluru-560064 was organized at NAAC on 5th February 2020. Several Academicians from different Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across the country were invited for the programme. The programme was attended by Senior Vice-chancellors, Principals, eminent academicians across the country participated in the programme.

The programme was inaugurated with lighting of lamp by Chief Guest Prof. C.N.R. Rao, Mrs. Indumati Rao, S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC and other dignitaries. Prof. S.C. Sharma, welcomed the distinguished guest, delivered the opening remarks and felicitated Prof. C.N.R. Rao. Dr. B.S. Ponmudiraj, Deputy Adviser, NAAC gave brief introduction about the Chief Guest.

Prof Rao, said, India has great heritage of knowledge. From thousands of years, knowledge has been flowing throughout the centuries. Many scientists, mathematicians, astronomers have done huge research and come up with many inventions. The Indian education system is one of the oldest education systems in the world. Teachers should teach in a way that is exciting to students. It should be creative and invite the thought to research. He also said we can succeed in inspiring students to go beyond their capacities, there is a chance that they can grow into creative persons. Prof. Rao mentioned, in India young men and women do not know how to use their capacity and creativity. He said that we should have a flexible curriculum in schools and colleges and we should give researching opportunities to a student which is beyond the curriculum.

Dr. N.R. Mohan, Assistant Adviser, NAAC proposed the vote of thanks to Dignitaries, all external academicians and NAAC staff and Dr. B.S. Ponmudiraj, Deputy Adviser, NAAC was the Master of Ceremony for the programme.

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