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A brief report of the NAAC assisted IQAC National Workshop on Quality in Higher Education

Venue: Cherussery auditorium Kannur University Headquarters, Kannur

Date: 27th February, 2019-03-19

Target group: Principals of non-accredited institutions affiliated to Kannur

University

Financial Assistance: National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore

Organized by: IQAC Kannur University

India has one of the largest and diverse education system in the world. Privatization, wide spread expansion, increased autonomy and introduction of Programmes in new and emerging areas have improved access to higher education. At the same time, it has also led to widespread concern on the quality and its relevance in higher education.

Taking the above factors into serious consideration, NAAC expressed their willingness to partner with Kannur University to conduct awareness programmes to the non-accredited institutions affiliated to Kannur University as the UGC envisages accreditation of every institution in India with a minimum score of 2.5 by 2022. Kannur University has decided to conduct a workshop under the banner of Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

The honourable Vice Chancellor entrusted the Director of IQAC to organize one day National Workshop, with the support of NAAC for the principals of non accredited institutions affiliated to Kannur University on 27^{th} February 2019. The

Awareness Programme was an effort to sensitize the institutions on issues of quality and importance of accreditation.

The workshop was conducted at the Cherussery Auditorium of the Kannur University Headquarters on 27^{th} February 2019. The organizers are proud to declare that a total of 77 Principals/their representatives participated in the WORKSHOP and it was a great success.

The formal inaugural function started with the Welcome speech by the Organizing Committee Convener. Dr Prasadan PK, the IQAC Director of the Kannur University. The function was presided over by the honourable Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. P T Raveendran. The key resource person of the Workshop, Prof. Rajan Welukar, former Vice Chancellor of the Mumbai University inaugurated the workshop with a thought provoking and inspiring inaugural speech. It was followed by the felicitation speech by Dr Vinita Sahu, the Asst Advisor of NAAC and the resource person of the second technical session. She had stressed on the significance of maintaining a quality culture in higher education institutions, in her speech. Dr Jaypal, Head of the Department of Geography and a member of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Kannur University proposed the vote of thanks and an hour long formal inaugural function of the NAAC assisted IQAC National workshop came to end and took a break for light refreshment.

The first technical session on the topic, "Creating a Culture of Quality" was handled by Prof Rajan Welukar, Hon. Vice Chancellor (former), Mumbai University with a demonstration speech and a very healthy interactive session with the participants. The first technical session started at 11-15 am came to a close after a long interactive session on quality culture.

Dr Vinita Sahu, Assistant Advisor of NAAC and one of the conveners of the Worshop was the Resource person in the post-lunch technical session. She gave a clear picture about the NAAC accreditation process and the revised accreditation framework with the support of a well prepared power point. The topic of the second technical session was "An Overview of Revised Accreditation Framework". The queries of the participants were clarified by the Resource Person Dr Vinita Sahu in the interactive session.

The workshop could really serve the purpose as the formation of a network of non-accredited Institutions affiliated to Kannur University to discuss matters related to the maintenance of quality culture in non-accredited Institutions of Kannur University became a reality. The IQAC of Kannur University will continue to mentor the non-accredited institutions to bring them up to a minimum score of 2.5 in near future.

The Kannur University in general and the IQAC in particular express their deep sense of gratitude to the authorities of NAAC for their unstinted support to make this workshop, a reality. The IQAC Director is grateful to Dr Vinita Sahu for her support throughout and for leading the second technical session. The service of Prof Rajan Welukar is also gratefully acknowledged. The organizing committee is extremely thankful to the Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, members of the Syndicate and the members of IQAC for their support at various levels. The IQAC Director expresses heartfelt thanks to the continuous co-operation and support of the Research Scholars and PG students of the Department of Zoology of Kannur University, Mananthavady Campus.

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