One day State Level Awareness Workshop on Best Practices in Higher Education Institutions for Quality Management in Arunachal Pradesh was jointly organised by State Level Quality Assurance Cells and Directorate Higher and Technical Education, Sponsored by NAAC, Bangalore on 27\textsuperscript{th} November, 2018, Tuesday.

Dr. Tayek Talom, Director, Higher & Technical Education Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar extended warm and hearty welcome to all dignitaries, delegates from different universities and colleges, invited guests and media persons. Also informed the house that the workshop was the outcome of the One Day meeting with Director, NAAC, Bangalore on 17\textsuperscript{th} September 2018 and Video Conference on 5\textsuperscript{th} November 2018 at 3 pm with Secretary, Higher Education, MHRD, Government of India, New Delhi where emphasis had been given for early assessment and accreditation of HEIs by 2021-22 in the country. Altogether 83 representatives from HEIs of different universities and colleges were present from 56 HEIs out of which 1 University and 7 Colleges had already been accredited by NAAC.

In the inaugural address of the Chief Guest, Shri Honchun Ngandam, Hon’ble Minister of Education, Arunachal Pradesh said that quality of higher education is a barometer to judge the strength of the nation, adding that it is a golden opportunity in this ‘mini India’- terming Arunachal Pradesh’s diversities and complexities having 26 major tribes and about 110 sub-tribes in the State.

Dr. Madhu Rani Teotia, IAS, Secretary Education and Guest of Honour of the function said that quality is the buzz word today, adding that such workshop should be conducted twice in a year in Arunachal Pradesh. Hindi is the lingua-franca of this Himalayan State with least population but quality is the need of the hour and hence, NAAC accreditation is essential for higher education. Therefore, for improving ranking
of colleges and universities, all administrators and IQAC coordinators in association with all stakeholders must create all relevant documents for systematic and easy online submission to NAAC she exhorted.

In the speech of Special Guest of the function, Dr. M. S. Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC, Bangalore emphasized on the importance of NAAC accreditation of all HEI’s to keep a benchmark of quality and quantity of higher education in the country. Assessment and accreditation of HEI’s in the country is based on qualitative and quantitative assessment based on performance data of 5 academic years, he said, adding that creativity would serve as a boon. Besides, few changes in assessment process of the revised NAAC processes for accreditation including online registration & submission of SSR, documents, Students’ Satisfaction Survey etc., had been introduced by NAAC not only in India but in the whole world, he said.

Mr. Minto Ete, DSPD, RUSA also offered power point presentation to acquaint the universities and colleges which had been accredited by NAAC so far in Arunachal Pradesh.

Vote of thanks was given by Dr. A. I. Singh, State Nodal Officer, State Level Quality Assurance Cell, Directorate of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

➢ Technical Session- I

Dr. M.S. Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC, Bangalore first displayed the process of revised NAAC processes in power point presentation and talked on the theme “Relevance of NAAC in HEIs and revised NAAC processes for accreditation”. He delivered motivational talk on the need of revised NAAC accreditation framework or process and enlightened the house on the importance of NAAC Accreditation. He had an excellent coverage on awareness of NAAC pre and post accreditation process.

➢ Technical Session- II

Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Asst. Adviser, NAAC, Bangalore presented her presentation through PP on the process of pre & post accreditation of Universities and Colleges under revised NAAC processes and focuses on micro level discussion. She also informed that all relevant information is available in NAAC website.
Technical Session- III

Dr. Joram Begi, State Chief Information Commissioner, (former, Director of Higher & Technical Education) Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar talked on the theme: Sharing Experiences of Accredited Institutions. He shared experiences of NAAC A&A in the country in general NE States and Arunachal Pradesh in Particular. He also advised all HEIs in the State to maintain the quality of teaching and learning as a benchmark for overall development of Human Capital Resources in the State.

Few glimpses of the workshop on the theme “Best Practices in Higher Education Institutions and Quality Management in Arunachal Pradesh” on 27. 11. 2018 at Waii International Hotel, Itanagar
Quality of education criteria to judge a nation: Ngandam

By A O News Service
ITANAGAR, Nov 27: Quality of education is barometer to judge a nation, Education Minister Honchun Ngandam said while addressing NAAC-sponsored workshop on ‘Best practices in higher educational institutions for quality management in Arunachal Pradesh’ here on Tuesday and termed it a golden opportunity in this ‘mini India’.

Higher education institutions should foster their link with their community at local, national and regional levels, to answer society’s needs as quality cannot be imparted at end and the quality should be by design. Quality product should be coming out of robust system and there is no summit in quality. There has to be continuous improvement in quality. Quality in technical education is indication of quality of society and country and its economic growth and the quality should be imparted in all aspects of a technical institute, he said.

Elaborating holistic approach to design the quality in an academic organisation, he said it may include of goal setting; internal environment scanning and analysis; internal environment scanning and analysis; benchmarking; identifying achievable targets; deciding quality (qualitative and quantitative); quality matrices; and methodology of measuring quality parameters. Accreditation itself fosters excellence in the teaching-learning of higher education while enhancing an academic institution to maintain its organizational culture and its organizational identity, he added.

"In order to fetch fortunes from demographic dividend with globalization in India and stop demographic disaster, we certainly face quality challenges in higher education in general and technical and management education in world. The ruling Govt has taken many initiatives, he said by citing the example of spon-

‘Schools given new infrastructures’

Responding to questions from this editor as to what steps the GoAP is taking to improve infrastructures being the much awaited quality education, Ngandam said that renovation and construction of class rooms, toilets and other infrastructures on need-based have been taken up under CM’s Samajika Shiksha Yojana, which offers Rs 4 crore.

On why not develop a common language, he clarified that Rs 3.5 crore has been sanctioned for conducting in-depth research for developing language and script for different tribes. The Wancho tribe has been conducting research for which Rs 1 crore is being the approach the Govt for fund. He belongs to Wancho tribe.

particular which calls for reforms to ensure fundamental changes at all levels of operation. These changes further require greater accountability, transparency and morality (ATM) more important than ATM of any bank. The time has come to create a wave of institutional building and of excellence in the fields of higher education, research and capability with enhanced capacities. India needs educated people who are skilled and who could drive our economy forward, he said with conviction, adding the new knowledge economy for achieving professional, managerial, operational, behavioral, inter personal and inter functional skills require flexible education and training system that will provide foundation for learning to develop required competencies with morality, credibility and accountability through spirituality, the science of soul which can make us superior to anyone in the world. The ruling Govt has taken many initiatives, he said by citing the example of spon-

soring 25 students by funding Rs 25 lakh in Advanced Learning System here for IAS/IPS coaching more Arunachalee will join the UPSC services. Instead of only quality, the NAAC is now going for qualitative and quantitative assessment based on performance data. NAAC advisor Dr M S Shyamsundar said, adding that creativity would serve as a boon.

Besides numerous changes in assessment process including hand holding technique after getting feedbacks to improve quality of education, he said that students’ satisfaction survey has been introduced by NAAC only in India in the whole world, he said. Terming the workshop very important, said that he was hesitant to come to Tanang from Guwahati because of communication hazard.

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Hindi is lingua franca of this Himalayan state, she said, adding quantity is not a problem with 15.5 lakh population but quality is the need of the hour. Therefore, NAAC accreditation is essential for higher education.

How to improve ranking of colleges and what are the criteria— is students’ placement? Infrastructure status? Etc. should be known by the education administrators, she said, adding that that is the reasons as to why university vice chancellors, registrars, college principals and professors from across the state numbering 60 have been invited for the day-long workshop, she said. In fact, she has been instrumental in facilitating the workshop.

Highlighting education status, RUSA deputy state project director Minoo Ete said that against national envolvement of 24.5%, Arunachal Pradesh boasts of 21.12% - male-22.11% and female-20.12%. The state has eight universities including seven private ones and one (Rajiv Gandhi University) is only accredited by Bangaluru-based National Assessment & Accreditation Council.

Of the 17 Govt colleges, six are accredited while of the seven private colleges only Ziro-based St. Clarinet College accredited, he said adding only Rajiv Gandhi University (central) has been accredited of total eight varsities and seven private ones. There are nine BEd colleges which offer integrated Cond. P3
Quality of education criteria...

From P.I... courses but none has been accredited so far, Ete added.

Higher & technical education director Dr Tayek Talom and RUSA special nodal officer Dr A Imbotomi Singh also addressed the gathering before the technical session. NAAC assistant adviser Dr Ruchi Tripathi and chief information commissioner Dr Joram Begi were speakers.