

**Reports of One Day Workshop on NAAC Awareness Programme (NAP)
Jointly Organised by Mizoram University and Higher & Technical Education,
Government of Mizoram and sponsored by NAAC, Bengaluru**

Convener : Dr. M. S. Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC
Venue : Conference Hall of Education Department, Mizoram University
Date : 3rd December, 2018, Monday

One Day Workshop on NAAC Awareness Programme (NAP) on Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF), jointly organised by Mizoram University and Higher & Technical Education, Government of Mizoram sponsored by NAAC, Bangalore was held on 3rd December 2018 at the Conference Hall of Education Department, Mizoram University. There were **140 participants**: 1-Vice Chancellor, MZU, 1- Pro-V.C, MZU, 2- Resource Persons from NAA, Bengaluru, 1- Commissioner & Secretary, H&TE, 1- Director, H&TE, 1- Director, IQAC, MZU, 1- Deputy Director, UGC-HRDC, MZU, 1-Joint Director, QAC, H&TE, 8-Dean of Schools, MZU, 10-Heads of Departments, MZU, 22 Principals and 77 IQAC Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators from affiliated Colleges and faculty members of Mizoram University and 2-representatives from Meghalaya, 2-representatives from Tripura and 8- representatives from Nagaland attended the workshop.

The Inaugural Session was conducted by Prof. Lalnundanga, Director, IQAC and Coordinator, and began with a welcome address from Prof. R. P. Vadhera, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Mizoram University. He greeted all members and expressed his appreciation to Dr. M.S. Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC, Bengaluru for having played the key role since the establishment of NAAC and also expressed his gratefulness to the presence of Dr. Vinita Sahu, Assistant. Adviser, NAAC, Bangalore in the auspicious occasion. Further, he expressed his gratitude to the officials from the State Higher and Technical Education. In acknowledging the presence of Dr. Zarzolian, Jt.SPD (RUSA) and expressed his appreciation of the success of RUSA schemes for the various developments in Colleges in the recent years. He welcomed all the participants.

Prof. K.R.S. Sambasiva Rao, Patron of the workshop & Vice-Chancellor MZU also extended his gratitude to all participants. He mentioned about his initiatives that by March 2019 all affiliated colleges under Mizoram University are expected to apply for NAAC assessment and that soon all Colleges should have NAAC accreditation. He emphasised the importance to have NAAC accreditation, as it is a necessity to acquire funds from all funding agencies like RUSA, UGC and others. Followed by Shri Biaktluanga, Commissioner & Secretary, Higher & Technical Education and Guest of Honour greeted all dignitaries and participants from within and outside Mizoram.

Chief Guest, Dr. M.S. Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC, Bangalore greeted and welcomed all participants. He applauded Mizoram University for maintaining peaceful and calm academic friendly atmosphere. He congratulated the Vice Chancellor for bringing in effective people from different corners into the University, for further necessary improvement. He said MHRD requests NAAC to give priority to North Eastern States and therefore a separate Cell has been instituted. He pointed out that his exploration through the North Eastern States enlightened him to the fact that the policies made in the capital of the country could be a big challenge due to contextual situations. Highlighting the broad feature of the Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) he mentioned that MHRD has received a lot of feedback by V.Cs of different N.E Universities and therefore NAAC

has also made a lot of concessions. UGC, MHRD and policy making stakeholders were consulted and now a new format is formed where assessment is no longer wholly depending on qualitative judgement of Peer Team but also a quantitative SSR submitted by the institutions. Questions are also reduced and online submission to be done by all educational Institutions. Student satisfaction survey is introduced which is the first of its kind in the world. He concluded by wishing all the best to all participants.

The Inaugural Session was closed with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. R. Lallianzuala, Jt. Director, QAC.

Technical Session - I

Prof. NVR Jyoti Kumar, Convener, NAAC SC, MZU chaired the session. The resource person **Dr. M.S. Shyamasundar** presented on ‘**Relevance of Assessment and Accreditation.**’ In course of his dynamic presentation, he flagged certain important points which the institutions should focus upon. Those points may be summarised as follows:

- NAAC framework for assessment and accreditation is unique to any other country and the assessment is based on Global Good Practices and Norms.
- Quality Assurance is a must and therefore quality assessment is to be accepted as a pleasant and productive challenge.
- NAAC is instituted to help institutions to help and achieve quality assurance and face the challenge.
- Students, the main stakeholders should not lose maximum benefit simply because the authorities of the college do not dare to face the challenge of NAAC Assessment. It is an opportunity denied to the students to venture to different Universities and institutions for further studies within and outside the country.
- Relevance and need for SWOT and documentation.
- IQAC should be empowered to take necessary action and bring a change for the better.
- Since Best Practice can significantly contribute to the development of the institution, identifying Best Practice is the need of institution.

After presentation, NAAC Documentary Video and Video Tutorial were projected.

Technical Session II

Shri R. Zarzosanga, IAS, Director, H&TE chaired the Session. **Dr. Vinita Sahu**, Assistant Adviser, NAAC, Bangalore presented on the theme ‘An Overview of Revised Accreditation Framework’ with well sequential and structured Power Point Presentation and highlighted changes that have been introduced in revised assessment and accreditation framework. Some of the important points were highlighted as follows:

- Importance of strict adherence to timeline.
- Need to read relevant documents
- Frequent visit of NAAC website, dashboard, Standard Operating Procedure.
- Need to give importance in preparing SSR, once it is submitted it cannot be edited.
- Provision of optional metrics.
- Timeline for DVV queries.
- As Students Satisfaction Survey has been introduced in the revised framework, details and awareness of the students should also be addressed.

Panel Discussion & Interaction Session

At the discussion and interaction sessions participants from various colleges raised their questions and sought clarification on issues relating to logistic fee, Peer team visit, IIQA submission and others. One of the prominent issues raised by the participant was poor internet connectivity in different places in North East India. Since most of the procedures and proceedings are based on ICT enabled, therefore, NAAC may consider upon the practical problem faced by the institutions so that solution may also be worked out.

Valedictory Session

Dr. M.S Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC made his concluding remarks and Prof. Lalnundanga, Coordinator proposed vote of thanks.



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