National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) regularly conducts Assessor Orientation Programme (AOP) in various parts of the country. AOP for northern region was organized at Guru Granth Sahib Bhawan Auditorium, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab on 27th August 2019. Total of 45 participants from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and J&K participated in the AOP. The AOP began with the welcome and opening remarks by Dr. Pratibha Singh, Deputy Adviser, NAAC. The Chief Guest of programme was Prof Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Vice-Chancellor, GNDU, former Secretary UGC and former Director, NAAC. He delivered the keynote address and shared his experience about timelines of Assessment and Accreditation and the role of an Assessor.
Shri B. S. Ponmudiraj, Deputy Adviser, NAAC made a detailed presentation in Session I about Revised Accreditation Framework- Process of A&A and Onsite visit Logistics. He enlightened the participants with the new guidelines for Assessment and Accreditation (A&A). He made the participants to get acquainted with the processes of A&A in RAF such as Quantitative Metrics, Qualitative Metrics, Weightage and Benchmarking for various Metrics. He also highlighted the process flow followed by NAAC for Logistic arrangement done for onsite visit.

Dr. Pratibha Singh, Deputy Adviser NAAC spoke on the Session II about ICT integration of A & A Process. She explained the entire framework’s ICT integration, features of various portal process flow of RAF, Data Validation and Verification (DVV), Student Satisfaction Survey (SSS) details etc. She
emphasized the need for the Assessors of NAAC to be more technology enabled in order to serve better in this paradigm shift of NAAC.

After her presentation on ICT integration, a demonstration of online assessor portal was made by Dr. Pratibha Singh in which she showed all the features of how to manage profile, visit management in portal and report entry in portal.
In the post lunch session III, participants were divided into seven groups. Each group prepared the draft Peer Team Report (PTR) and Confidential Peer Review Score Sheet for the SSR and presented it in the plenary along with Role Play in Simulation.
All the doubts were clarified during the technical session and open forum. An interaction session in between was proved to be a fruitful one. After this session the AOP was concluded by closing Remarks and ended with the Vote of Thanks by Shri B. S. Ponmudiraj.