Brief Report of the NAAC Awareness Programme organized on
17-18 January, 2019

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore has sanctioned Rs. 2.00 lac as reimbursement grant vide letter No No.NAAC/JP/2018 dt. 20\textsuperscript{th} November, 2018 to Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon for the organization of NAAC Awareness Programme (NAP). Accordingly, this University has organized the Workshop during January 17-18, 2019. Dr.D.K. Kamble, Assistant Adviser from NAAC, Bangalore was invited as a Chief Guest for this Programme. The Programme was inaugurated with the auspicious hands of Prof. P.P. Patil, Vice-Chancellor of this University. The Principals and Director of IQAC of non-accredited and re-accredited colleges under the jurisdiction of this University was invited to participate in this programme. The programme has received overwhelming response from the affiliated colleges and institutions under the University jurisdiction. Approximately, 200 Principals and Director of IQAC has attended this programme.

The following renowned resource persons were delivered lectures/key note addresses followed by open session and helped to success this programme. (The schedule of the workshop is attached herewith for your favour of information).

1. Dr. D.K. Kamble, Assistant Advisor, NAAC, Bangalore.
2. Prin. V.R. Shirgurkar, Resource Person, Pune
3. Prof. Rajan Welukar, Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai, Mumbai.
4. Prof. D.G. Hundiwale, Former Direct, BCUD, KBCNMU, Jalgaon.
5. Dr. (Smt.) Preeti Agrawal, Director, G.H. Raisoni Institute of Business Management and Engineering, Jalgaon.
6. Dr. V.S. Zope, Principal, KCES’s P.G. College, Jalgaon.

Some of the salient points of the key note addresses of resource persons are given below:

**Day 1 : January 17, 2019:**

1) **Dr. D.K. Kamble, Assistant Advisor, NAAC, Bangalore:**

   Dr. Kamble in his lecture given information on Online Submission of Institutional Information for Quality Assessment (IIQA), eligibility conditions for Cycle 2 or subsequent cycles, process for assessment and accreditation and IIQA. He has also given information on registration of IIQA, IIQA Application, Documents required to be submitted by the Colleges and Universities. Payment of fee for IIQA, clarification of IIQA and Acceptance or Rejection of IIQA. Dr. Kamble explained all the process of IIQA application through a well-designed diagram. After his lecture, some of the Principals and IQAC Co-ordinators have asked their questions/queries about accreditation. He has answered/solved the queries of the participants accordingly. The participants were satisfied with his explanation.

2) **Prin. V.R. Shirgurkar, Resource Person, Pune:**

   Prin. V.R. Shirgurkar has delivered his lecture on addressing New NAAC QIF (Quality Indicator Framework) Effectively. He has mentioned, the Tripod of Quality, QUALITY in Higher Education, fitness for the purpose, value for money, quest for excellence, relevance and employability, skillling and reskilling, requirement by 2020-2022 and new roles according to world economic forum report 2018). He has described on the relevance of curriculum for improvement, employability, teaching learning methods, effective evaluation and research. He also explained two more attributes of quality i.e. Value for money and Quest for excellence. He has also given...
information on impact of NAAC’s efforts over the years, old and new fee structure for accreditation. Optional metrics, Distribution of Metrics and Key Indicators Across Criteria etc. He emphasized during his lecture on pre-qualifiers applicable to all institutions, minimum score, timelines, important, precautions to be taken, the Process of HQA. List of documents not more than 1MB, Quality Indicator Framework - QIF and Criterion and Indicator-wise weightages. He has discussed the Assessment and outcome based on system generated score, Peer Team Report, AQAR Questions and performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its vision, priority and thrust 500 words. He has also replied the question asked by the participants.

3) Dr. (Smt.) Preeti Agrawal, Resource Person:

Dr. (Smt.) Preeti Agrawal explained thoroughly about the process, preparation and requirement of all the criterion, Standard Operating Procedure for Data Validation and Verification (Affiliated UG/PG). She has given information regarding list of the documents to be submitted to the NAAC during the process of accreditation. If the Institution has any other relevant documents besides those mentioned by NAAC, the same may be uploaded. The NAAC Portal supports only 5MB data. If the HEI’s data exceeds 5MB, the HEI will host the supporting documents in the HEI’s website and provide the link of the same in the template and/or in the HEI-DVV clarification Space. The documents in regional language are to be submitted in attested translated English version. If the data is large, the HEI will fill the data template. During DVV clarification, the DVV to seek for sample selective documents for validation. She has discussed with the participants the frequently asked questions about NAAC and its accreditation process. She has given information on revised accreditation framework, Guidelines for Institutions to opt out ‘Non Applicable Metrics’. List of documents required to be uploaded in pdf format. (Please note the size should not exceed 1MB.) Changes introduced by NAAC, revised accreditation framework for affiliated colleges and universities.

She has given detail information regarding the seven Criteria, new introduced Key Indicators and distribution of metrics, key indicators across criteria and Executive Summary. Every HEI applying for the A&A process shall prepare an Executive Summary highlighting the main features of the Institution i.e. Introductory Note on the Institution: location, vision mission, type of the institution etc. Preface, Criterion-wise Summary on the Institution’s functioning in not more than 250 words for each criterion. Brief note on Strength Weaknesses Opportunities and Challenges (SWOC) in respect of the Institution. Any additional information about the Institution other than ones already stated and Over all conclusive explication about the institution’s functioning - The Executive summary shall not be more than 5000 words etc.

Day 2: January 18, 2019:

In the morning session of the programme, Prof. Rajan Welukar, Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai and Prof. D.G. Hundiwale, Former Director, BCUD, KBCNMMU, Jaigaon has delivered the lectures in the programme.

1) Prof. Rajan Welukar:

Prof. Rajan Velukar, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai, Mumbai delivered his lecture on ‘Relevance of Assessment and Accreditation’ of colleges. He said that now a days privatization, widespread expansion, increased autonomy and introduction of Programmes in new and emerging areas have improved access to higher education. It has also led to widespread concern on the quality and relevance of the higher education. To address the issues, the National Policy on Education (NPE, 1986) and the Programme of Action (PoA, 1992) spelt out strategic plans for the policies, advocated the establishment of an independent National accreditation agency. Consequently, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) was established in 1994 as an autonomous institution of the University Grants Commission (UGC) with its Head Quarter in Bengaluru. To improve the quality of education, every institution needs to accredit their colleges/institute through the NAAC, Bengaluru.
2) Prof. D.G. Hundiwale:

Prof. Hundiwale delivered his lecture on the criteria Research, Innovation and Extension and Student Support and Progression. During his lecture, participants were acquainted with the questions from above two criteria. The queries and concept regarding Innovation / Incubation were cleared and how to present the data on students progression effectively. Finally, he convened to the participants that the process of accreditation is a participative of all.

In the afternoon session of the programme, following resource persons had actively guided to the participants and discussed thoroughly the queries and problems raised by the Principals and IQAC Directors in the Open Discussion:

(i) Prof. D.G. Hundiwale, Former Director, BCU, D, KBCNMU, Jalgaon.
(ii) Prof. S.T. Ingle, Director, IQAC, KCBNMU, Jalgaon
(iii) Dr. V.S. Zope, KCES’s P.G. College, Jalgaon.

The above resource persons have shared their experiences regarding importance of accreditation to the colleges/institutes and the problems faced by the NAAC Steering Committee in the collection of data during the preparation of Self Study Reports of the University. The problems will be overcome by systematic submission of regular Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) with retaining the relevant proofs at IQAC. The Universities and colleges should enhance the quality in education, research and extension and acquire generous funding from the various funding agencies. Importance of Internal Quality Assurance Cell to maintain the quality of the education was also discussed. The IQAC of every college should prepare their own road map and academic plan every year. The colleges should implement their plans through IQAC. Every college should appoint a full time ICT experienced senior Professor as a Director of the IQAC. The IQAC of every college should organize conference/workshops every year and arrange brain storming sessions. The discussion in such sessions, should be noted and used for the development of the college. The IQAC should take the issues related to academic and administration and possible solutions should be suggested.

(Prof. S.T. Ingle)
Director, IQAC
Inauguration of NAAC Awareness Programme (NAAP) held on January 17-18, 2019

Inaugural speech by Dr. Darikhan Kamble, Assistant Advisor, NAAC, Bangalore

Inaugural Speech by Prof. P.P. Patil, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor in NAAP

Prin. V.R. Shirgurkar answering the queries of participants (NAAP)