Silver Jubilee Lecture Series - Prof. S. K. Saidapur, Former Vice Chancellor, Karnatak University Dharwad, Karnataka.

To commemorate Silver Jubilee year, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) hosted a series of Special Lectures by eminent Academicians at NAAC on various themes associated with quality in Higher Education. A lecture in the series was organized at NAAC on 11th December 2019. The special lecture was delivered by Prof. S. K. Saidapur, Former Vice Chancellor, Karnatak University Dharwad, Karnataka on "Governance and Leadership in Higher Education Institutions".

The programme started with lighting of lamp by Prof. S. K. Saidapur, Dr. M. S. Shyamasundar, Director I/c (Adviser), NAAC, Mr. B. S. Ponmudiraj, Deputy Adviser, NAAC and other dignitaries. Mr. Ponmudiraj, welcomed the distinguished guest and briefly introduced the guest to the audience. Dr. M. S. Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC chaired the programme as Director I/c and felicitated Prof. S. K. Saidapur. Several external
academicians from different Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) around Bengaluru were invited for the programme. The programme was also attended by Officers and staff of NAAC.

Prof. S. K. Saidapur made a brief presentation on "Governance and Leadership in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)". In his expressive speech, he stressed on the importance of Good Governance and Efficient Leadership qualities for overall development of an HEI. He emphasized on the difference between an Administrator and a Leader. He also spoke about the features of a leader who take the institution on progressive path. Prof. Saidapur referred to Ancient Chinese Philosophy Yin and Yang a concept of dualism, describing how seemingly opposite or contrary forces may actually be complementary, interconnected, and interdependent in the natural world, and how they may give rise to each other as they interrelate to one another. Prof. Saidapur also referred to the best seller book 80/20 principles - the secret of achieving more with less.

Prof. Saidapur quoted the following to conclude with
“There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: that is the fear of failure”

“And, when you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it”

In his presidential remarks, Dr. Shyamsunder, Director I/c, NAAC commended the presentation made by Prof.Saidapur. He highlighted the importance of Governance and Leadership for betterment of an institution. He pointed out that studies have revealed that an able leadership with good governance will result in overall development of an institution.

Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser, NAAC proposed vote of thanks to all external academicians and NAAC staff.