Assessors Orientation Programme for Northern Region (28 January 2019)

Report

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council, a Quality assurance agency of India, undertakes, Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) Higher Education Institutions in India. As Assessors are the key partners of NAAC A&A process, NAAC regularly conducts Assessor Orientation Programme in various regions of the country. Assessors Orientation Programme (AOP) for northern and north east region was organized on 28 January, 2019 at Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida. A total of 61 academicians from 8 states from various categories such as Vice-Chancellors, Directors, Professors and Principals belonging to various disciplines participated in the programme. The purpose of the workshop was to orient them towards the Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) modalities.

The one day programme was full of the technical sessions, discussions, group activity and group presentation round. Dr. Pratibha Singh, Deputy Adviser, NAAC Delhi welcomed the distinguished guests and the esteemed participants to the Assessors’ Orientation Programme (AOP).

The guest of honour for the programme was Prof Bhagwati Prakash Sharma, Vice Chancellor GBU. In his keynote address, he highlighted the current trends in higher education followed by various educational institutions benefitting all stakeholders of Society.
The chief guest of the programme was Prof. Virander S. Chauhan, Chairman, Executive Committee, NAAC. He described the various reforms taking place in NAAC and in Higher Education in his inaugural address. He requested assessors to be the part of assessing team with full dedication and consider the peer visit as their contribution towards higher education more specifically towards the society.

In Session-I, Prof. Vishnukant S. Chatpalli, Adviser NAAC, Bangalore presented an overview of RAF. The Assessors Orientation Programme (AOP) was also aimed at equipping the Assessors with salient
features of the Revised Assessment and Accreditation Framework (RAF) and also to provide an insight into the functioning of NAAC. He described the structure of RAF, weightages, metrics and its types, benchmarks etc. The session was followed by a tea break.

Session – II,

Session II, was taken by Dr. Pratibha Singh, Deputy Adviser NAAC New Delhi. The topic of the session was ICT integration of A & A Process. She explained the entire framework’s ICT integration, features of various portals, process flows of RAF, Data Validation and Verification, Student Satisfaction Survey details etc. She emphasized the need for the various users of NAAC to be more technology enabled in order to serve better in this paradigm shift of NAAC.
Session- III,

Dr. Sujata P Shanbhag, Deputy Adviser, NAAC, Bangalore briefed about the Peer Team visit, logistics and different features of the Assessor modules. The Peer team visit acceptance/ Rejection, pre visit preparation, PTR and PRSS submission and visit management through portal of assessors was demonstrated during her presentation.

After Session III, Group photographs were taken which was followed by lunch.

Session – IV was all about Group work which was taken by Dr. Mohit Tiwari, Assistant Adviser NAAC, Delhi. The participants were divided in to seven groups. Each group prepared the report and score sheet for the SSR. Each group made the role plays (simulation) Pre-visit Meeting, Interactions with Principal/
Session – V The Group presentation for the report was undertaken. All the groups were asked to give a brief presentation on the report prepared by them during group activity. The scores assigned by the group were also announced during the presentation so as to obtain the deviation between allotted score by the group with their individual assignment of score.
Session – VI Open Forum was handled by the NAAC Officials Prof. Vishnukant S. Chatpalli, Dr. Sujata P. ShanBhag, Dr. Pratibha Singh and Dr. Mohit Tiwari. Closing Remarks were given by Prof. Vishnukant S. Chatpalli, Adviser NAAC. The programme ended with the Vote of Thanks by Dr. Mohit Tiwari which is followed by High Tea.