



A Report on the Webinar on “Awareness about the new NEP – 2020 & NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Process” Organized by IQAC, University of Calicut in association with NAAC, Bengaluru on 24 th August 2020 at 10:30 AM



A webinar on “Awareness about the new NEP – 2020 & NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Process” was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of University of Calicut, Kerala in association with the NAAC, Bengaluru on 24-8-2020, 10.30 a.m. onwards. The webinar was held on Google meet platform along with live streaming on YouTube for larger benefit. The event witnessed the participation of 1400 academicians from among the University teaching departments and also from the affiliated colleges.

The programme started as per schedule and Prof. P Sivadasan, Director, IQAC, University of Calicut extended warm welcome to delegates and the participants. He narrated that IQAC is making rigorous efforts to boost the quality of teaching, learning & research in the University.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. M K Jayaraj delivered the inaugural address emphasizing the need to create and sustain quality standards in the higher education institutions. Reiterating the emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic, he urged all the stake holders of higher education, especially the teachers, to utilize this as an opportunity to learn new skills, introduce new courses and develop new process that increase the relevance of the teaching programmes. While appreciating the novel initiatives inculcated in the National Education Policy NEP-2020, he expressed apprehensions & concerns in its implementation. He opined that with NEP 2020 coming to effect, major change is going to happen in school system and it may turn out to promote rote learning. However, he appreciated that introduction of vocational courses at early stage will inculcate and implant the notion in the students’ mind that all jobs especially manual labour are as dignified as other jobs. Coming to Higher education sector, as Universities are the knowledge creation centres, a substantial increase in the investment in the research & innovation area is a welcome one. Also when the strength of the students is to be increased as per the NEP, a large amount has to be invested for infrastructure development and he expressed his concern in the source of these fundings. He thanked Dr. M.S. Shyamasundar, Advisor, NAAC, Dr. Pratibha Singh, Deputy Advisor, NAAC, Dr. K.R. Vishnu Mahesh and Dr. D.K. Kamble, Assistant Advisors, NAAC for being the resource persons for the Webinar. Further, he highlighted the importance of NAAC accreditation as it differentiates one educational institution from others in terms of quality and it becomes essential while fetching the financial grant for the institution.

Dr. M S Shyamasundar, Adviser, NAAC, in his introductory address appreciated VC & IQAC for their committed efforts to organize this webinar and laid out the need to sustain and improve quality standards. His presentation mainly focused on two areas (1) An overview of the New Education Policy NEP-2020 & (2) Digital Innovative Initiatives taken by NAAC. While presenting the overview of National Education Policy 2020, he highlighted the revolutionary changes that can be witnessed at all levels of education by the introduction of National Educational Policy NEP-2020. While vouching the apprehensions raised by the Vice Chancellor, he admitted that since Higher Education is a concurrent matter, without the cooperation of State Governments & all the stake holders, implementation of NEP 2020 will not be effective. He highlighted various novel initiatives & concepts envisaged in the NEP 2020 such as -

- the creation of Multi disciplinary Education & Research Universities(MERU),
- allowing top 100 universities of the world to establish their campuses in Indian soil, which will boost credibility, student accessibility & internationalization which in turn will bring international perspective and innovation among students studying in Indian campuses and also attract students from our neighbouring countries to study in these Universities’ campuses in India.
- Replacing multiple regulatory bodies by a single regulatory authority named Higher Education Commission of India (HECI), with 4 verticals under it exclusively for Regulation(NHRC), Accreditation(NAC), Funding(NHGC) & Academic Standard setting(GEC)
- Formation of National Research Foundation(NRF) for funding projects & performance based funding

- Institutional Development Plans(IDP) wherein higher education institutions will be asked to prepare their own developmental plans and assessed on the progress made by the HEIs on the set plan
- National Education Technology Forum(NETF) for deployment of technology in HEIs
- ‘Multiple-Entry Multiple-Exit’ option to the students and also the concept of ‘Academic Bank of Credit’, which will benefit the students who rejoins the programme after a break.

In the second segment of his speech, Dr. M S Shyamasundar underscored the role of NAAC in creating quality standards and assessing the higher educational institutions and providing them an opportunity for lateral expansion and vertical growth. He highlighted the digital initiatives taken by NAAC in the whole A & A process starting from registration, submission of IIQA, Data Validation & Verification (DVV), Student Satisfaction Survey (SSS), Issue Management System (IMS) etc. He disclosed that NAAC has partnered with third party validators to ensure that the DVV is carried out in a transparent, unbiased & open manner. So the HEIs should respect the time frame stipulated for replying queries raised during DVV partners.

In the second session, Dr. Pratibha Singh, Deputy Adviser, NAAC made a detailed presentation on “Introduction to RAF of NAAC, Registration Process and Submission of IIQA, SSR & SSS”. She vividly outlined the process involved in the preparation of IIQA and the factors to be considered, Criteria wise presentation on preparation of SSR with the key indicators Qualitative Metrics, Quantitative Metrics, criterions and their weightage scores, etc.

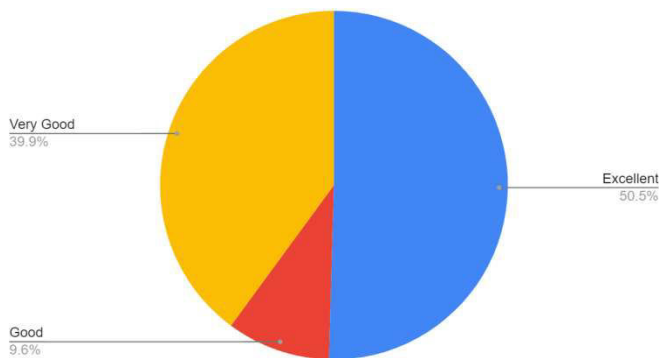
The third session on “DVV Process, Logistics & Peer Team Visit” was discussed by Dr. K R Vishnu Mahesh, Assistant Adviser. He emphasized on the need to be truthful and precise in the preparation of SSR and all data will be subject to validation & verification by third party experts. The system driven process would look for accuracy while assigning points for each of the metrics. Need for documentary support and careful verification for all the quantitative data was stressed by him. He also stressed on the importance of replying queries within the stipulated time frame, whenever a query was raised during DVV. He also elucidated the steps involved in the logistics for the visit.

This was followed by a Q & A session where several questions were raised by the participants. The NAAC team clarified on the doubts raised and agreed to support the Institutions on all accreditation clarifications through their Help Desk and other supportive interventions.

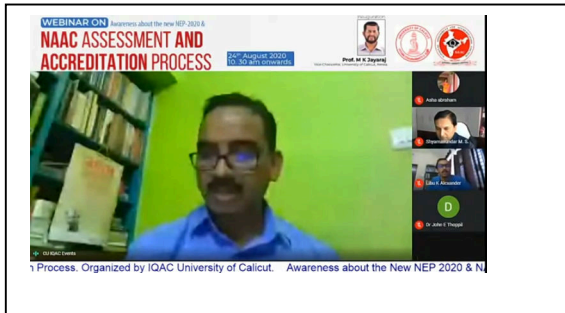
The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. C L Joshy, Registrar, University of Calicut. He expressed special gratitude to NAAC team for their informative and useful presentations and extended thanks to the organizers and all the participants for making the webinar, a grand success.

**A feedback link was shared among the attendees and the brief analysis of the same is given below:**

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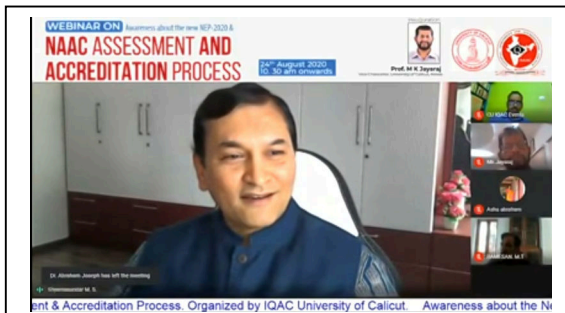
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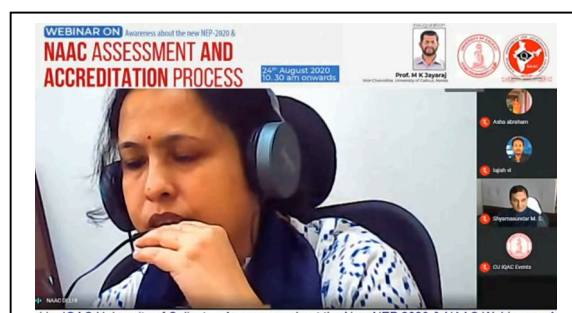
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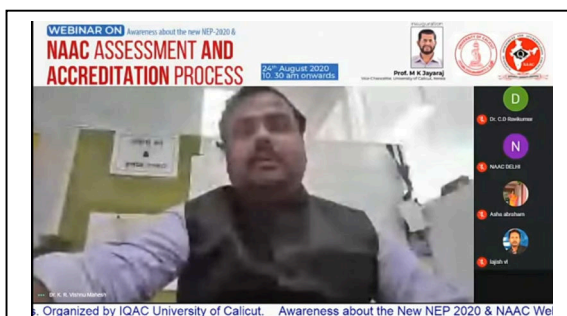
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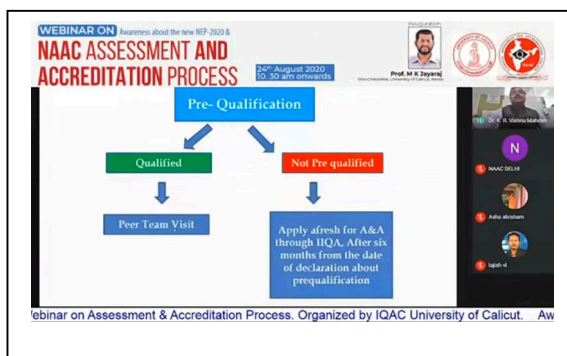
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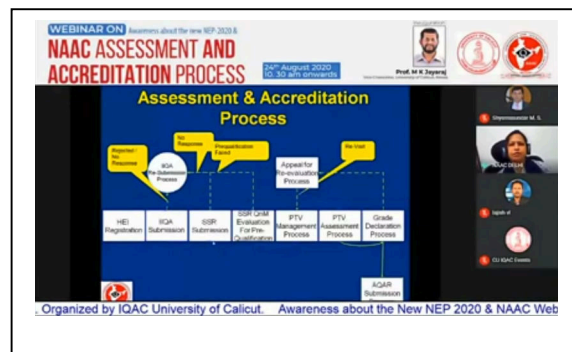
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