

A report on NAAC sponsored National Level Seminar on Innovative Practices for Quality Enhancement in Higher Education Institutions

The National level seminar on Innovative Practices for Quality Enhancement in Higher Education Institutions was held at Pioneer College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, on 9th March, 2019. 106 faculty members and academicians participated in the seminar which was sponsored by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru. The Seminar discussed the various practices and technologies that could be deployed by Higher Education Institutions to enhance the quality of their service.

In her welcome address Prof. N. Valarmathy, IQAC Coordinator, Pioneer College of Arts and Science addressed the importance of innovation in Teaching-learning and evaluation and the quality sustenance in Higher Education Institutions. She also pointed out the practices followed in global institutions and emphasized on the improvements that could be made in Indian institutions to meet global standards.

Dr. S. Mahendran, Principal, Pioneer College of Arts and Science, delivered the presidential address in which he stressed on the significance of Quality, Benchmarks, Assessment and certifications. “The key of growth is the introduction of Higher dimensions of consciousness into our awareness”. What are the higher dimensions that lead to growth is the topic of the day for discussion and analysis through this NAAC sponsored seminar. He said the student demands are changing as the technology advances and any Higher Education Institution should follow student – centric approaches to sustain quality in the service they offer. He also pointed out the ICT tools have become most essential component of teaching-learning and Evaluation.

Subsequent sessions included focused presentations (invited talks) on various sub-themes of the seminar. Dr.K.Karunakaran, Principal and Secretary, Sri Ramakrishna College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore spoke on the Role of ICT in teaching – learning. Prof.M.Jayakumar, Former IQAC Coordinator, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore focused on the students assessment and challenges and Dr.V.Chitraa, IQAC Coordinator, Associate Professor of Information Technology of CMS College of Science and Commerce highlighted the changes made in NAAC Assessment methods and challenges they faced in their institution in the New framework of NAAC assessment and accreditation.

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