

Report on Quality Culture Development Workshop

Background:

Reformation through transformation is the prime purpose of accreditation. The aim of NAAC is to sensitize the academic institutions to move forward in order to face the challenges ahead. NAAC is an attempt to make Quality as the defining element of higher education. Quality achievement, promotion and sustenance is an unending process. NAAC aims to act as a felicitator in this process.

On this backdrop, a One Day Workshop was organised by the IQAC on 24 July, 2017. Eminent educationist and NAAC Peer Team Member Prin. Nagnath Dharmadhikari enlightened the faculty on this occasion.

Outcome:

- To explain the rationale of the new methodology adopted by the NAAC
- To deliberate on NAAC's approach on Quality Education.
- To define the concept of Excellence and find ways to achieve excellence.
- To outline the role of HEI in the context of global scenario of education.

Synopsis of the Workshop:

The workshop was conducted in two sessions. The first session comprised of Dr. Dharmadhikari's lecture and presentation. The second session was interactive.

In his lecture, Dr. Dharmadhikari highlighted that the philosophy of NAAC is "Quality Education is the birth-right of every student". He defined transformation as

$$\text{Excellence} + \text{Equity} + \text{Evolution} = \text{Transformation}$$

He added that empowerment of students should be the goal of every HEI. The NAAC aims at envisaging this objective through 33,000 colleges in the nation which form the backbone of higher education.

Accreditation is nothing but a kind of 'Health Check Up' of an institution. "Institutional Social Responsibility" (ISR) is a universally accepted parameter to evaluate the standard of an institution.

Introspection + Innovation + Improvement = the bottom-line of NAAC.

Dr. Dharmadhikari further explained the nature and structure of the new methodology of RAF recently launched by the NAAC. He made a comparative analysis of the old and the new systems of evaluation as well as accreditation. He stressed that accuracy and transparency should be the watchwords for every institution imparting higher education. He explained the concept of Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA) and agreed to guide the college to undergo the same.

The Session II included interaction and activity based discussion on the issues related to various aspects related to the new Criteria. There was a thorough brainstorming on the future plan of action to be adopted by the college. It was a useful session for everyone.

The workshop was attended by the teaching and non-teaching faculty of the college. Prin. Dr. Amarja Rekhi chaired the sessions. Dr. S. D. Kulkarni, member of IQAC of the college, proposed the vote of thanks.

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