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National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru in its pursuit to expand the National Collegiums of Assessors is empanelling experts in different disciplines by regularly organizing Assessors Training/ Orientation Programme. In this regard a Assessors Orientation Programme (AOP) was conducted by the NAAC at Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University on 26th October, 2019. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the University organized the AOP.

In all 93 participants registered for the AOP, however, 66 attended the programme. These included Professors of HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar (Garhwal), Uttarakhand, Kumaun University, Nainital (Uttarakhand), Graphic Era University, Dehradun (Uttarakhand), Doon University, Dehradun (Uttarakhand), Devi Ahila Vishwavidyalaya Indore (MP), M.A.N.I.T., Bhopal (MP), University of Rajasthan, Rajasthan, IIT Roorkee (Uttarakhand), NIIT Kurukshetra (Haryana), MNIT Jaipur (Rajasthan), JNTUH College of Engineering, Hyderabad (Telangana), Annamalai University, Chidambaram (Tamil Nadu), BITS Pilani (Rajasthan); Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Technical University, Dehradun (Uttarakhand), Vice Chancellor, Rajasthan Technical University, Kota (Rajasthan); Director NIT, Uttarakhand; and Principals of NAAC accredited Colleges of Uttarakhand.

Inaugural Session

The Inauguration ceremony started with the customary lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat, State Minister (Independent Charge) Cooperatives, Higher Education, Dairy Development, Protocols, Government of Uttarakhand, President of the session, Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of H.N.B. Garhwal University, Dr. M.S. Shyamasundar, Adviser and Nodal Officer NAAC, Dr. Shyam Singh Inda, Assistant Adviser NAAC and Prof. O.P. Gusain, Director IQAC. **Dr. Vijay Jyoti Kumar**, Deputy Coordinator, Organizing Committee conducted the session.

Prof. O.P. Gusain extended a warm welcome to all the delegates from various parts of the country to the AOP. In his welcome address, he said that the university felt the need and understood the importance of an orientation programme of the assessors, which could have significant positive outcomes in terms of improving the assessment abilities of the assessors. He reiterated that this is the first such programme being conducted by the H.N.B. Garhwal University on this scale and magnitude and thanked the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for all her support and guidance.

Dr. M. S. Shyamasundar, Adviser and Nodal Officer, NAAC in his opening remarks appreciated the seriousness and commitment of the participants, given the challenge of tough terrain of the venue and he also congratulated the organizers for the conduct of the AOP despite tough challenges, due to geographical and climatic constraints. He highlighted the importance and need of these programmes for the assessors and provided a glimpse of changing paradigms assessment criteria of the higher educational institutions.

Hon'ble Minister **Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat**, during his address said that Srinagar Garhwal is an education hub in the hills and he would like to put in more endeavours to make it more vibrant academically. During his address, he brought forward the challenges faced by the students from the remote areas of Uttarakhand in coping up with the semester system and the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and emphasized the need to revamp them, by taking locational and geographical realities into consideration. He expressed his hope that Uttarakhand would one day be a model state in terms of education, to the whole country and could possibly be a guide for all the states.

Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of H.N.B. Garhwal University, in her presidential address congratulated the IQAC of the University for taking this initiative of organizing an AOP. She extended a warm welcome to all the delegates. In her address she emphasized the need to provide additional benefits to the remotely located higher educational institutions during the NAAC's assessment and grading. She suggested that the assessors need to be neutral, unbiased and judicious in their assessment and stick to high moral standards while undertaking the task of assessing the higher educational institutions.

The inaugural session completed with the vote of thanks proposed by **Dr. Shyam Singh Inda**.

The technical session resumed after the tea break and these sessions focused on the technical aspects of assessment of higher education institutions by the assessors and provided important insights into the minute technical details that need to be taken into consideration by the assessors. **Dr. Nitin Sati** and **Dr. Mahendra Babu Kuruwa**, Assistant Directors of the IQAC facilitated the conduct of the sessions

Session – I

Dr. Shyam Singh Inda, Assistant Adviser, NAAC gave a presentation on “Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF) - An Overview”. He informed the participants that the Revised Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) Framework was launched in July 2017. Thereby making a paradigm shift from qualitative to data based quantitative indicator evaluation peer judgement with increased objectivity and transparency.

Session – II

Prof. Satish C. Sharma, IIT Roorkee was the Resource Person of the session. Prof. Sharma made a presentation on “Preparation of Peer Team Report and Peer Team Dynamics”. He discussed about the details to be taken into account while preparing the PTR.

Session – III

In the post lunch session, Dr. M.S. Shyamasundar, Adviser and Nodal Officer NAAC deliberated upon “On-site Visit and Logistics”. His presentation dealt with what the

assessor is required to do 'Before the Visit', 'During the Visit' and 'At the End of the Visit'. Dr. Shyamasundar in very lucid manner explained each and every point to be taken into consideration by the Peer Team members. He off and on quoted many examples to illustrate his point of view. The session was very interactive.

Session – IV

Dr. Shyam Singh Inda, Assistant Adviser, NAAC gave a quick presentation related to 'NAAC A&A Presentations' and on 'Guidelines for assessor to fill peer team report and accept Peer team Visit'. He told that the assessors have to communicate through their portal. In case of any assistance the NAAC (ICT Team) through Support/Helpdesk can be contacted immediately.

Session – V

The final session of the programme was 'Open Forum'. The session was chaired by Dr. M.S. Shyamasundar, Adviser NAAC. Prof. O.P. Gusain, Director IQAC, HNBGU was the moderator the session. The participants had queries regarding the PTV, which were satisfactorily answered by Dr. Shyamasundar.

Later, Prof. Gusain requested Dr. Shyamasundar to conclude the session with his closing remarks. Dr. Shyamasundar was appreciative of the organizers, he thanked the participants for their enthusiastic response. He said that conduct of AOPs will prove to be a very positive step towards justified assessment of the higher educational institutes in the country. He wished a very best to all.

The session ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Shyam Singh Inda, Assistant Adviser, NAAC.

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