

AWARENESS - WORKSHOP ORGANIZED BY IQAC AND NAAC

(KUMAUN UNIVERSITY, NAINITAL)



With an aim to create awareness among Higher Education Institutions towards accreditation by NAAC and to motivate the institutions for maintaining a Quality culture, a one-day Awareness Workshop was organized on 1st May 2019 jointly by Internal Quality Assurance Cell(IQAC), Kumaun University and the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru, in the UGC-HRDC auditorium of Kumaun University, Nainital. The workshop was attended by around 100 Principals/Directors/Senior faculty of different Colleges/Institutions affiliated to Kumaun University, Nainital.



The workshop began with the welcome address by Professor Shuchi Bisht, Director, IQAC, wherein she emphasized upon the need of Quality in Higher education Institutions and the necessity of ensuring quality in every sphere, right from academics to infrastructure. The need of creating a conducive environment for the students to facilitate their overall development and instilling in them the feeling of social responsibility to further the interests and development of the nation was elaborated. She highlighted how assessment by NAAC helps the institutions in recognizing their strengths, weaknesses and also provides guidelines for the same. Prof. Bisht also acknowledged the contribution of NAAC for Quality Assurance, Quality Enhancement, and Quality sustenance.



The Chief Patron of the Workshop Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Professor D.K.Nauriyal in his Presidential address expressed his happiness on the active participation of all Principals /Directors/Senior Faculty of Government and Private colleges affiliated to Kumaun University in the Workshop and recognized the need and importance of such workshops for quality sustenance. He appreciated the efforts of IQAC in organizing the Workshop and advised the gathering to participate enthusiastically with utmost sincerity, thereby contributing in, taking a step towards assuring quality education to the students. He emphasized on how HEIs must put every possible effort, and take every necessary measure to enhance their quality, overcome all weaknesses and make an effort to improve their performances for getting a good grade by NAAC. The Vice-Chancellor further encouraged the university fraternity including the affiliated colleges/institutions to have the quest to become a quality institution and also appreciated NAAC for strengthening the Higher Education system of our country. The Chief Guest of the Workshop Dr. A.V. Prasad, Assistant Adviser of NAAC, Bengaluru dwelled on the benefits of the accreditation of the colleges/institutions and informed how the new guidelines will help the institutions in getting the NAAC accreditation. Guest of Honor Dr. V.S. Joshi, Resource-Person of NAAC spoke on the various parameters of NAAC Accreditation and urged the colleges to gear up for the accreditation process. Dr Seema Pande, Organizing Secretary of the Workshop invited Professor L.M. Joshi, Director of D.S.B Campus, to present vote of thanks. Prof. Joshi appreciated the aim of the workshop and efforts of IQAC and NAAC. This was followed by a small Tea Break. Thereafter two technical sessions were held focusing on Revised Accreditation Framework, online submission of IIQA, SSR, and DVV.#



The first technical session was taken by Dr V.S. Joshi on Revised Accreditation Framework (RAF). Through his presentation, he explained how the new framework is ICT enabled, brief and objective, transparent, scalable and robust. Apart from providing detailed information about seven criteria required for assessment with key indicators under each criterion and their weightage by NAAC, he also highlighted guidelines for the preparation of Student Satisfaction Survey (SSS) and Self Study Report (SSR).The newly introduced element of third-party validation of data and the participation of students and alumni in the assessment process was discussed in the session





The second technical session was addressed by Dr. A.V.Prasad .He shed the light on the need for accreditation and emphasized the importance of assessment for the academic growth of the institutions. Through his online demonstration, he guided on how the colleges can pursue the accreditation by NAAC. He provided even the smallest and minutest of information and apprised the participants of all the technicalities required in the process of accreditation. He also elaborated how better grades can be obtained and what qualitative measures should be taken by the colleges/institutes in order to enhance the quality in each criterion.

The final session was aQuestion- Answer session where Dr Prasad interacted with the participants and discussed various issues related to NAAC accreditation. Participants from various colleges raised their questions and sought clarification on issues relating to accreditation, reaccreditation, preparing SSR and AQAR.

The workshop concluded successfully with a vote of Thanks proposed by IQAC Director, Prof Shuchi Bisht. The participants were extremely satisfied and expressed their happiness and gratitude as to how the workshop will help enhance the quality of their respective institutions.#