Interactive Session

On
Preparation for NAAC Accreditation – Review and Action Plan

Organized by
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REPORT

The Andhra Pradesh State council of Higher Education organised one day Interactive session (webinar) with University Officers including Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, IQAC Coordinator, Heads of the Department and faculty members of Dr.B.R. Ambedkar University on “Preparation for NAAC Accreditation – Review and Action Plan”

The webinar was attended by Prof. K. Rama Mohana Rao, Vice-Chairman, APSCHE, Srirangam Mathews, Academic Officer, Quality Assurance Cell, Konna Ramji, Vice-Chancellor, K. Raghu Babu, Registrar, Dr. Sujatha, IQAC coordinator, and all the faculty members of Dr.B.R. Ambedkar University was participated in the webinar. The webinar was organized in Zoom Platform.

The session initially started with the opening remarks and welcome address of the Vice-Chancellor Konna Ramji, followed by the message of K. Raghu Babu, Registrar of Yogi Vemana University. Dr. Sujatha, IQAC Coordinator of Yogi Vemana University presented the status of preparation for Self Study Report preparation and other Quality initiatives of the University.

Technical session -1

Topic: Review of Progress Planning of activities for NAAC Accreditation and Qualitative Metrics

Prof. K. Rama Mohana Rao, Vice-Chairman, APSCHE stressed the need for accreditation by all the higher education institutions in the state. He stated that APSCHE is committed to support all the Universities and colleges in the state for quality enhancement, assessment and accreditation processes. Referring to the dynamic changes taking place in the social,
economical, technological and educational sectors, he called for new initiatives in curriculum, teaching and learning processes, use of technology in educating students, evaluation methodologies and utilizing all the available resources for generating highest possible value.

The session is focused on the NAAC Assessment Criteria followed to get NAAC ranks to their University and their affiliated colleges. He explained the importance of quality and the methods to be adopted to enhance quality in Colleges. The principle quoting *Write what you do and Do what you write* is explained with live examples. He explained the need for accreditation and the myths prevailing for the readiness for NAAC accreditation. He highlighted upon the changes introduced in the revised accreditation framework.

He also elaborated on the guidelines to judge the dimensions of quality education for the holistic development of the students who are the main stake holders. He insisted the managements to create awareness on quality enhancement with comprehensive plans and objectives. Finally, he concluded that with quality education one can face fast emerging global challenges.

The officers and faculty members of the University presented the activities of the University which comes under Qualitative metrics and sought some clarifications on Quality parameters and suggestions for further improvement. The Vice-Chairman of APSCHE Prof. K. Rama Mohana Rao clarified all the issues raised by the participants and suggested certain development in key areas.

**Technical Session-II**

**Topic: Interactive Session on Quantitative Metrics**

Srirangam Mathew, Academic Officer, APSCHE started the session saying *changing the face can change nothing but “facing the change can change everything*. He explained the importance of NAAC process which is based on global quality assurance practices and norms as well as good practices of APQN and INQAAHE. He also elaborated on the revised assessment and accreditation framework that represents an explicit paradigm shift making it ICT enabled, objective, transparent. The shift is from qualitative to data based quantitative indicator evaluation, peer judgement with increased objectivity. He emphasized on the criteria to serve as basis for assessment of HEI like Curricular aspects, teaching learning and evaluation, research, innovation & Extension Infrastructure and learning resources, student support and progression, governance, leadership & management institutional values, best
practices and key indicators like innovation ecosystem, alumni engagement, institutional values and social responsibilities.

Further he explained on innovative teaching approaches and its impact on student learning. He also focused on how to motivate faculty to engage in academia and applied research, use the funds for departmental development, promote publication in referred journals, encourage IPR related activities, industry linkages & collaborations, developing competencies for consultancy, promoting digital & e-library.

He also provided guidelines on start up programs, integrated library management system, infrastructure and learning resources, guidance for competitive exams, career counselling, soft skills development, remedial coaching, language lab, bridge courses, yoga and meditation, chapters, anti ragging, career guidance, placement services, facilitating, educational loans. Finally he highlighted on NAAC/IQAC benefits which helps in identifying internal areas of planning and resource allocation, initiates institution into innovative and modern methods of pedagogy, provides the society with reliable into on the quality of education offered by the institution and promotes intra-institutional and inter institutional interactions.

The participants discussed the difficulties in generating evidences for the activities undertaken and get clarification on various Quantitative parameters.

The officers of the University informed that they are making efforts to submit Self-Study Report by October and complete NAAC accreditation process by December 2020.
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