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IQAC jointly with Innovation Council and Incubation Center, University of Mumbai
One Day Workshop on
'NAAC A & A PROCESS- IPR & BEST PRACTICES'
4th January 2020
REPORT

Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Adarsh College had organized One Day Workshop on 'NAAC A & A PROCESS- IPR & BEST PRACTICES' in association with Innovation Council and Incubation Center, University of Mumbai on Saturday the 4th January 2020. The workshop aimed at understanding the assessment and accreditation process in new NAAC evaluation systems, to know the important and key factors for NAAC accreditation and reaccreditation process, to acquaint with the concept of Intellectual Property Rights and to improve innovative best practices for the colleges. The well-known resource persons were invited. 38 delegates from various colleges attended the workshop.

Inaugural Session:

The workshop was inaugurated at the hands of Dr. Samir Kulkarni, Director, Innovation, Incubation and Linkages, University of Mumbai.

Dr. Devender Kawday, Dy. Advisor, NAAC was the Guest of Honour and the session was chaired by Mr. Uday Kelkar, Chairman College Governing Council. In her introductory speech Principal Dr. Vaidehi Daptardar explained the aims and need of such workshop to understand changes in NAAC assessment and accreditation process. In her words, 'From less to full knowledge and to avoid the problems'. She put emphasis on the colleges should prepare their students for the future challenges.

Dr. Sangeeta Pande compeered the program.

Technical Session I:

The resource person for the first technical session was Dr. Devender Kawday, Dy. Advisor, NAAC, Bengaluru. He talked on 'NAAC A & A Process: Imperatives'. Dr. Kawday appreciated clean and green campus of Adarsh College and also the leadership quality of Principal. He also recognized the working abilities of teaching and non teaching staff. At the beginning of his talk, Dr. Devender Kawday ensured the participants that it would be interactive and motivating session. He, in his presentation, mentioned that NAAC is making efforts for upgrading the quality of Higher Education. We need to identify the stakeholders of the HEI's and increase their involvement in the process of enhancing the quality of education provided. He spoke at length about the accreditation criteria of NAAC and the weightage given to each of the criterion. Dr. Kawday also enunciated the philosophical aspect of the

NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Process. Higher Education should not only provides knowledge and information to the learners but also contribute to character building. Learners must develop clear visualization of goals and correspondence of feelings. Emotional Intelligence believes in matching the energy, frequency and vibration of the learner and the facilitator to achieve completion of learning.

Dr. Kawday talked about the new amendments in the assessment process. The new process demands transparency from the institution. The weightage of the Students Satisfaction Survey has been increased vide direct link to the Survey. Innovations and Best Practices by the HEIs, efforts undertaken to make the campus Eco-friendly and create positive ecosystems, the engagement of alumni in the overall development of HEIs, Value inculcation amongst learners and institutional distinctiveness is emphasized upon in the new clauses. He gave detailed information regarding the procedure of accreditation.

He expressed that the emotional quotient and values like patience and curiosity among learners are more important than intelligence quotient alone.

Technical Session II:

Dr. Samir Kulkarni, Director Innovation, Incubation and Linkages, University of Mumbai delivered his address on 'Innovation: From passion to profession' in the second technical session of the workshop.

Dr. Kulkarni spoke on the importance of Innovation. He highlighted key-points of why Innovation necessary? He said Innovation is important for Value Creation, to make things better, to be sold and for Creation of Jobs. He mentioned that ideas for innovation may come from any source. He gave various examples of innovation in modern communication systems and industry to mark his point. One needs to think laterally for innovation. Quality is an important aspect of innovation.

Innovation can be in the process, product or in the way business is conducted. HEI's need to think about different ideas, resources and stakeholders for innovation.

Dr. Samir Kulkarni, in his presentation, empathetically put that passion, vision, dedication, patience and social awareness are the drives for innovation. The key stakeholders of innovation are the Academia, Industry and Government. The HEIs must publicize their Start-Up policy on the website. He appealed to the colleges to start an Incubation Cell and assured that the University of Mumbai will extend all the necessary support to the affiliated colleges for the same.

The second technical session was compeered by Mr. Mandar Thakur.

Technical Session III:

Dr. Dini Menon, Professor at RTM University, Nagpur, spoke about Best Practices of HEIs in the accreditation and assessment process of NAAC.

She pointed out that the colleges striving for best results should minimize risk and focus on adding values to the institute and stakeholders. The institutions must develop Best Practices for Modern Teaching, Inclusive Education, Outcome-based Education and Skill development. She gave example of small training courses on ICT which will teach the learners to write an email, fill an excel sheet, etc. and soft skills. The institution could undertake social outreach activities like Plastic Waste Management and become part of Swaccha Bharat. Plantation and protection of trees, opening ICT training booths, extending Earn and Learn facilities, Mentoring of deprived learners, formation of various clubs like sports club and green club, developing herbal garden, etc.

Dr. Menon gave the format of documenting the Institutional Best Practices with the Title, Objectives, Content, Description, Evidences of Success, Problems faced and any other notes, if necessary.

Valedictory Session:

The chief guest for the Valedictory session was Dr. Mahesh Joshi, Principal, Chetana College, Bandra, Mumbai.

In this session, the participants were encouraged to express their view about the workshop. Two participants volunteered and complimented the College on the success of the workshop. They also mentioned that the workshop had provided them with new insights to the accreditation and assessment process of NAAC.

DR. Mahesh Joshi spoke about the importance of documentation in the assessment process. He said that HEIs undertake many activities for the learners as well as for the society. But many of the activities remain undocumented. This should change if the institutions want to increase their score in the NAAC accreditation process.

Mr. MandarParanjape compeered third technical and the valedictory session.
