#### **National Workshop**

### "NEP & Accreditation of HEIs: The Way Forward"

SLC (University of Delhi) Shyam Lal College in collaboration with NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) organized a national workshop on "NEP & Accreditation of HEIs: The Way Forward" on 31 March, 2022. 100 Delegates from 15 colleges and two universities participated in the deliberations held over the two sessions of the workshop held at Multi-Purpose Hall of SLC.

Renowned educationist Prof. S C Sharma, Director, NAAC, Prof. K K Aggarwal, Chairperson, NBA, Dr. Balram Pani, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi, Dr. Leena Gahane, Deputy Advisor, NAAC & NAAC team and Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, Principal, SLC addressed the participants at the workshop.

The workshop was formally inaugurated with the welcome remark by Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, Principal, SLC after the traditional ceremony of lighting up of lamps and Goddess Saraswati Vandana performed by SLC's student. Prof. Kar welcomed the guests and delegates and thanked them for gracing the occasion despite of their extremely busy schedule. He noted that the workshop is more pertinent as colleges in Delhi University are entering into the second cycle of accreditation and the stakeholders of these institutes have a lot of queries in relation the assessment of HEIs. This also becomes important as NEP, 2020 is being implemented in DU in a full-fledged manner. He concluded his welcome remarks saying that the NEP endeavors to ensure accessibility, accountability and accreditation of the educational institutions across the country.

Prof. S. C. Sharma, Director, NAAC congratulated Shyam Lal College for organizing this national workshop for the benefit of colleges and universities. NAAC Chief said that the vision and mission of the institute or college is to be realized through various innovative programmes and actions carried forward by the concerned institute. Learning outcomes and programme outcomes are to be calibrated regularly by the stakeholders responsible for the institutes' administration. He also laid emphasis on improving the overall quality of educational scenario keeping the spirit of NEP, 2020 into consideration. NEP, 2020 envisions of introducing

multidisciplinary courses and also aims at enhancing accessibility, equity and excellence through the means of education. To realize its enshrined objectives, it also offers autonomy to educational institutions by giving them the space of restructuring. Restructuring entails accountability as space is provided for developing institutional leadership, freedom of starting new and innovative courses etc. In this backdrop, he said, the role of NAAC in terms of assessment and accreditation of the educational institutes is going to be more crucial in the days to come.

Prof. Balram Pani remained present at the workshop as the Guest of Honor. He remarked that NEP, 2020 has many landmark objectives enshrined in it. Their implementation in their letter and spirit will augur well with nation and society as a whole and the responsibility lies on the shoulders of stakeholders, such as administrative leaders and teachers, at the educational institutes. Multiple entry and exits points as provided in the NEP, 2020 will prove a boon to the students. Innovative programmes that aim to develop students' personality to the fullest and skill development programmes have acquired significant place in the NEP. He also noted that the NAAC will have to be little more flexible in relation to certain metrics that have been provided for in the guidelines of NAAC for the assessment of the institutes such as hostel facilities and faculty recruitment as they are at times out of these institutes' mandate and capacity.

Dr. Leena Gahane, Deputy Advisor of NAAC, Bangalore guided the participants as the resource person on various NAAC parameters to grade institutes. Dr. Gahane observed that NEP, 2020 lays significant emphasis on bringing Indian knowledge traditions, values and ethos to be inculcated among our young learners. Making India a world leader in terms of production and dissemination of indo-centric knowledge at world level happens to be the spirit of NEP, 2020. In India, she said, education was not merely a means of earning bread and butter but we sought emancipation through it...'सा विद्या या विमुक्तये'. Realizing these goals in the NEP, 2020 happens to be the responsibility of the HEIs.

In terms of accreditation she said, all parameters have been uploaded on the NAAC website. Any query can be replied to within 24 hours through IMS. Uploaded manuals can also be referred to in this regard. Preparing for assessment and accreditation is a round the clock process therefore the eleventh hour hurrying up should be avoided in order to fare well in the assessment. She

concluded her address by laying emphasis on certain important tasks to be carried forward by HEIs (Higher Educational Institutes) such curriculum development, teaching and learning, research and innovation, support and progression of students and teachers, alumni engagement, institutional vision and leadership and institutional values and best practices.

Noted educationist Prof. K K Agarwal, Chairman, NBA in his valedictory address said that NEP, 2020 has many path breaking provisions to bring in real time change that we need the most in our institutes of higher learning at present. But, he further noted that, the provisions are just guiding principles and not panacea for many issues that are plaguing our educational scenario. To get ourselves out of them, he said, we need genuine autonomy to the institutes not the one that remains for the name sake. HEIs must not be afraid of going ahead with their quality assessment because such a process only will give them the chance to improve themselves constantly. Quality based education should become the norm in HEIs so that they can produce students and learns that are equipped enough to face the challenges of our time. He also noted that accreditation is the new norm of educational system and nobody can escape from it. Objectives such as multi-disciplinarity, innovativeness and formalization of the courses and activities that were so far considered as extra-curricular will prove important to enhance knowledge, attitude and behavior of our students. In this backdrop, he said, the responsibility of HEIs in terms of their accreditation has gone up but it will also offer the opportunity to improve constantly.

Prof. Kusha Tiwari, Convener, IQAC, SLC offered formal vote of thanks to the Guests and participants and the workshop was concluded with national anthem.



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Thursday, March 31, 2022, Time: 10:30 am onwards



#### Chief Guest:

Prof. S.C. Sharma Director, NAAC

Valedictory Address

Prof. K.K. Aggarwal Chairperson, NBA





Resource Person

**Dr. Leena Gahane** Deputy Adviser, NAAC & NAAC Team

Sessions of the Workshop shall be conducted by the NAAC Team

Prof. Kusha Tiwari Convenor, IQAC Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar Principal, SLC

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