

REPORT

On

“NAAC AWARENESS PROGRAMME”

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As the time draws near for the Central Sanskrit University to initiate the process of its assessment and grading by NAAC – National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bengaluru -, a need was felt that the staff and students should be made aware of the significance of the whole process, so that everybody puts in his/her best effort and the university gets the recognition it really deserves. With that in mind, the university authorities, under the sagacious and far-sighted guidance of Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Shrinivas Varakhedi ji, arranged a lecture by Shri Devender Shankarrao Kawday, Advisor, NAAC, Bengaluru, under the “NAAC Awareness Programme” at Shri Ranbir Campus, Jammu. It was also thought prudent to invite Prof. Dini Menon, Professor, Department of Commerce and Business Management, Hislop College, Nagpur, to deliver a lecture on “Best Practices for Quality Enhancement in HEI (Higher Education Institutions)” in the same programme. Prof. Sudesh Kumar Sharma, Director, IQAC, CSU, New Delhi was made the convenor of the programme to oversee the visit and lecture arrangements as well as logistics for the whole exercise. The undersigned was assigned the responsibility for the smooth conduct of the programme and the visit at the Shri Ranbir Campus, Jammu.



Guests being accorded ceremonial welcome at Shri Ranbir Campus, Jammu

The guests were accorded a ceremonial welcome by the B.Ed. students who had lined up on both sides of the arrival gate of the campus. Prof. Manoj Kumar Mishra, Director (I/c), Jammu Campus garlanded Dr. Devender Shankarrao Kawday and Prof. Sudesh Kumar Sharma, while Dr. Shubhashri Dash of Department of Education, garlanded Prof. Dini Menon. Chanting *Vedic mantras*, students and faculty of the Veda Department, applied tilak on the foreheads of the visiting dignitaries. Other faculty members were also present on the occasion.





Dignitaries on the Stage

(From left) Prof. Satish Kumar Kapoor, Prof. Sudesh Kumar Sharma, Prof. Manoj Kumar Mishra, Dr. Devender Kawday, Prof. Dini Menon

After initial discussions at the Director's chamber, the dignitaries proceeded to the Vani Vilas Auditorium at the campus, where students and teachers of the campus were assembled in large numbers.

After lighting the ceremonial lamp and offering flowers at the picture of Mata Saraswati – the Goddess of Learning -, all the three guests, namely, Dr. Devender Shankarrao Kawday, Prof. Dini Menon, and Prof. Sudesh Kumar Sharma, took their seats at the auditorium stage. Also sitting on the stage were Prof. Manoj Kumar Mishra, Director (I/c), Prof. Satish Kumar Kapoor, Co-ordinator, Campus IQAC, and Sharat Chander Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Modern Subjects, and Head, Department of English, who also conducted the programme.



At the very outset, Sharat Chander Sharma introduced and welcomed the Guests one by one and Director (I/c) Prof. Manoj Kumar Mishra and Co-ordinator, Campus IQAC, Prof. Satish Kumar Kapoor felicitated them.



This was followed Prof. Dini Menon's lecture on "Best Practices for Quality Enhancement in HEI's". With the help of a Power Point Presentation, she explained in detail, the concept of Best Practices in an Institution catering to Higher Education in the context of National Educational Policy. Effectively targeted at the students as well as the faculty, the lecture was interesting as well as informative. The audience was impressed by her way of presenting and discussing the various aspects of the topic.

As per his previously expressed desire, Dr. Devender S. Kawday, accompanied by the undersigned and a couple of staff members, went around the campus and visited the class-rooms, smart class-rooms, staff-rooms, HoD's rooms, canteen, Planetarium, office, etc, while the lecture at the auditorium was in progress. He also enquired about the teachers present at the campus and the facilities available at the campus.



After the tour of the campus, he re-joined the proceedings in the auditorium. In his lecture on Awareness about NAAC, he began with expressing his satisfaction with the infrastructure available at

the campus. He also appreciated the floral rangoli designs made by the students under the guidance of Dr. Shubhashri Dass. Coming down from the stage to be closer to the audience, Dr. Kawday, using cordless microphone and Ppt Presentation on the big screen, described the National Assessment and Accreditation Council – NAAC, headquartered at Bengaluru, and its functioning. He said that NAAC is instrumental in improving the quality of education provided by the Higher Education Institutions. Vying for higher and higher grades from the NAAC, 8000 universities and 60000 colleges all across the country have been continually upgrading the number and quality of the educational amenities provided to the students by them.



Using sayings like ‘A place for everything and everything in its place’, Dr. Kawday energised the students and the staff alike into putting their full energy potential into building India into an educational superhub. He said we should get out of the mindset which says that let others bother about improvement in education, it is none of my business. The fact of the matter is that improving the standard of education is everybody’s business; by improving education, we improve the stuff the nation is made of, i.e. its citizens.

He also discussed point-wise the various Criteria in the NAAC SSR.



Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Sudesh Kumar Sharma said that NAAC is doing a wonderful job and in the present times, everything in the University depends on the Grade we get from the NAAC. So, we

are fortunate that Dr. Devender Kawday, one of the top luminaries at NAAC, has been kind enough to guide us how we can improve the quality parameters of our university.



In his presidential address, Prof. Manoj Kumar Mishra rued the fact that the more we try to improve our education, the more we find it floundering. He expressed the hope that Central Sanskrit University will come up as a leading educational institution, not only in the country, but also in the world.



Prof. Satish Kumar Kapoor, Co-ordinator, Campus IQAC, presented the vote of thanks.

The programme concluded with a choral recitation of the Shanti Patha.

The programme was conducted by Sharat Chander Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Modern Subjects. The whole programme was recorded live on Google Meet.

After the conclusion of the programme, the dignitaries highly appreciated the faculty and the staff who were responsible for making the programme a resounding success. Dr. Kawday said that some method should be devised to reflect the wonderful hospitality and managerial skills of the staff in the best practices of the SSR.

To conclude, it can be safely said that all the stakeholders, including the visiting dignitaries, were satisfied with outcome of the programme.