

Best Practices:

2. Mentoring NAAC Accreditation Aspirant Institutions under PARAMARSH Scheme of UGC:

Objectives:

- To enhance the overall quality of the mentee institutions.
- To strengthen the profile of institutions as a result of improved quality of research, teaching and learning methodologies.
- To train the faculty for proper processes, documentation and presentation.
- To equip the institutions to get accredited by NAAC.

Context:

In the context of improving the global ranking and enhancing the quality of higher education institutions in India, the UGC initiated the scheme of Paramarsh in 2019. By bagging coveted A Grade with CGPA of 3.31 from NAAC during III Cycle and being recognized under 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act of 1956, our college has been considered as a well performing accredited institution. Therefore, it was felt that it is our duty to provide necessary support and expertise to a few accreditation aspirant institutions in the region through the scheme of Paramarsh. This initiative helps in mentoring the aspiring non accredited institutions to go through the process of accreditation and get NAAC accreditation with a minimum score of 2.5 by 2022.

The Practice:

Being recognized as a Mentor Institution by UGC in 2019, we initiated the process of mentoring non accredited institutions by signing an MoU with six colleges which aspire to be accredited by NAAC. The chosen institutions are: 1. Shree Sharada Womens College, Sullia 2. Carmel College, Modankaup 3. Govt. First Grade College, Belandoor 4. Sri Bharathi College, Nanthoor, Mangalore 5. Hira Womens College, Mangalore 6. Govt. First Grade College, B.C. Road. The frequent meetings, workshops, seminars and training programmes on NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Process are a part of this initiative. The focus of this initiative is to train the NAAC Coordinator and Criteria Coordinators of Mentee Institutions regarding the preparation of Self Study Report for NAAC Assessment and Accreditation.

Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them:

Although the initiative will fetch long term benefits to the non accredited institutions, initially some of the mentee institutions which feel constrained in many ways owing to a number of extraneous factors, did not take enough interest as they thought that they would not be able to live up to the expectations of the accrediting agency. But the sustained efforts of the institution to impress upon the mentee institutions the necessity of getting accredited by NAAC yielded in terms of participation by all.

Impact of the Practice:

Our institution has succeeded in instilling a sense of confidence among the mentee institutions to face the stiff competitions posed by the accredited institutions in the locality. They are now very well aware of the long term benefits that a NAAC good grade will fetch them in future. Resources Required: The resources required for this purpose has been met out of the grant sanctioned by UGC under the scheme of Paramarsh.