

NAAC – 2016

Vision and Mission of NAAC

Vision

The vision of NAAC is to make quality the functional element of higher education in India through a combination of self and external quality evaluation, promotion and sustenance initiatives.

Mission

The missions of NAAC are -

- To arrange for periodic assessment and accreditation of institutions of higher education or units thereof, or specific academic programmes or projects;
- To stimulate the academic environment for promotion of quality of teaching-learning and research in higher education institutions;
- To encourage self-evaluation, accountability, autonomy and innovations in higher education;
- To undertake quality-related research studies, consultancy and training programmes, and
- To collaborate with other stakeholders of higher education for quality evaluation, promotion and sustenance.

Guided by its vision and striving to achieve its mission, the NAAC primarily assesses the quality of institutions of higher education that volunteer for the process, through an internationally accepted methodology.

The colleges and universities, assessed by NAAC at regular intervals, receive accreditation. Education plays a vital role in the development of any nation. Therefore, there is a premium on both quantity (increased access) and quality (relevance and excellence of academic programmes offered) of higher education. The NAAC has been set up to facilitate the volunteering institutions to assess their performance vis-a-vis set parameters through introspection and a process that provides space for participation of the institution.

Accreditation by NAAC facilitates -

- institution to know its strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities through an informed review process.
- identification of internal areas of planning and resource allocation
- collegiality on the campus.
- funding agencies look for objective data for performance funding.
- institutions to initiate innovative and modern methods of pedagogy.
- new sense of direction and identity for institutions.
- the society look for reliable information on quality education offered.
- employers look for reliable information on the quality of education offered to the prospective recruits.
- intra and inter-institutional interactions.

A Report from the Steering Committee Convenor

It is a great pleasure for the College to present itself for assessment and accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council. The College has undertaken this great journey according to the guidelines prescribed by NAAC through a Steering Committee constituted by the faculty and non-teaching members of the Institute. Dr. Arunima Biswas was given the responsibility of acting as the Co-ordinator of NAAC Steering Committee of Raidighi College by Principal Dr. Sasabindu Jana on July 2015.

The other members of the committee are:

As the first step of preparation for NAAC visit, Dr. Jana (Principal), Dr. Biswas, Dr. Sisir Chatterjee (IQAC Convenor), and Prof. Uttam Roy Mandal participated in a workshop on 'NAAC Assessment and Accreditation : Implementation at the Institution level' organized by IQAC, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal, on 14th July, 2015. This workshop was a very enriching experience for them and they shared this experience with the other committee members. Then began months of meetings,

discussions, research and data compilation for the purpose of preparing the Self Study Report of the college. All the teaching and non-teaching staff helped Dr. Biswas and the NAAC committee to complete the SSR in time for submission by Dec. 2015 (deadline set by NAAC). The SSR was finally submitted on Dec. 30, 2015. This was followed by the submission of Letter of Intent (LOI) which could be done only after uploading the Self-study Report (SSR) on the institutional website www.raidighicollege.in. Next, the Institutional Eligibility for Quality Assessment (IEQA) was submitted on 12th February, 2016 and was accepted. Then it was time to send hard copies of the SSR and the AISHE information to the NAAC Office at Bangalore. By this time, all the students and staff were highly motivated and enthused and to encourage further active participation from all sections, the IQAC and NAAC Steering Committee organised 'NAAC oriented Workshop and Interactive Seminar' on 19th February, 2016; invitations were sent to nearby colleges as well. The program was a huge success with eminent speakers like Prof. Dr. Satyabrata Sahoo (Principal, Dhruva Chand Halder College), Prof. Chandra Bhusan Roy, (NAAC Committee member, Dept. of History, Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission), Dr. Sharmila Mitra (Teacher-in-Charge, Behala College), Dr. Konika Chatterjee (Director, IQAC, University of Calcutta), gracing the occasion.

The NAAC Peer Team Visit dates have been fixed at 26th-28th September, 2016, and all the stakeholders are putting in their best effort to make this visit a grand success and to win the highest accreditation status for Raidighi College. In this regard, cooperation, suggestion and assistance from all the stakeholders are gratefully acknowledged. The constant support of the University Grants Commission, the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, and University of Calcutta is also duly acknowledged. This journey has provided the college with the opportunity of measuring the magnitude of its strength, efficiency and effectiveness and also to realize the weaknesses and shortcomings. We hope to evolve as a better Institution at the end of this journey.

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