**KARNATAK UNIVERSITY, DHARWAD**

**INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)**

**A report on the proceedings of the Workshop on “Preparing for NAAC-2021” to the Chairpersons of Departments of Academic Department, 25-9-2020**

The workshop was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Vishwanath, who underlined the need for collective efforts to reach high grading in the next cycle of reaccreditation due in December 2021.

 It was followed by a detailed presentation by the Director, covering the following themes:

1. Need to target and work for obtaining A+ rating.
2. The revised accreditation framework that focuses on data-based build-up, documentation and compliance to all clarification sought by NAAC.
3. Conducting 360-degree evaluation/feedback of the curriculum, teaching, learning processes and student support services and amenities.
4. Action points relating to individual component and key indicators; and
5. IQAC timeline and plan of action.

After the presentation, the Chairpersons raised the many issues. Based on the discussion, the following decisions were made:

1. Convening a meeting of CODs along with the officials of the University to discuss various administrative and academic problems.
2. An orientation programme for teachers about the NAAC. Process and also for bringing about co-ordinated efforts in building up the data base as well as maintaining overall cordiality in the department.
3. Provision of minimum and proficient office staff is clerk, computer operator and equipment computer, scanner and printers to begin the digitization process.
4. Strengthen the website make it more dynamic and ensure each dept./section and teachers be given access to upload and edit their personal data.
5. A teacher should be nominated as ‘NAAC Co-ordinator’ in each department as the main contact/reference point for all aspects related to NAAC information.
6. As a matter of good practice, declare weekly ‘Khadi Day’ so that all the teachers and administrative staff wear khadi garments on that day. Even during convocations also wearing khadi cloth may be encouraged.
7. Focusing on maintenance/improvement of physical amenities in the departments- drinking water, washrooms (ladies and gents), study rooms etc. for the benefit of the students.
8. Strengthening of classroom ICT infrastructure for engaging in online teaching.
9. Reviewing/Revising all policies and guidelines that have bearing on research activities.
10. Procurement of software, especially the plagiarism software.

The Director assured that there will be placed before the relevant authorities and efforts made to initiate suitable actions. Chairpersons and Representatives from 48 academic department/section participated in the Workshop. The Workshop ended with the Director thanking every one for making the Workshop successful.