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**Abstract:**

NAAC is very important and play a critical role in improving quality of higher education institution. The growth of nation ultimately based on the quality of education offering by institutions. In India higher education sector need for bringing qualitative important. As point new education policy there must be improve our education systems to upgrade skill & knowledge to comfit gable education in the world so NAAC medium or platform to control and enhance quality education in campus-

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**Introduction:**

The Government must take initiative for better quality or enhance the quality. Higher education plays a remarkable role in the progress of the society and development of the economy and its central is to Impact create and disseminate knowledge, faster creativity and critical thinking. Education system in India transform from Grukuls in to school, colleges and universities. The best human resources can be produced by providing quality education. Quality education is very important. There is a need of improvement in quality education as we are completing globally. The higher education is to be the best on both quality and quantity. There has been a great increase in the number of Universities and colleges in India. With the mushroom growth of higher Educational Institutions'. Quality decreases. To check and assess the quality of these Institutions' an autonomous and independent organisation. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) was established on 16 Sep. 1994 by the University Grant Commission of India.

**What is NAAC Accreditation?**

NAAC certification is a measure to evaluate and guarantee a standard of education provided in higher education's institutions across the nation. The University Grant Commission (UGC) has issued a decree stipulating that every University and faculty must get certification by the council called NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council). Institutions with NAAC accreditation fall under the category of Institutions that offer quality education to students.

**Purpose of NAAC Accreditation**

Institutions that aim to maximize the student learning outcomes by ensuring the best practices must try to attain NAAC accreditation. The main purpose of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) for conducting accreditation in colleges, Higher education institutes in colleges, Higher education institutes is to create understanding about the status of education quality among the institutes to check if they are eligible to apply for NAAC accreditation. The role of NAAC accreditation is to bring the best every institution and help institutions grow across research, innovation, student success, governance and more.

**Governance of NAAC: NAAC – Vision and Mission:**

The NAAC works through it General Council (GC) and Executive Committee (EC). Educational administrators, Policy makers and Senior academicians from a cross section of the system of higher education are represented in General Council and Executive Committee. The president of the General Council of NAAC is the chairperson of UGC and the chairperson of Executive Committee is an eminent academician. The Executive Officer of NAAC is the Director who is its academic and administrative head and it's the member secretary of both General Council and Executive Council. The statutory bodies direct the policies of NAAC. In addition to statutory bodies, it also has many advisory and consultative committees.

**NAAC – Vision and Mission:****Vision:**

To make quality defining element of higher education in India through a combination of self and external quality evolution, promotion and sustenance initiatives.

**Mission:**

- 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, autonomous in higher education.
- To undertake quality related research studies, consultancy and training programmes and
- To collaborate with other stake holders of higher education for quality evaluation, promotion and sustenance.

With its vision and to achieve its mission the NAAC assesses the quality of institution of higher education.

To guide its practices in the facets of higher education. All activities are supported by core staff and consultants and it receives assistance from external persons from across the country who are not full time members of NAAC.

### NAAC Accreditation Process:

Higher Education Institution from two consequent batches have been graduated or who are in existence for last six years which is earlier are considered eligible to apply for NAAC accreditation and assessment or fulfil the other conditions.

The process for NAAC accreditation is not very complex. It has seven parameter criteria are used to assess the quality of higher education institution with different weightages assigned to these criteria under different key indicators based on functioning and have organisational focus.

#### The seven criteria are as follows:

- Curricular Aspects
- Teaching – Learning & Evaluation
- Research, Innovation & Extension
- Infrastructure & Learning Resources
- Student Support & Progression
- Governance, Leadership & Management
- Institution Values & Best Practices
- The Assessment Outcomes

### The seven criteria Image

There are two outcomes of Assessment & Accreditation. The quality part and the quantitative part would result in Cumulative Grade Point Average, a letter grade and a performance descriptor. Institutions which secure a CGPA equal to or less than 1.50 will be intimated and notified by the NAAC as assessed and found not qualified for accreditation. The accreditation status is valid for five years from the date of approval by the Executive Committee of the NAAC.

### Importance of NAAC Accreditation for students & HEIS:

NAAC accreditation identifies the quality of the institution in terms of its education, research, faculty, infrastructure etc. and giving students confidence that they are selecting a quality institution. It gives an institute instant credibility and increases its admissions.

### Challenges faced by Institution:

Many challenges are being faced by Universities/Colleges for obtaining NAAC accreditation in submission of online SSR as well as submitting all documents. Some major ones

- Maintaining the Balance
- NAAC requires all the proof whether it is manual or automated
- Challenges on the Administration level

Once these challenges are defeated NAAC can be called a very influential and great step in the long run.

### Conclusion:

The ultimate growth and development of nation is based on the quality of Higher Education which is offering. The NAAC plays a vital role in improving the quality of Educational Institutions. NAAC insists for the quality and excellence in its vision of every higher education institution and advocates the best practices and benchmarking approach for quality enhancement in Higher Education. So, NAAC acts as a stimulator for the institution planning to acquire Internal Accreditation.

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