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Workshop on New Format of NAAC Accreditation of Universities and NIRF related issues

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RONO HILLS, Apr 20: A workshop on 'New NAAC process for assessment and accreditation of universities and NIRF related issues' was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here on Thursday.

Prof Niranjan Roy from Bangalore-based National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) spoke on the revised assessment and accreditation framework of the NAAC. He informed that a new framework was launched in July 2017, "and since then, there had been a paradigm shift, making the assessment and accreditation processes more ICT-enabled, objective-oriented and transparent."

He dwelt on the introduction of the element of third-party validation for data validation and verification.

"A few key indicators which have been recently introduced by the NAAC are teacher profile and quality, student satisfaction survey, innovation ecosystem, alumni engagement, institutional values, and social responsibilities and institutional distinctiveness," he said.

Earlier, inaugurating the workshop, RGU Vice-Chancellor (in-charge) Prof Sushanta Kumar Nayak expressed optimism that the workshop would set a benchmark for the university fraternity.

"It is high time to retrospect to see the good and grey areas in the whole process of accreditation and assessment itself," he said.

The VC also spoke on the importance of use of ICT and the proactive role of students and alumni of the university.

Registrar In-charge Prof Tomo Riba also spoke.

IQAC Director Prof Amitava Mitra highlighted the NAAC accreditation and NIRF ranking of RGU, and reiterated that RGU as a growing university will have to put more thrust on improving upon its ranking.

Later, in a panel discussion, RGU's ranking aspects and their parameters were presented by IQAC member and Dean of Basic Science and IT, Prof Utpal Bhattacharjee and workshop coordinator Dr Rajesh Chakrabarty.

Issues pertaining to assessment and accreditation of the university and the National Institutional Ranking Framework were addressed and clarified during two brainstorming sessions.

Among others, Social Science Dean Prof SK Singh, Environmental Sciences Dean Prof Nishamani Kar, Languages Dean Prof Harish Kumar Sharma, Principal of Government College, Doimukh, Dr MQ Khan, and Joint Registrar Dr David Pertin participated in the workshop.



Prof. Niranjan Roy, Resource Person from Assam University delivering a lecture on the Workshop



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