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1.1 About the Host Institution

RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY

Rajiv Gandhi University (formerly Arunachal University) is the premier institution for higher education in the state of Arunachal Pradesh and has completed thirty-six years of its existence. Late Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India, laid the foundation stone of the university on 4th February 1984 at Rono Hills, where the present campus is located. Ever since its inception, the university has been trying to achieve excellence and fulfil the objectives as envisaged in the University Act. The University received academic recognition under section 2(f) from the University Grants Commission on 28th March, 1985 and started functioning since 1st April, 1985. It received financial recognition under section 12-B of the UGC on 25th March, 1994. Since then Rajiv Gandhi University then Arunachal University has carved a niche for itself in the educational scenario of the country following its selection as a University with potential for excellence by a high-level expert committee of University Grants Commission from among universities in India. The University was converted into a Central University with effect from 9th April 2007, according to a notification by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

UGC in the XI Plan mandated that all higher educational institutes may establish Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) to maintain the momentum of quality consequences. IQAC was conceived as a mechanism to build and ensure a quality culture at the institutional level. The IQAC also is meant for planning, guiding and maintaining Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Enhancement (QE) activities of the institution. The IQAC is functional with Vice Chancellor as the Chairman, eight senior faculty members, one administrative officer and three external experts.

1.2 About Sponsoring Agency (if any)

NA

1.3 Background: About the Issue

In recent times, NAAC accreditation has become one of the prime parameters for assessing the quality of higher education in universities/institutions in India.

As the vision statement of NAAC states “**to make quality the defining element of higher education in India through a combination of self and external quality evaluation, promotion and sustenance initiatives.**” Indeed, for a university to be termed as world class, the first and foremost criterion is the quality and excellence of its teaching, research and innovation. Cutting-edge teaching and research that constantly pushes the boundaries of knowledge contributes to the development of a knowledge society, but more critically it generates an interest for outstanding faculties and students to gravitate towards a career in teaching and research. This creates a

virtuous spiral of ever-increasing quality and excellence ceaselessly pushing the University to strive towards even higher benchmark.

NAAC accreditation is aimed to foster global competency, inculcate a value system in faculties and students and prepare them for challenges both at the personal as well as at societal level. As I understand a few recent changes have been made in the criteria for NAAC assessment. The CGPA will be calculated based on the scores obtained from the three sources - Generated Scores (SGS) of the quantitative Metrics which comprise about 70% of the total, the scores from the qualitative, critical appraisal by the Peer Team through on site visit and the scores obtained on the Student Satisfaction Survey.

1.4 Specific Objectives

1. To sensitize the stakeholders in the university about the new NAAC format Self Study Report (SSR) for accreditation.
2. To sensitize and devise best way forward to improve the NIRF ranking of the university

1.5 Expected Outcomes

1. The participants will be acquainted aspects of the new format of the NAAC for Self Study Report (SSR) for accreditation.
2. Participants will be motivated to work towards achieving better NIRF ranking.

1.6 Theme and Sub-themes

THEME: New Format of NAAC Accreditation for Universities and NIRF Related Issues

1.7 Resource Person



Niranjana Roy is a Professor & Head of Department of Economics at Assam University, Silchar. He is also serving as Dean, Mahatma Gandhi School of Economics and Commerce of Assam University, Silchar.

Prof. Roy is **Resource person for NAAC, Bengaluru** and has to his credit of assessing more than 30 (Thirty) institutions across the country as Chairman/ Member-Coordinator/Member of the NAAC peer team. He acted as resource person in Assessors Orientation Programme Organized by NAAC at Tezpur University and NEHU in 2017. He was also a member of the committee for revision of IQAC and AQAR guidelines constituted by NAAC, Bengaluru.

He received European Union's **Erasmus Mundus NAMASTE Staff Fellowship** during the year 2015-16.

His research interests include agricultural economics, regional economics social sector issues and quality in higher education. Prof. Roy has published 61 (sixty one) research papers/articles in highly regarded peer-reviewed international and national journals. Till date Prof. Roy has published 10 (ten) books covering various areas of economics.

1.8 Target Audience

- Faculty Members from Colleges and Universities
- Research Scholars
- students

1.9 Budget

Rajiv Gandhi University provided a sum of ₹ 75,000 for paying honorarium, logistical support and refreshments.

2.1 Inaugural Session

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 Niranjana 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.

3.1 Academic Context

Rajiv Gandhi University, despite its geographical and infrastructural disadvantage, has been trying to mark its footprint on the field of higher education through its well-trained faculties. University in the 2nd cycle of NAAC accreditation in 2015 received Grade-B (CGPA 2.40). Since then our efforts to improve the quality have paid dividends in several areas. The University is now at an inflection point and there are several enabling initiatives that can fuel and accelerate the faster growth of the university. To take the university to the next higher level, a sustained focus on excellence and quality is of paramount importance. Furthermore, a balanced synergy between teaching and research has to be exploited to create an atmosphere that produces skilled and competent students for the knowledge manpower needs of the country.

3.2 Research Context

NA

3.3 Policy Making and Practice Context

The outcome of the deliberation would be of extreme value for the university administration to implement the new format of NAAC SSR for its ensuing accreditation.

3.4 Other Implications (if any)

NA

Annexure I: Programme Schedule

Date: **April 19, 2018**

Venue: **AITS Conference Hall, RGU**

09:30 – 10:00 am	Registration
10:00 – 10:05 am	Arrival of Chief Guest & other Dignitaries
10:05 – 10:10 am	University Song
10:10 – 10:20 am	Welcome Address Prof. Tomo Riba Registrar (i/c), Rajiv Gandhi University
10:20 – 10:30 am	Felicitation of the Dignitaries
10:30 – 10:45 am	Introduction: Expectations and Outputs Prof. Amitava Mitra Director, IQAC, Rajiv Gandhi University
10:45 – 11:15 am	Address by Vice-Chancellor in-Charge Prof. Sushanta Kumar Nayak Rajiv Gandhi University
11:15 – 12:00 Noon	<i>Keynote Address</i> Prof. Niranjana Roy Dean, Mahatma Gandhi School of Economics & Commerce, Assam University, Silchar and Resource person of NAAC, Bangalore
12:00 – 12:15 pm	Discussions & Interaction
12:15 – 12:20 pm	Vote of Thanks Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarty Coordinator, IQAC Workshop
12:20 – 12:30 pm	Tea Break
12:30 – 01:30 pm	Moderated Panel Discussion Topic: NIRF Related Issues
01:30 pm	Lunch at University Guest House

Annexure II: Photographs

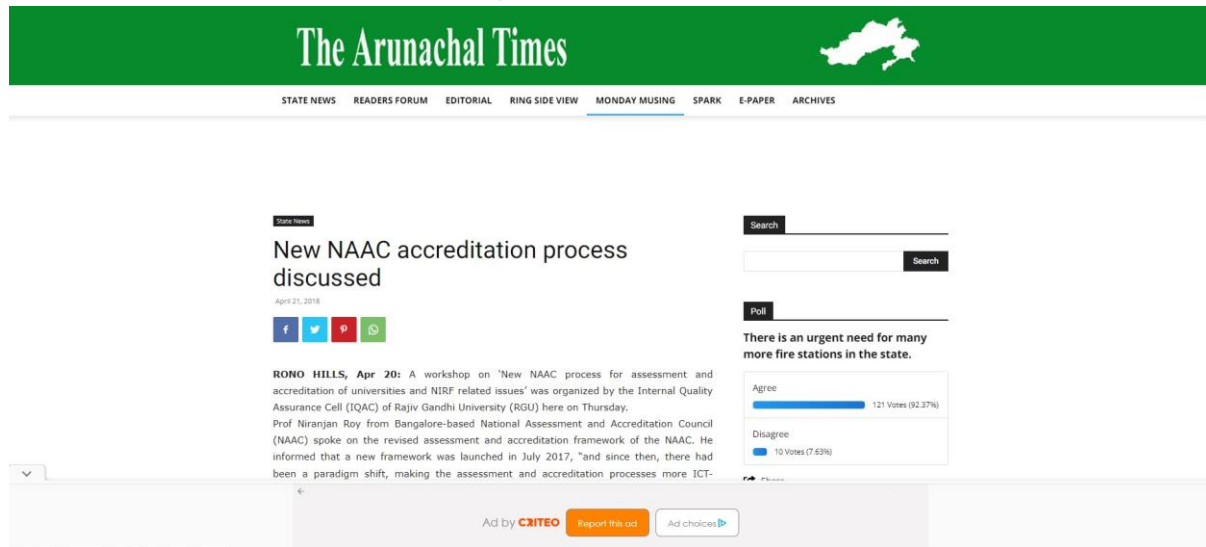


Prof. Amitava Mitra, Director, IQAC highlighted the NAAC accreditation and NIRF ranking of the University

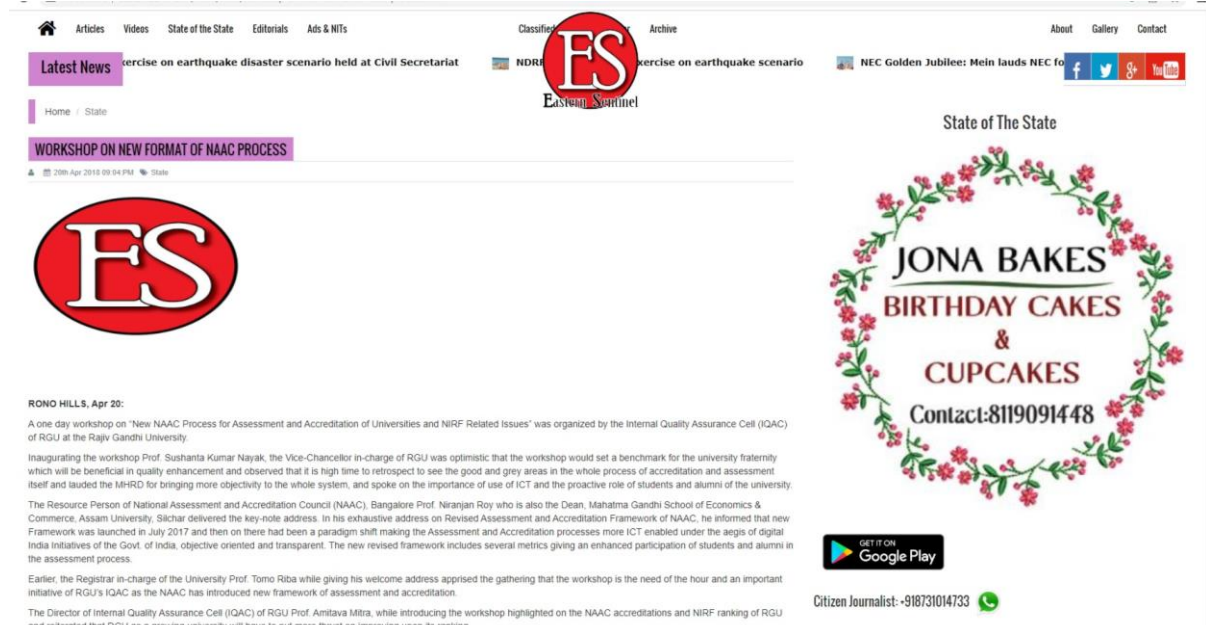


Prof. Niranjana Roy, Resource Person from Assam University delivering a lecture on the Workshop

Annexure III: Media Coverage



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