

## **Report on leadership talk with Prof. KK Aggarwal, Chairman National Board of Accreditation-NBA on 18th April 2020.**

Dr. Abhay Jere, Chief Innovation Officer, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India asked many interesting questions about accreditation of technical institutes, answers of which enriched our knowledge about NBA. Prof. K K Aggarwal briefed why NBA is important for quality education of established institutes.

He emphasized that accreditation is outcome-based process. He also explained difference between AICTE approval and NBA. AICTE approvals are based on inputs given by the institute while NBA is outcome-based process hence it emphasizes more on quality education. He laid great importance on higher education of faculty and good teacher student ratio. He said for tier 1 institutes, at least 30% faculty should be Ph d. and for tier 2 institutes at least 20% faculty should be Ph d.

Prof. K K Aggarwal said that presently 85% of the institutes are not accredited. He emphasized that institutes should prepare themselves for NBA. He clearly said there are not many rejections from NBA body but number of institutes applying are very less. According to him reason is that institutes do not have confidence in doing so.

Responding to one of the questions of Dr. Abhay about the higher expense of accreditation, Prof. Aggarwal explained that only 10% of the total fees is charged for online pre-qualifier test in which main parameters like admission intake, PhD faculty, etc. are checked. Further, they are thinking of reducing accreditation fees.

Answering to a query from Dr. Abhay, Prof. Aggarwal informed that as per guidelines of AICTE, all institutes have to be accredited till 2022. Students from accredited colleges get benefited in getting admission in renowned universities whether Indian or foreign. The students of institute can avail benefits of current accreditation i.e. accreditation from back date is not applicable and benefit the students.

At the last, Prof. Aggarwal explained difference NAAC and NBA based upon 3 points:

- NBA is program based whereas NAAC is institute-based accreditation
- NBA is specifically for AICTE affiliated institutes.
- NBA is Washington Accord agreement for 21 countries

The session was very informative and useful especially for those programs which are in the process of applying for NBA accreditation. It has given an indication that an institute has to adopt NBA accreditation for its survival in the era of strong competition. This is in the mutual benefits of students and the stakeholders.

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