

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

A leadership talk was organised by MHRD, AICTE and IIC on April 18, 2020 at Twitter live platform. Dr. Abhay Jere, Chief Innovation Officer, MHRD Innovation Cell, talked with Professor K.K. Aggarwal, Chairman, National Board of Accreditation (NBA) on the process of NBA in India.

Prof. K K Aggarwal share valuable suggestion and explain why the process of accreditation is critical for students, faculty and the Institutions. According to him NBA is necessary even after the approval of AICTE and UGC and all institutes must go for accreditation by 2022. Accreditation is a process of quality assurance and improvement, whereby a programme in an approved Institution is critically appraised to verify that the Institution or the programme continues to meet and/or exceed the Norms and Standards prescribed by regulator from time to time.

The purpose of the accreditation (Tier I and Tier II) by NBA is to promote and recognize excellence in technical education in colleges and universities - at both the undergraduate and post graduate levels. Institutions, students, Institution and the public at large all are benefited from the external verification of quality provided through the NBA accreditation process. They also benefit from the process of continuous quality improvement that is encouraged by the NBA's developmental approach to promote excellence in technical education. Prof. Aggarwal also explains the fundamental difference between NBA, ISO, etc.

He also added that we are the member of Washington accord which is the consortium 21 countries and all are duty bound, that graduates from NBA Institutes ensures that attributes are imbibe in the graduates of these institutes and same is acceptable to all 21 countries.

According to him acceptance rate for approval is about 90% and rejection rate is about 10% only but the institutes are not confident enough for applying because of lack in various parameters like no. of PhDs, Quality of Project, Placement, Innovations and No of students admitted. In India near about 15% institutes / Programs are accredited.

Need of the hour is to make more and more institutes capable of accreditation and lot of efforts for mentoring is presently on the way from AICTE, UGC and NBA so that they become capable of accreditation because that is in their interest and the interest of all stake holders. The greater need at this moment is to strengthening the mentoring system at all levels because volume of Job that we have to do keeping in view so many colleges is tremendous but we have to take up as this is the only method to take institution forward for accreditation soon hope more than 50% Institutions in India Apply for Accreditation.

Near about 50 faculty members and Approx. 500 students were benefited from today's Twitter live platform from Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology, Rohini, Delhi.

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