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What is NAAC?

- National Assessment and Accreditation Council
- Autonomous body established by UGC to assess and accredit institutions of higher education in the country

WHY ACCREDITATION?

Definition: The act of granting credit or recognition (especially with respect to educational institution that maintains suitable standards)

Education plays a vital role in the development of any nation. Therefore, there is a premium on both quantity (increased access) and quality (relevance and excellence of academic programmes offered) of higher education.

The NAAC has been set up to facilitate the volunteering institutions to assess their performance vis-a-vis set parameters through introspection and a process that provides space for participation of the institution.

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- It is an outcome of the recommendations of the NPE, 1986 which laid special emphasis on upholding the quality of higher education in India

- NAAC was established in 1994 with its headquarters at Bangalore.
- Aim is to make quality the defining element of higher education in India by combination of self and external quality evaluation, promotion and sustenance initiatives.

Mission

- To arrange for periodic assessment and accreditation of institutions of higher education or units thereof, or specific academic programs 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, autonomy and innovations in higher education
- To undertake quality-related research studies, consultancy and training programs
- To collaborate with other stakeholders of higher education for quality evaluation, promotion and sustenance

Idea is that every accredited institution should establish an *Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)* as a post-accreditation quality sustenance measure.

IQAC aims to develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic improvement in the overall performance of institutions

-Manishika

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