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Dear Vice Chancellor,

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The University Grants Commission was established with the aim of coordination and determination of standards of higher education in the country. The Commission had taken various measures to improve the quality of higher education in the country. As a result of these measures, the Commission has initiated the scheme of Universities with Potential with Excellence, Colleges with Potential with Excellence, Special Assistance Programme, Autonomous Colleges, Creating National Facilities and Major and Minor Research Projects for the teachers.

The Commission has also created National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) as an autonomous organisation in 1994 with a aim to assess and accredit Institutions and to grade these Institutions of Higher Education and their programmes, stimulate the academic environment in quality of teaching and research in these Institutions, help Institutions realize their academic objective, promote necessary changes, innovations and reforms in all aspects of the Institutions and finally encourage innovations, self-evaluation and accountability in higher education. The NAAC has so far assessed 122 (to be checked) Universities and 3500 (to be checked) Colleges.

At present the NAAC assessment and accreditation is voluntary. Commission has been deliberating on the issue of making it mandatory. This process also include establishment of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) by each Central and State Universities. This cell will continuously monitors the activities of the concerned Institution and reviews its performance through self-assessment and takes required remedial action on continuous basis.

The Planning Commission while approving the XI Five Year Plan had also deliberated on this important issue and suggested for making the NAAC assessment and accreditation compulsory. The same was also considered by the full Commission in its meeting held in June, 2008 and the Members discussed alternatively ways of operationalising the mandatory accreditation of Universities and Colleges. After detailed discussion, the Commission decided that assessment and accreditation may be made mandatory through Regulations. Accordingly, UGC has appointed an Expert Committee to frame regulations to make the process of assessment and accreditation for Universities and Colleges mandatory.

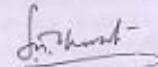
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The Commission has decided to provide financial support to all Universities for creation of Internal Quality Assurance Cell for periodic monitoring of the quality of all Institutions of higher education under the purview of UGC. This exercise would help in mapping of the academic Institution and to present a picture of quality of higher education in the country.

In the interim period, all the Universities and Colleges are advised to start the process of assessment and accreditation by NAAC by preparing their self-assessment report and submission of the same to the NAAC as per the procedure laid down by the NAAC. The affiliated Universities are also requested to bring these instructions to the notice of their affiliated colleges for similar actions. I seek cooperation from all Universities and Colleges in this regard.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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