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Gandhinagar, July 06, 2020: Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), in association with National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), organized a National Webinar on “NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Process.”

Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, Hon’ble Minister for Education, Law & Justice, Government of Gujarat inaugurated the webinar while Smt. Anju Sharma IAS, Principal Secretary, (Higher & Technical Education), Government of Gujarat delivered the keynote address at the webinar.

In his inaugural address, Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama said that skill development is the need of the hour and called upon the higher education institutions in the state to introduce more and more courses designed for the skill development of students based on their socio-economic and cultural set-up. “Enough autonomy shall be provided to institutions to develop and introduce such courses,” he added.

Shri Chudasama further said that we are living in difficult times and the Covid-19 pandemic situation has compelled us to curtail the traditional mode of teaching & learning to a great extent and resort to online education. However, in our country, keeping in mind the interest of students hailing from rural areas, 100% online education is not possible. The blended education system, having the elements of both the physical as well as online education, will be the future of education in the post-COVID era.

Delivering the keynote address, Smt. Anju Sharma said that accreditation plays an important role in the growth journey of an academic institution. Performance and Ranking feed on each other; good performance leads to a good ranking which, in turn, incentivize the institution to achieve a yet higher standard of performance and advised the institutions in the state to enter into this virtuous cycle to constantly upgrade the standard of education.

Earlier, in his welcome address, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said that the assessment and accreditation process of NAAC is a very complex process and guidance from the experts from

NAAC will be immensely useful for the institutions undergoing the process. He expressed his gratitude to Hon'ble Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasam and Smt. Anju Sharma for their constant support and encouragement to GNLU. He said that the universities in Gujarat are reaping the benefit of their support and encouragement. This is evident from the improved rankings of the universities in Gujarat in the latest National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).

Four subject experts, Dr Ganesh A. Hegde, Adviser, Dr Leena Govind Gahane, Deputy Adviser, Dr A V Prasad, Assistant Adviser, and Dr N R Mohan, Assistant Adviser, were deputed from NAAC as resource persons for the webinar.

Dr Ganesh Hegde, Adviser, NAAC gave an overview of the assessment and accreditation process of NAAC and explained the Self Study Report submission in detail. Dr Leena Govind Gahane explained the process of Registration, IIQA and Student Satisfaction Survey. Dr A V Prasad briefed the participants on the Data Validation and Verification while Dr N R Mohan guided the participants about the Accreditation Outcome.

About 150 participants including the Vice-Chancellors, Registrars, faculty and administrative staff members of academic institutions in the state attended the webinar.

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