

**Report on Two-Day NAAC Sponsored National Webinar**  
**by**  
**S.D. Arts and Shah B.R. Commerce College, Mansa**  
**(Dist: Gandhinagar, Gujarat)**  
**on**  
**“Rectifying Challenging Situations and Remediating Higher Educational Institutions Located in Rural Areas of Gujarat: An Intrinsic Approach with the Parameters of NAAC” (28/29 January, 2021)**

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A two-day NAAC Sponsored National Webinar was conducted in S.D. Arts and Shah B.R. Commerce College, Mansa, Gujarat, on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, on “Rectifying Challenging Situations and Remediating Higher Educational Institutions Located in Rural Areas of Gujarat: An Intrinsic Approach with the Parameters of NAAC”. It was interactive, eye-opening and fruitful.

**Day-1: Inaugural Session (28<sup>th</sup> January, 2021)**

In the Inaugural Session, in his presidential address, Dr. V.R. Shirgurkar, a senior academic consultant, gave an eye-opening discourse on “Revised Guidelines of NAAC and New Education Policy”. He discussed in detail teaching-learning and evaluation, placement, robust feedback system, value-added courses, research, enrolment ratio, blended learning and continuous evaluation and dovetailed all of these facets with New Education Policy emphasizing institutional development and nation building. He focused on what HEIs located in the rural areas can do. In her Keynote Address, Dr. Leena Gahane, Deputy Advisor, NAAC, delivered a motivating speech and discussed NAAC Vision and Mission, national development, global competencies, cultivation of Value System, quest for excellence, SSS and learner-centric activities conducted by wings of KCG-- Finishing School, Sandhan and Saptadhara, AAA, Udisha and FDP. Dr. Kirti Diddi, Principal, Nirmala College, Ujjain, discussed some of the pertinent issues which most of the HEIs located in the rural areas face—dropout ratio, inadequate

transportation, demotivated environment, lack of industry-academia linkage and she also carved out a path for development for the HEIs located in the rural areas.

### **Day-2 NAAC and HEIs located in Rural Areas (29<sup>th</sup> January, 2021)**

On 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, Revised NAAC Manual was discussed keeping in view the application and implementation process in HEIs located in the rural areas. Dr. Subhash Brahmhatt, former principal of H.K. Arts College, Ahmedabad and a well-known academic representative, explicated the role of NAAC in the institutional journey for quality and emphasized the importance of documentation of institutional activities. Dr. Ajay Gor, Principal of P.S. Science and H.D. Patel Arts College, Kadi, North Gujarat, simplified Qualitative and Quantitative Matrix and explained how the HEIs located in the rural areas can do well. Dr. Shirish Chindhade, an eminent NAAC expert, focused on teaching-learning and evaluation and the role of faculty in NAAC accreditation.

On the whole, the webinar opened up new horizons of learning, development and implementation of Revised NAAC Manual for principals and coordinators aiming at NAAC accreditation.

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