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RGU PREPS UP AHEAD OF NAAC ASSESSMENT



RONO HILLS, Feb 12: A day-long Orientation Programme on ‘Academic Assessment and Accreditation 2020’ was jointly organised on Wednesday by Rajiv Gandhi University’s Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Institute of Distance Education (IDE) here at the seminar hall of Arunachal Institute of Tribal Studies (AITS). Inaugurating the academic orientation programme, Vice-Chancellor, RGU Professor Saket Kushwaha as Chief Guest pointed out the need for making use of the orientation programme as a platform of disseminating information and for clearing certain doubts in order to avoid miscommunication and confusions. “This is high time we shed our differences and contribute for the overall growth of the university so that its rankings, both in national and global level improves with the upcoming assessment and accreditation by National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC) of the UGC,” he said and gave a clarion call to give special focus on improvement in quality as well as quantitative outputs with more committed efforts. Pro-Vice-Chancellor, RGU Professor Amitava Mitra disclosed that RGU had already applied for NAAC accreditation on February 9, 2020 and expected that the orientation programme will reduce the gap between RGU’s IQAC and various departments and institutes and will pave way for a thorough evaluation of the varsity’s qualitative and quantitative matrices. He further informed that the pre-academic audit exercise of the university is scheduled on February 27-28 next. RGU Registrar In-charge Dr. David Pertin while reflecting on tapping of resources felt it is high time to eliminate complexities and confusions looming around the revised format of NAAC and urged the university fraternity to prepare for the assessment with a positive mindset for inclusive

development and quality enhancement. However, he expressed optimism that RGU has the potential to reach greater academic heights and rank among the best universities in the country. Vice-President of Cochin based Quality Management System Certification (QMPG), Dr. Assissi Menachery, also the Resource Person of programme called for building the university as a Centre of Excellence in a scientific manner and shared his ideas and insights aimed at bringing together all stakeholders to address ways and means towards promoting the university environment. Later, in brainstorming technical session, Dr. Assissi dwelt at length on various aspects of improving the environment for qualitative assessment and holistic accreditation. Earlier, Director of IQAC Professor RC Parida highlighted the vision, objectives and expected outcome of the orientation programme and informed that RGU is going for a dual mode of accreditation covering both regular and distance learning modes. Director of the Institute of Distance Education (IDE), RGU Professor Ashan Riddi also spoke on the occasion. Among others, deans, head of departments, directors of institutes, senior professors, faculty members, officers and officials of RGU, representatives from various affiliated colleges and research scholars attended the programme.

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