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A REPORT ON AN EXPERT TALK:

“Accreditation Requirements for Universities”

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Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Sarala Birla University (SBU) organized an insightful expert talk on "Accreditation Requirements in Universities" on October 26, 2024, at 2:50 PM, bringing together academia and administration to address the pressing challenges and standards in university accreditation.

The event featured prominent educational leaders and experts, focusing on the role of quality assurance and accreditation as essential components of institutional excellence in higher education.

The event, presided over by Professor Gopal Pathak, Director General, brought together distinguished personalities including Dr. Arbinda Bhandari, Dean of the Faculty of Business Management; Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce.& Director IQAC, Prof. Neelima Pathak, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Linguistics & yoga & Naturopathy; Prof. Hari Babu Shukla, Dean of Training & Placement. The keynote expert for the event, Professor Sudip Das, Director of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Dean of Admissions at BIT Mesra, Ranchi, enriched the discourse with his expertise and extensive experience in accreditation processes.

The event opened with remarks from Dr. Nitya Garg, Coordinator of IQAC and Assistant Professor at SBU, who set the stage for an engaging and informative introduction of the speaker. Following her opening, a small felicitation process was done to honour the speaker. Dr Sudip Das was presented with a memento by the dignitaries.



Dr. Sandeep Kumar delivered a warm welcome address at 2:56 PM. He greeted the esteemed speakers, faculty members, and non-teaching staff, emphasizing SBU's commitment to academic excellence and quality enhancement in line with the evolving standards of higher education.



Dr. Arbinda Bhandari provided an introductory address, setting a constructive tone for the discussion. He highlighted essential accreditation parameters, particularly curriculum development, research, and the alignment of academic offerings with industry expectations. Dr. Bhandari's address underscored the importance of a responsive academic framework that adapts to both academic and industrial advancements, setting the foundation for the keynote presentation.



Professor Sudip Das delivered the keynote presentation, focusing on current quality assurance and accreditation models essential for sustaining and enhancing academic quality in higher education institutions. As the Director of IQAC and Dean of Admissions at BIT Mesra, Prof. Das brought valuable insights into the evolving landscape of accreditation, including recent reforms

introduced in 2024, and discussed various international quality assurance models. He underscored the role of the IQAC in fostering a learner-centric environment, enhancing curriculum relevance, and promoting continuous quality improvement.



Drawing from his presentation slides, Prof. Das elaborated on the need for a comprehensive quality assurance system that supports transformative learning experiences. He outlined the principles of the PDCA (Plan-Do-Check-Act) cycle, a fundamental tool for continuous improvement within institutions, and highlighted best practices in quality benchmarks, feedback systems, and

stakeholder engagement. Prof. Das emphasized the shift towards a learner-centric model and stressed the importance of involving students directly in the quality assurance process.

Further, Prof. Das elaborated on new accreditation requirements, such as the "Binary Accreditation System" and a "One Nation One Data Platform." The Binary Accreditation model, he noted, introduces a simplified grading system—categorizing institutions as "Accredited," "Provisionally Accredited," or "Not Accredited"—which aims to streamline the accreditation process while improving the quality and credibility of Indian universities. He also discussed the anticipated impacts of these reforms, from fostering inclusivity to positioning Indian institutions as globally competitive academic leaders.



Following the keynote, Prof. Gopal Pathak delivered an address commending the efforts of SBU and BIT Mesra in promoting high standards of academic quality. He praised the contribution of IQAC in steering institutional improvement and emphasized the importance of accreditation as a means to elevate educational quality. Prof. Pathak


encouraged faculty and administration to engage actively in the accreditation process, as it significantly impacts institutional growth and student success.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Atul Karn, a member of the IQAC team. Dr. Karn expressed gratitude to the guest speakers and participants, highlighting that such expert talks serve as essential platforms for knowledge sharing, collaborative thinking, and quality enhancement. He extended thanks to Professor Sudip Das for his expert insights and all the dignitaries who contributed to making the session an enriching experience.

This expert talk was a testament to SBU's commitment to aligning with national and international standards in higher education. By hosting discussions on accreditation requirements and quality assurance, SBU aims to reinforce its academic framework and position itself as a leader in the educational sector. Through ongoing initiatives like this, SBU continues to foster an environment that prioritizes continuous improvement and adherence to accreditation standards, thereby enhancing its reputation and the educational experience it provides. The event marked a

successful exchange of knowledge and reinforced SBU's dedication to quality education and institutional advancement

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