

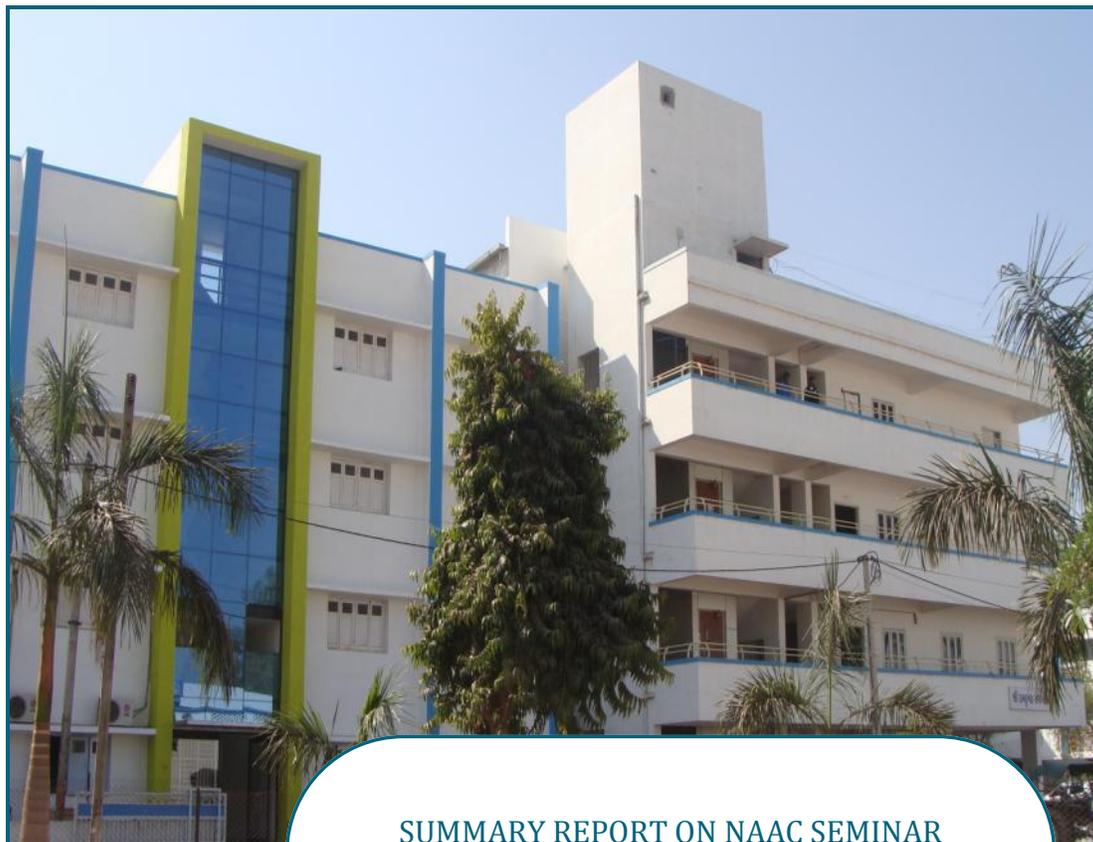


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SUMMARY REPORT ON NAAC SEMINAR
12-13TH OCTOBER 2012

National Seminar on Higher Education by IQAC of
Anand Pharmacy College

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NAAC sponsored National Seminar on **“Higher Education: Excellence towards Quality Management and Assurance”**, was organized on 12th & 13th October 2012 by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Anand Pharmacy College, Anand, Gujarat run by Shri Ramkrishna Seva Mandal. This seminar was designed in the form of plenary sessions and oral presentations. The main aim of this seminar was to focus on various aspects of Higher Education like Role of State Universities in Higher Education, Quest for excellence in Higher Education, Benchmark of global quality level and value based higher education, Contribution to national development, Role of Statutory bodies and Research institutions in higher education, Promoting use of technology and advanced techniques in higher education and Industry- Institute interaction in Higher Education. This seminar was an invaluable resource for adding real value to human resources and produce wealth creators and leaders in all fields of business, professionals, politics, administration and creative pursuits. Dr. Tejal R. Gandhi, Professor and Principal, Anand Pharmacy College was the Seminar Director and Dr. Kalpana G. Patel, Professor and IQAC Coordinator was the Seminar Coordinator.

The seminar was attended by 121 participants. The programme schedule was spread over two days for a period of 8 hours per day starting from 9.00 am in the morning to 5: 00 p.m. in the evening. The resource persons were eminent personalities from various fields of education. Oral presentation sessions focused mainly on three aspects of higher education “Higher education: Excellence towards quality”, “Higher education: Role of regulatory and industry partnership” and “Higher education: Role of technology” and total 25 participants had presented their views.

Smt. Jyotsnaben K. Patel, Honorary Secretary, Shri Ramkrishna Seva Mandal, welcomed the resources persons, participants and invited guest with a welcome speech. Dr. Harish Padh, Vice Chancellor, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar as Chief Guest and Mr. G. K. Ruwala, Secretary, Self Finance Pharmacy College Association of Gujarat State as Guest of Honor



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graced the Inaugural function and they had addressed various challenges and broad outlook of education in highly competitive globalization for overall economic growth of nation.

Dr. Sampad Bhattacharya, Vice President Operations, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. delivered his valedictory address as Chief Guest by emphasizing the need for development of research environment as industrial expectation and perspectives. The seminar was concluded with some practical suggestions and conclusions for implementation of quality management and assurance in higher education

RESOURCE PERSON



1) Dr Harish Padh

Role of State Universities in Higher Education

Vice Chancellor,

Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar

Dr. Harish Padh had drawn some parallelism of Swami Vivekananda who had made two predictions in 1897. India would be independent after 50 years and it did happen exactly 50 years after his prediction in 1947. The second prediction was that India would lead the world with great dignity and righteousness, when Sir had provided us with the date i.e. 27th July 2048 and we look forward for the same. Dr. Padh delivered his talk on various aspects and growth rate of higher education in a very lucid way.



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2) Dr. Naresh Ved

Higher Education: Present scenario and Model 2020

Director,

Academic Staff College,

V. V. Nagar

Dr. Naresh Ved had identified and highlighted various reasons for lack of quality in higher education and also suggested possible solutions for enhancement of quality in higher education. Also Dr. Naresh Ved had emphasized that current UGC regulation can be beneficial for improvement of quality of education provided they are implemented effectively.



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Dr. R.G Kothari had suggested that research can be made more effective by three means: increasing availability of funds, devoting more time to research and utilizing the expertise of faculty for research purpose. Additionally, it is necessary to evaluate each and every step before moving to the next for sustaining quality of research. He had also emphasized on evaluation process that is more important for sustenance of quality in higher education



3) Dr. R.G Kothari

Quest for excellence in Higher Education ,

Dean,

Faculty of Education and Psychology,
The M.S. University of Baroda,
Vadodara



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4) Dr B G Patel

Benchmark of global quality level
and value based higher education

Provost, CHARUSAT, Changa

Dr. B. G. Patel mentioned various examples of ancient and pioneering universities in ancient India, the role of politicians and social reforms, who plays magnanimous role in policy making in the field of education. Sir had also enlightened us on different types of universities, growth of higher education in last 60 years all over the world, some very stunning statistical data across the world. Sir also delved on how healthy competition can be encouraged and how NAAC and QHE which can walk with excellence and ethics together. The goal of education in true sense must be in the interests of society and nation.



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Dr. Vedant Pandya had spoken in accordance to the words of our very known Chief Minister Narendra Modi in the recently conducted Swami Vivekananda Vikas tars where it was emphasized that skills help you get job but knowledge helps you create one and hence in the institution, knowledge is an indispensable component, where we are teaching students to



5) Dr. Vedant V. Pandya

Contribution to national development

Reader, Dept. of Business
Administration,
Maharaja Krishnakumarsinhji
Bhavnagar University,
Bhavnagar

learn how to learn. Sir had justified that quality is always there, but maintaining it, managing it and assuring it is a very difficult task.



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6) Dr. M. R. Yadav

Do we need regulatory bodies for the growth of higher education?

Head and Professor,
Pharmacy Department,
The M.S. University of Baroda,
Vadodara

Dr. M. R. Yadav had brought important points like

- Redefining the role, improving, synchronizing and removing antagonism in the regulator bodies.
- Research is an inevitable weapon for maintaining quality and hence developing the research platform is the task for educationists.
- Thirdly though the scenario might be showing darkness all over but there are a few rays of hope.



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7) Dr. Darshan B. Choksi
(ICT in Higher Education)

Director and Professor, G.H. Patel
Postgraduate department of
Computer Science and
Technology, S. P. University,
Vallabh Vidyanagar

Dr. D. B. Choksi had emphasized that ICT has now become an integral part of our life and we have been using it for imparting education at school and college level popularly known as e-classroom. This has significantly made our jobs easy and has saved our precious time. It is beyond our imagination how technology advancements can lead us to higher horizons of education. Dr. Choksi's deliberation focused on how ICT can kick up the slow pace of educational process, how it has broadened our opportunities, how it has reduced the distance between the people, how tailor made and user-friendly softwares are suitable for doing work easily and quickly. Sir also illustrated various forms of ICT- based learning and communicating applications of ICT in our daily life to make it more attractive and lively and how it has enhanced the ways and modes of the social interactions across the world



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8) Dr. Sampad Bhattacharya

Academic Deliverance vis-a-vis
Industry Expectation a GAP
Analysis

Vice President Operations, Sun
Pharmaceutical Industries Pvt. Ltd.,
Vadodara

Dr. Sampad Bhattacharya had brought to notice that the deep valley between educational institutes and the industries is supposedly responsible for the rise in unemployment and recession in today's situation.

Also, inferior quality of R & D can be blamed to incomplete and unfocussed education imported in the classrooms of various universities. It is very harsh and hard to listen but we do need to re-structure, rather reformulate the curriculum which would suffice the needs and expectations of the industries as well as of other employers wherever the fresh graduates are going to be placed in future. Dr. Bhattacharya, being from pharmacy background could understand this pathetic situation of pharmacy students and had given few suggestions as to how we can bridge the gap between academia and industry, how to fill that lacunae while imparting education. Sir quoted examples of many industries who converted themselves into academic centers which is again in the interests of both the parties. Outsourcing can maximize the returns from R&D, which again can provide jobs to many aspirants.