

development model of the Centre and Andhra Pradesh will give equal priority for agriculture and industrial development," added Mr. Venkaiah Naidu. He congratulated BEL on

development among the youth."

CM's plea to farmers

On sparing 50 acres of land for the BEL unit at Nim-

Ring Road on the outskirts of Pammarru, the BEL unit and Machilipatnam port will bring a new shape to Krishna district in future," Mr. Naidu said

'Infra, connectivity key to AP's growth'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Union Minister for Urban Development and Information, Broadcasting M. Venkaiah Naidu on Monday said with that improved infrastructure and rail, road and air connectivity, Andhra Pradesh would surely make progress on all fronts.

Addressing a function organised in connection with laying the foundation for Madhurapudi airport extension with Rs.181 crore worth works, Mr. Chandrababu Naidu said 857 acres of land was handed over to the Civil Aviation Ministry. It was acquired from farmers by paying a compensation of nearly Rs.300 crore. He said A.P. is the only State in the country having five airports — Vi-

sakhapatnam, Madhurapudi, Vijayawada, Tirupati and Kadapa — and four to five more, including Bhogapuram, Oravakal, Dgadartri, Donakonda, were going to come up, and the government was awaiting necessary permissions from the Centre. He declared that the Madhurapudi airport would be developed into an international one in the days to come.

Only one college in the country gets an A++ in NAAC test

TANU KULKARNI

BENGALURU: Only one college among the total 328 educational institutions in the country has bagged the prestigious A++ grade which has been awarded by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) under the new grading pattern.

St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, Kozhikode in Kerala has bagged a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.76 to get an A++ grade in the third cycle. NAAC introduced the new grading pattern since July 2016, where they have begun grading institutions based on seven grades from the earlier four grades. Seven educa-

The new pattern aims at encouraging healthy competition so that institutes strive for excellence

tional institutes have got the A plus rating, while 81 have got A rating, 55 have got B+, 64 have got B+, 87 have got B and 33 have got the C grade. While 140 institutes have been rated in the first cycle, 131 institutes were rated under the second cycle and the remaining 57 colleges were rated in the third cycle.

The council uses seven criteria to assess institutes ranging from teaching-learning and evaluation, curricular as-

pects, research, consultancy and extension, infrastructure and learning resources, student support and progression, governance, leadership and management and innovations and best practices.

NAAC Director D. P. Singh said that the new rating criterion brought about more distinctiveness in the performance and would help improve quality on educational campuses.

From Karnataka, out of 79 institutes in three cycles had applied for accreditation and only one college has got A plus grade.

The Government Science College Bengaluru was the only institute in Karnataka to obtain an A plus grade.

THE HONBLE ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL
BEFORE Mr. JUSTICE A.V. CHANDRACHEKAR,
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BENGALURU ARBITRATION CENTRE, KHANNA
BHAVAN, AT BENGALURU
A.C.No.74/2016

Between:
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And
Mr. B. Adisekhara Reddy and others. ... Respondents

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City govt science college only one in state to get NAAC A+ grade

Ramzauva Chhakchuak

BENGALURU: The Government Science College in Bengaluru is the only college in the state that has received an A+ grade under a new grading system introduced by the National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) in July.

St Joseph's College in Kerala with a grade of A++ on the other hand, was the only institution to get the highest grade from the 332 which were part of the first batch to be graded under this new system.

The Government Science College received a cumulative

grade point average (CGPA) score of 3.54 in its third cycle of accreditation. St Joseph's College, on the other hand, got a CGPA score of 3.76 also in the third cycle.

J S Veena, principal, Government Science College, told *DH*: "It is a remarkable feat and one that speaks for the overall development of the college. We have already been recognised as a 'centre for potential of excellence' and now we aspire to get the tag of a centre for excellence." Further, she said that the improvement was due to better results, placement and research. The college had received a CGPA score of 3.11 in the last cycle

of accreditation.

In the earlier system, universities and colleges were judged based on a four-point grading system namely - A (very good), B (good), C (satisfactory) and D (unsatisfactory) grades.

This was based on their CGPA scores dependent on various parameters. For example, colleges with a CGPA score between 3.01 to 4 will get grade A and so on.

In the new system, colleges will be graded based on a seven-point scale namely - A++ (3.76 to 4.00 CGPA), A+ (3.51 - 3.75 CGPA), A (3.01 - 3.50), B++ (2.76 - 3.00 CGPA), B+ (2.51 - 2.75 CGPA), B (2.51 -

2.75 CGPA), C (1.51 - 2.00 CGPA). Any institute getting a CGPA score equal to or below 1.50 will be marked as 'not accredited'. The new system will also not include any descriptors.

D P Singh, director, NAAC, however, said that institutions such as Jawaharlal Nehru University with a CGPA score of 3.91 and other similar institutions like Banaras Hindu University could not be clubbed with other institutions only based on an A grade alone. To further explain this, an institute with a CGPA score of 3.01 and another who might have got a score of 3.80 or 3.90 were put under the same

grade A in the earlier system which did not seem fair, added Singh.

Further, he said that out of the 40,700 colleges and universities in the country, only 25,000 are eligible for accreditation. NAAC has some minimum requirements for accreditation. Of this, he explained around 10,000 institutions are under the All India Council for Technical Education and do not require accreditation by the NAAC. "This leaves as many as 15 institutions to be accredited," Singh added, while expressing hope that most of these will be accredited soon.

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Mining scam: SC to hear

NAAC grading: Govt institutions fare well, science college on top with A+

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Bengaluru: Doing the state proud, government colleges across districts have secured good ratings from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The 95-year-old Government Science College in Bengaluru has fared the best, having bagged an A+. Even institutions from Mandya, Chitradurga and Bhadravathi are among the 30 Karnataka colleges that feature in NAAC's 2018 list.

NAAC director Prof. DP Singh told TOI the coming cycles of accreditation are likely to see more government colleges performing well. "It's a good sign that more and more government institutions are making it to the list of colleges being accredited. We are trying to create a culture of quality and encourage research and social work among students."

He added: "Since the state and the Centre have rolled out many schemes and grants for government institutions, they are advised to opt for accreditation in order to maintain certain standards."

Sustaining the quality of the institution is a bigger task than getting the recognition. "We have made it mandatory for institutions to have in place a functional Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) after they receive the accreditation and complete the first cycle of five years. The cell has to conduct regular meetings at the institution and upload minutes of meetings on its website. An Internal quality Assurance Report (IQAR) has to be submitted to NAAC, failing which, the accreditation will not be extended to the second cycle," explained Singh.

For Government Science College, retaining or moving up from grade A (last cycle's rating) were

NEW CHAPTER

With effect from July 2016, NAAC has revised its grading system

| CGPA | Grade | Status |
|-------------|-------|----------------|
| 3.76 - 4.00 | A++ | Accredited |
| 3.51 - 3.75 | A+ | Accredited |
| 3.01 - 3.50 | A | Accredited |
| 2.76 - 3.00 | B++ | Accredited |
| 2.51 - 2.75 | B+ | Accredited |
| 2.01 - 2.50 | B | Accredited |
| 1.51 - 2.00 | C | Accredited |
| ≤ 1.50 | D | Not Accredited |

Source: NAAC



SHRI PRASAD: Government Science College in Bengaluru, which got grade A during the last cycle of accreditation, has moved up a rank

KARNATAKA'S REPORT CARD

| COLLEGE | CGPA | GRADE |
|--|------|-------|
| Government Science College BENGALURU | 3.54 | A+ |
| Government College MANDYA | 3.22 | A |
| Sir M V Government Science College BHADRAVATHI, SHIVAMOGGA | 2.89 | B++ |
| Government College for Women MANDYA | 2.87 | B++ |
| Shri Siddeshwara Government First Grade College NARGUND | 2.83 | B++ |
| Government Arts College BENGALURU | 2.76 | B++ |

the only two options. But when principal JS Veena, the staff and students learned they had not only graduated to A+ with a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.54 but also topped the state, they felt there was no looking back.

With over 270 of its research publications being featured in international journals, the college now looks forward to continuing its endeavours and best practices. "Since we received our first ac-

creditation (A), we have made a concerted effort to move ahead in the past 4 years. We have seen tremendous improvement, both in infrastructural facilities and research work," said Veena.

She added: "Last year, we were among the many institutions which received UGET's coveted Centre for Potential Excellence (CPE) tag. Our next aim is to become a Centre for Excellence. For a government institution, it is a big deal to feature

TIMES VIEW

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council ratings show there's something to cheer on the higher education front. It's a matter of pride for Karnataka that 30 of its government colleges have made it to the coveted NAAC list. The hard-earned grades are indicative of the quality of education and infrastructure facilities at the institutions. The Government Science College deserves applause for outperforming all other institutions in the state and striving for excellence in research. More colleges should opt for accreditation and aspire to improve their standards to ensure their students get the best education.

in such a prestigious list and secure a high grade."

Government Arts College, Bengaluru, which was established in 1886, was rated B+ this year. Other government institutions that have been accredited include Government College for Women, Mandya; Government College, M C Road, Mandya; Sir M V Government Science College, Bhadravathi and Shri Siddeshwara Government First Grade College, Nargund.