

National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)

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According to a NAAC report that analyzed government colleges in rural areas across state and central universities, colleges scored poorly on parameters such as physical infrastructure, e-learning, and alumni engagement

What are the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)?

- **NAAC conducts assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions (HEI)** such as colleges, universities or other recognized institutions to derive an understanding of the 'Quality Status' of the institution.
- **NAAC evaluates the institutions for its conformance to the standards of quality in terms of its performance** related to the educational processes and outcomes, curriculum coverage, teaching-learning processes, faculty,
- **Research, infrastructure, learning resources, organization, governance, financial well being, and student services.**

Key highlights about NAAC

Units of Assessment

NAAC's instrument is developed to assess and grade institutions of higher education through a three-step process and make the outcome as objective as possible.

Institutional Accreditation

- **University: University Central Governance Structure along with all the Undergraduate and Post Graduate**

Departments.

- College: Any College – affiliated, constituent or autonomous with all its departments of studies.
- **Department Accreditation** any department/School/Centre of the University.

Presently, NAAC is undertaking only Institutional accreditation.

Criteria

NAAC has identified a set of seven criteria to serve as the basis of its assessment Procedures. NAAC has categorized the Higher Educational Institutions into three major types (University, Autonomous College and Affiliated/Constituent College) and assigned different weights to these criteria under different key aspects based on the functioning and organizational focus of the three types of HEIs. The criteria include;

1. Circular Aspects
2. Teaching-learning & Evaluation
3. Research, Innovations & Extension
4. Infrastructure & Learning Resources
5. Student Support & Progression
6. Governance, Leadership & Management
7. Institutional Values & Best Practices

Grading

- **Institutions are graded for each Key Aspect under four categories, viz. A, B, C, and D, denoting Very good, Good, Satisfactory and unsatisfactory levels respectively.**
- The summated score for all the Key Aspects under a Criterion is then calculated with the appropriate weighting applied to it and the GPA is worked out for the Criterion.
- The Cumulative GPA (CGPA), which gives the final

Assessment Outcome, is then calculated from the seven GPAs pertaining to the seven criteria, after applying the prescribed weightage to each Criterion.