Aurangabad: National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) director D P Singh said "Universities and other educational institutions are expected to give major thrust on establishing social connect. We have been re-looking at the existing parameters of accreditation in order to include criteria related to human values and ethics in the evaluation method"

Institutions scoring cumulative grade point average (CGPA) in the range of 3.01 to 4 get A grade (very good), while those securing between 2.01 to 3 receive B grade (good). The CGPA in the range of 1.51 to 2 is entitled for C grade (satisfactory), while below 1.5 evokes a D grade (unsatisfactory, not accredited).

"Creation of grades within each grade will give more clarity about institutions' performance in NAAC evaluation. Therefore, grade within a grade such as A, A+, A++ will be created. Such sub-grades will be also formed within other B and C grades" D P Singh said.

Singh also said sending minutes of the meetings of internal quality assurance cell (IQAC) to the NAAC on a quarterly basis would now be mandatory for every accredited institute. He said all accredited institutions would also have to submit the quality assurance report (AQAR) on a yearly basis without fail.

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