

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE STATE LEVEL
QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE(SLQAC) HELD ON THE 24th
JUNE 2016 AT 4.00 P.M.IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM-I OF MAIN
SECRETARIATE BUILDING IN SHILLONG.**

The 2nd meeting of the State Level Quality Assurance Committee on higher education which was held on the 24th June 2016 at 4:00 PM in the Committee Room No 1 of the Main Secretariat, Meghalaya, Shillong.

Members present: The meeting was attended by the following members:-

S/No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr.R.C. Laloo Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister in-Charge of Education	Chairman
2	Shri D.P.Wahlang,IAS The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt of Meghalaya, Education Department	Member Secretary
3	Shri A.Ch.Marak,MCS Director Higher & Technical Education,Meghalaya	Member
4	Shri O.Ropmay. Jt. Director Higher & Technical Education ,Meghalaya	Member
5	Shri S.Bhattacharjee Dy. Director Higher & Technical Education ,Meghalaya	Member
6	Shri A.K.Misra,Professor NEHU,Shillong	Member
7	Dr.C.R.Diengdoh,CDC,NEHU,Shillong	Member
8	Dr.Sylvanus Lamare,Principal,St.Edmund's College,Shillong	Member
9	Br(Dr) Albert L D,Principal,St Anthony's College, Shillong	Member
10	Smti B.Pde,Principal,Seng Khasi College, Shillong	Member

The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, and minister in-charge of Education, Government of Meghalaya Prof R C Laloo. The Chairman welcomed all members present to discuss the very important issue of Quality Assurance in higher education in the State, especially with reference the new development of the 3rd Amendment of the UGC Rules and Regulation, 2016.

The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt of Meghalaya, Education Department, Shri D P Wahlang briefed about the main objective of the meeting with issues arising out with regard to implementation of the 3rd Amendment of the UGC Rules and Regulation, 2016 which came into effect from the 10th of May 2016. He highlighted the need for all Institutions constituted by Central act,

provincial act and State Act to implement these rules and regulations in the respective institutions as conceived by said amendments with immediate effect.

He said as envisaged in the regulation all types of Institute of higher education viz, Government, Deficit ,Ad hoc, lump sum grants, including state Private Universities and Colleges are to be brought under the purview of these amended rules.

Observations: Some of the observations of the members in the meeting are as follows:-

- (a) The last Notification relating UGC Rules and Regulation, 2010 was circulated to all the Colleges, and the same is being adopted accordingly by the colleges coming under the jurisdiction of Directorate of Higher & Technical education of the State.
- (b) It is also pointed that subsequent amendment of the UGC Rules and Regulation, 2013 is yet to be circulated by the Government. Pending circulation of such notification many issues related to those amendments are yet to be resolved.
- (c) It was observed that NEHU, being a Central body the implementation of such rules and regulation are as per decision of its Academic Council. However adoption of such rules and regulation by affiliating colleges become very difficult in the absence of any clear guidance from the state government. Therefore it is felt necessary to circulate the notification on amendments in rules and regulations to the various institutions of higher education.
- (d) The Commissioner & Secretary, Shri D P Wahlang emphasized the need for NAAC accreditation for the institute of higher education and requested the already accredited institutes to mentor the other institutes to help them achieve the goal of accreditation.
- (e) The matter regarding conducting SLET

Resolutions taken in the meeting:-

- 1) To reconstitute the Quality Assurance Cell (QAC) with representative of Private Universities/Institutions as members at the Directorate level.

- 2) To discuss various issues viz, circulating gazette notification of UGC rules and amendments, NAAC accreditation, conducting SLET in Meghalaya ,draft service rules, circulating draft service rules made for schools & get feedback before finalization of the same in QAC and come up with specific suggestions in SLQAC.
- 3) QAC to submit report on the decision taken on these issues within the month of August 2016.
- 4) SLQAC to be convened in the month of September 2016 to take final decisions on suggestions made by QAC.

At last The Commissioner & Secretary, Shri D P Wahlang requested the Principals of various Colleges to take advantage of the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) scheme being implemented in the state for upgradation of the institutes.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.