

NAAC's A+ grade for LIT

■ Certification puts it among top 7% higher edu institutes across country

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In its first independent assessment by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), the city's Laxminarayan Institute of Technology (LIT) passed with flying colours. The premier Institute of chemical engineering and technology has been awarded 'A+' certificate with 3.48 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA).

Thanks to the 'A+' grade, now LIT is among the top 7 per cent higher education institutes across the country. Director of LIT, Dr Raju Mankar, told Lokmat Times that the institute will soon apply for autonomous status.

"This is the first time that we went for an independent NAAC assessment. Till now we used to be assessed along with the RTMNU. As per new rule,

conducted colleges have to go for independent assessment, so this is our first cycle. Now we have become eligible for autonomous status. We will soon apply for autonomy to UGC. Once we get clearance from UGC, we will approach the government," Mankar said.

Institutes are evaluated on the basis of 96 parameters by the NAAC before being awarded a grade. These parameters include consistent placement record, research publication in high impact journals, books published and consultancy and research projects undertaken among others.

Having fared well in most of these parameters, LIT was awarded the 'A+' grade. This is the second range in the NAAC ratings. The institutes coming in top range have CGPA between 3.51 and 4.00. Institutes in the top

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LIT'S SCORING POINTS

Campus placements: LIT's campus placement for the year 2021-22 is still on and 128 students have been placed till now. In 2020-21, 83 students got campus placements.

Research Projects: LIT undertook 25 research projects, both government and private, in the last five years. **Research Papers:** As many as 39 research papers were submitted by the LIT faculty in 2020-21.

— source: LIT website



It is an honour to get 'A+' accreditation which is valid for five years. Every stakeholder, who worked hard towards the vision, shares the success.

— Dr Raju Mankar, Director, LIT



NAAC's A+ grade for LIT, Nagpur

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range are given A++ grade. A peer team constituted by NAAC, having Prof K Baskar, director, IIT Imphal, as chairman visited LIT on August 17-18 this year for a detailed study and assessment of the working of the institute for accreditation in first cycle and grading it as per their prescribed parameters of qualitative metrics. Dr H Bhunia, Thapar Institute of Technology, Patiala, and Dr NK Injeti, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, were the member coordinator of the NAAC peer team.

The internal quality assurance cell of LIT under the guidance of Dr Mankar worked hard for the preparation of Self Study Report (SSR), clarifications during Data Validation and Verification (DVV) process and also during the NAAC peer team visit.

LIT gets NAAC A+; decks cleared for autonomy

■ Staff Reporter

THERE is a reason for people of Nagpur to smile as its prestigious institute Laxminarayan Institute of Technology (LIT) received A+ grade from National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). With A+, the decks are cleared for the institute to become autonomous. As per rule, once the institute gets A+ grade from NAAC, it becomes eligible to get autonomy.

This is for the first time that LIT went separately for NAAC inspection. Earlier, being one of the conducted colleges of Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, LIT was the

LIT to have courses like Artificial Intelligence

EXPRESSING happiness over the development in LIT, Dr Subhash Chaudhari, Vice-Chancellor told 'The Hitavada' "With LIT getting A+ grade, I have asked Dr Mankar to apply for autonomy. We will get autonomy in this year only. We are ready to face the team from National Board of Accreditation for two courses-- Chemical Engineering and Chemical Technology. Once LIT gets autonomy, the students will have lot of benefits. Secondly, I don't want LIT to remain limited to Chemical Engineering. We will introduce emerging trends like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Sciences etc."

part of its main institution in NAAC inspection. This time, it faced the inspection on its own. The internal quality assur-

ance cell of LIT under the guidance of Dr Raju Mankar, Director worked hard for the preparation during the NAAC

Peer team visit. This is a moment of pride not only for the University but also for the students studying here, alumni and for the people of Nagpur. Attributing the major credit to its Alumni Association, LIT Alumni Association (LITAA), Dr Mankar told 'The Hitavada', "NAAC has assessed LIT on some important criterion including curricular aspects, teaching learning and evaluation, research, consultancy and extension activities, infrastructure and learning resources, students support and progression, governance, leadership and management, best practices and (Contd on page 2)

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नागपूर क व नागपूर लयात स्थीत नये, त्यांना नागपूर कर्जमुक्ती दिली होती. तथापि, नियमित कर्जाची परतफेड करणाऱ्या शेतकऱ्यांना प्रोत्साहनपर लाभ योजनादेखील जाहीर केली होती. याअंतर्गत सन २०१७-१८, सन २०१८-१९, सन २०१९-२० या तीन वर्षात ज्या शेतकऱ्यांनी किमान दोनदा परतफेड केली, त्यांना ५० हजार प्रोत्साहनपर अनुदान द्यायचे आहे. या योजनेची कशा पद्धतीने दिल्या. तालुका उपनिबंधकांनी या संपूर्ण प्रक्रियेमध्ये विशेष लक्ष घालण्याचे निर्देशही त्यांनी यावेळी दिले. नागपूरचे जिल्हा उपनिबंधक सहकारी संस्था अधिकारी गौतम वालदे यांनी प्रास्ताविक केले. यावेळी नागपूर व अमरावती विभागातील सर्व जिल्हा उपनिबंधक व वरिष्ठ अधिकारी उपस्थित होते.

अहमद माल तसेच टाक वैशा अका लील खर पदा

एलआयटीला मिळाला नॅकचा ए प्लस दर्जा

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येथील लक्ष्मीनारायण तंत्रज्ञान संस्था अर्थात एलआयटीला राष्ट्रीय मूल्यांकन आणि प्रमाणन परिषद अर्थात नॅकने ए प्लस दर्जा दिला आहे. या दर्जामुळे एलआयटीला अभिमत विद्यापीठ म्हणून मान्यता मिळण्याची शक्यता वाढली आहे. नॅक आणि एनबीए मानांकनासाठी एलआयटीचे मागील दोन वर्षांपासून प्रक्रिया सुरू करण्यात आली होती.

जानेवारी २०२२ मध्ये एलआयटीने आपला स्वयंअध्ययन अहवाल नॅकला सादर केला होता. त्यानंतर, नॅकच्या चमूने एलआयटीला भेट दिली होती. या भेटीदरम्यान आवश्यक कागदपत्रे, प्रयोगशाळा व इतर सुविधांची तपासणी केली. एलआयटीचे संचालक डॉ. राजू मानकर यांनी नॅकच्या चमूसमोर सादरीकरण केले होते. नॅक चमूने एलआयटीमधील विविध विभागांनाही भेट दिल्या होत्या. मात्र, अनेक दिवसांपासून 'नॅक'कडून दर्जाची घोषणा होत नसल्याने अनेकदा यासंदर्भात विचारणा केली जात होती. अखेर 'नॅक'ने मंगळवारी 'ए प्लस' दर्जा दिल्याची घोषणा केली.

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distinctiveness of LIT. There were 96 parameters. We banked on our research papers, books publication, projects, patents. Our placement records are consistently improving along with students activities, students' participation in academic as well as extra curricular activities. It made all the difference."

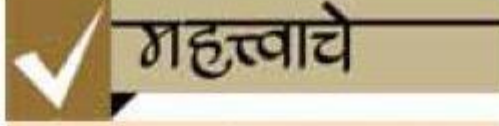
Everybody kept criticising LIT for its staff crunch, but according to Dr Mankar, that was not the major criterion. "In fact they saw the efficiency of the staff as out of 36 faculties, 34 are Ph.D holders. I am thankful to LITAA which played a major role in three criterions. Secondly, we had certain loopholes like we did not have automation in our library. We got funding from present Vice Chancellor who used to respond to our demands quickly," Dr Mankar made it clear.

Ajay Deshpande the prominent Alumnus of LIT said, "The Institute got 3.48 points and it fell short of 0.03. Had it secured 3.51 LIT would have got A++ grade. Of course A+ is too big an achievement."

On this grand success, Dr Subhash Choudhary, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Sanjay Dudhe, Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr Raju Hiwase, Registrar appreciated the efforts of the Director, IQAC Coordinator- Dr Pratibha Agrawal, faculty members, staff, students, parents and Alumni of LIT.

Dr Raju Mankar, "It is like fulfilling the dreams of the divine donor- Rao Bahadur D Laxminarayan. I thank V-C, Pro VC, Registrar, Dr Sanjay Kavishwar, Dr Prashant Maheshwary, Dr Rajesh Singh, Dr Prafulla Sable, all members of Board of Governors of LIT, and officers of the University for their constant support.

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- नागपूर : आंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तरावर प्रसिद्ध असलेल्या लक्ष्मीनारायण तंत्रज्ञान संस्थेला (एलआयटी) राष्ट्रीय मूल्यांकन आणि प्रमाणन परिषदेने (नॅक) 'ए प्लस' दर्जा प्रदान केला आहे. यामुळे एलआयटीला अभिमत विद्यापीठाचा दर्जा मिळण्याचा मार्ग सुकर होणार आहे. मागील अनेक वर्षांपासून एलआयटीला 'नॅक' आणि 'एनबीए' मानांकनासाठी प्रयत्न सुरू होते. दोन वर्षांपासून त्याची प्रक्रिया सुरू करण्यात आली होती. त्यातून जानेवारी २०२२ मध्ये एलआयटीद्वारे 'स्वयं अध्ययन अहवाल' (एसएसआर) 'नॅक'ला सादर करण्यात आला. त्यानंतर नॅकच्या चमूने एलआयटीला भेट देऊन पाहणी केली. यावेळी आवश्यक कागदपत्रे आणि प्रयोगशाळा व इतर सुविधांची तपासणी केली. एलआयटीचे संचालक व बाटूचे माजी कुलगुरू डॉ. राजू मानकर यांनी नॅकच्या चमूसमोर सादरीकरण केले. नॅकच्या चमूने दोन दिवस सर्व विभागांना भेटी दिल्या होत्या. मात्र अनेक दिवसांपासून 'नॅक'कडून दर्जाची घोषणा होत नसल्याने अनेकदा यासंदर्भात विचारणा केली जात होती. अखेर 'नॅक'ने मंगळवारी 'ए प्लस' दर्जा दिल्याची घोषणा केली. ■

LIT's A+ grade paves way for its autonomy

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Nagpur: Despite functioning without adequate numbers of teachers and infrastructure, Laxminarayan Institute of Technology (LIT) has received 'A+' grade from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) on Tuesday. It has received 3.48 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), which would remain valid for next five years, till August 23, 2027. LIT officials said this will pave the way for the long pending demand of granting autonomy to one of the oldest institutions for chemical engineering and technology in India.

"Now, our next move will be to try for autonomy and we will soon apply to UGC for it. We have sufficient number of teachers and non-teaching staff for getting the coveted status. It was the reason we were awarded A+ grade by NAAC. They actually look for output of any institution, and do not go for number of teaching or non-teaching staff," an elated LIT director Raju Mankar told TOI.

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He, however, candidly admitted that LIT would not become eligible for certification from the National Board of Accreditation (NBA), as it focuses on staff numbers in any institution along with the facilities.

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parameters of qualitative metrics. They were accompanied by member coordinator H Bhunia from Thapar Institute of Technology at Patiala, and NK Injeti from the Andhra University in Visakhapatnam.

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The Bangalore-based organization assessed LIT on criteria like curricular aspects, teaching, learning and evaluation, research,

consultancy and extension activities, infrastructure and learning resources, students support and progression, governance, leadership and management, and best practices and distinctiveness.

LIT's internal quality assurance cell (IQAC) under the director worked hard to prepare for a self-study report (SSR), and also during the NAAC Peer team visit. "This is a moment of pride not only for the university but also for the students studying here, alumni and for the people of Nagpur. Every stakeholder, who worked hard towards the vision and mission of the institute for fulfilling the dreams of donor Rao Bahadur Laxminarayanji, shares the success," Mankar said.

'Deemed to be university' status is our aim: Mankar

Speaking on the plans to get the 'deemed to be university' status for LIT, as demanded by its alumni association (LITAA), the director said getting autonomy would be the first move towards this goal. "The state government nod is needed for receiving 'deemed to be university' status along with that of UGC. But it will take a few years. Already, it took one-and-a-half years for us to get NAAC certification. Same period would be required for getting autonomous status. Only after that, we can think of our future plans, as envisaged by the alumni. Without their support, it would not have been possible for us to reach this stage," Mankar said while thanking LITAA for extending all help.