



**YENEPOYA**

(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

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Accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade

09<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject:** Clarification on the response from NAAC at 06.06.2022

**Issue raised by Yenepoya (Deemed to be University) on 03.06.2022**

Dear Sir/Madam, Please find herein attached a request letter for reconsideration of response value on metric 3.3.3. We will upload the final SSR on hearing from you.

**Response from NAAC on 06.06.2022**

Dear Sir / Madam, All clarifications sought by the DVV need to be responded only during the clarification process. As you are aware, DVV process is a third party validation and the DVV process has been completed for your HEI. This is for your kind information. Thank you.

**Issue raised by Yenepoya (Deemed to be University) on the response from NAAC dated 06.06.2022**

Dear Sir/Madam,

While we understand the process of DVV and related clarification as indicated in the NAAC HEI Portal, we wish to bring to your kind notice that during the initial DVV clarification process, we were asked for clarification on some of the metrics which included data on metric 3.3.3.1. We submitted the data incorporating all the needed clarifications/reworking on 5th March 2022. However, the DVV had shared the data submitted once again on 22nd March 2022 advising as follows

“As part of Verification process, NAAC have some clarifications. Some deviations are found, please fill the responses and attach supporting documents for clarification. Send your response on or before 31/03/2022.”

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As there were no additional clarification/data changes we resubmitted responses on clarifications/queries on 24th March itself well within the stipulated time on or before 31.3.2022.

On 18.04.2022, the HEI Portal has shown that the resubmitted was accepted without indicating any recommendation including the reworked data on the metric 3.3.3.1.

As for the metric 3.3.3.1 concerned the original HEI input was verified and validated and DVV suggested input was indicated as "0" (zero) for all the years of the assessment period. During the process of clarification, reworked data was submitted and we observed that it was accepted under the status column. We were under the assumption that the reworked data (HEI clarification input) was accepted and expected a better recommended DVV input. To our dismay, DVV recommended input zero for the metric 3.3.3.1 was awarded without providing a chance for clarification.

These we feel incongruous in spite of the reputation of this institution which has been enjoying credibility for innovation in Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievement (ARIIA) in the last two consecutive years 2020 and 2021.

We, therefore, request you to have a considerate approach to ARIIA ranking of this institution and its innovation prowess. This is only an appeal to bridge the variations in the perceptions of innovation among the two bodies under the Ministry of Education Government of India.

We will upload the final SSR upon hearing from you.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Gangadhara Somayaji K.S.

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The Director  
National Assessment and Accreditation Council,  
Bangalore.

Sir,

**Subject: Request for reconsideration of response value on metric 3.3.3**

This is to bring to your kind notice that the SSR submitted by Yenepoya (Deemed to be University) has been prequalified for accreditation process. We have received an intimation in this regard vide email dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 from NAAC alongwith instructions to be complied for initiating the accreditation process. One of the instructions is to upload the validated SSR on the website of the University.

As we were preparing for hosting the SSR on our website, a scrutiny of the SSR contents was performed and noticed a paradoxical situation with regard to metric no. 3.3.3.

During the process of DVV there was a query on metric 3.3.3.1 "Number of awards/recognitions received by the Institution/teachers/research scholars/students year-wise during the last five years" was raised and we were given option to rework on the data. Accordingly, the exercise was carried out and a modified data was submitted.

Nevertheless, the revised data were also not considered by DVV but retained the original suggested input and final recommended input reflecting as zero awards and recognition for innovations for all the five years covered under assessment period.

In this regard, we wish to state that unlike in technical education/research field there is hardly any dedicated forum for presenting the innovations in Health and Allied fields of research. Therefore, the innovative findings as part of research outcomes generally are presented in the relevant conferences. NAAC has excluded patenting from innovation but an alternative body to recognize the innovation in research has not been suggested. Therefore, it was difficult for the University to decide on the awards/recognition.

Hence, we considered those certificates of merit which were awarded special credits by the

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Scientific Boards for unique findings and having innovation potential or prospect.

Further, Yenepoya (Deemed to be University) has been ranked as one among the top institutions with BAND Excellent by **Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA)** ranking, **MHRD/Ministry of Education, Government of India** in the year 2021 and under BAND A in the year 2020. This exercise ranking must have definitely taken into consideration the innovation outputs of this institution. This being the scenario for innovation ranking, NAAC/DVV has awarded zero input for innovation despite providing certificates as evidence. Though this metric falls under quantitative the ambiguity on deciding awards/ recognition for innovation brings in subjectivity. Therefore, we as per the advice of DVV team reexamined the certificates and those findings fitting into innovation potential were identified and resubmitted for the kind consideration of NAAC during DVV clarification. Accordingly, we feel it is appropriate once again to appeal NAAC for reconsideration of the input in the light of the merits of this University for innovation.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

**Dr. Gangadhara Somayaji K.S.**  
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