

# A Study on NAAC Assessment and Accreditation of Government Provincialized Colleges of Assam affiliated to Dibrugarh University with Special Reference to Jorhat District

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## ABSTRACT

Quality assessment and accreditation of the higher educational institutions of India is the prime concern in recent decades in the global wave academic excellence. The vital body that ensures quality has been in India is the National Assessment and Accreditation council (NAAC). NAAC assesses the performance of Higher Education Institutions in India on different parameters like curricular aspects, teaching and learning, research, infrastructure, student support and progression, Governance and leadership, institutional values and best practices etc. In this study an effort is made to analyse the NAAC status of government provincialized colleges of Assam affiliated to Dibrugarh University with special reference to Jorhat district.

**Keywords:** NAAC Assessment, Accreditation, Government Provincialized Colleges, Jorhat

## 1. Background and Statement of the Study

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) conducts assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions (HEI) such as colleges, universities or other recognised 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, organisation, governance, financial wellbeing and student services. (Chowdhury, 2024)

Quality in higher education is a conceptual term, which is very difficult to comprehend. This can only be measured through valid and reliable benchmarks. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is a premier agency in India to assess and accredit the quality levels in the Higher Education Institutions (HEI). It works under the Ministry of Education, Government of India and evaluate the quality performance of HEIs using well- defined benchmarks. There are many types of HEIs in the country like Universities, Colleges, Medical Colleges, Engineering Colleges, etc., which are producing graduates every year. But the most important for any HEI is to mould a good human resource for the country with high ethical values to compete in the global challenging environment and they should be accountable for the social, economic, and technical development of the nation (Ravikumar, Sasmitarani and Rath, 2021)

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is an autonomous body established by the University Grants Commission (UGC) with headquarters in Bangalore to assess and accredit higher education institutions (HEIs) in India. Its objectives are to evaluate and accredit institutions of higher learning, enhance the quality of teaching, learning, and research, and offer financial support for workshops, conferences, and seminars. The purpose of the National Academic Accreditation Council (NAAC) is to ensure that higher education is of a high calibre. This was the driving force behind the NAAC's creation. Indian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are evaluated and accredited by the NAAC, an independent organization created by the University Grants Commission (UGC). With an increase in both the number of educational institutions and learners enrolled in various programs, higher education in India has grown significantly in recent years. (Gautam, 2024).

Keeping these in view the study on NAAC accreditation status of government provincialized colleges of Assam affiliated to Dibrugarh University with special reference to Jorhat district is conducted as such type of study has not been conducted in this proposed area.

## 2. Objectives of the Study:

1. To know the NAAC accreditation status of Government provincialized colleges of Assam affiliated to Dibrugarh University
2. To know the scenario of NAAC accredited colleges of Jorhat district of Assam

## 3. Research Methodology

Descriptive research method is followed to conduct the study. Data are collected from websites of ninety eight government provincialized colleges affiliated to Dibrugarh University. One hundred seventy five (175) colleges are affiliated to Dibrugarh University. Out of 175 colleges 98 colleges are government provincialized. Information required for the study is collected from Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) and Self-Study Report (SSR) of the colleges.

## 4. Analysis of Data

Data collected from websites of ninety eight colleges including colleges are evaluated and analyzed to find the results. Analysis of NAAC accreditation of colleges of Jorhat district is done. The data is processed using Microsoft Excel and Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). In this study the figures are converted to percentages and tabulated. Descriptive statistics viz. mean is used to analyse the CGPA of the colleges.

## 5. Scope and Limitations of the Study

The scope of the study focuses only on the accreditation status of Government provincialized colleges affiliated to Dibrugarh University. However, professional colleges i.e. Law, B.Ed., Engineering, Management, etc. are excluded from the study.

## 6. NAAC Criteria for Evaluation of Affiliated Colleges

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is an autonomous institution of University Grants Commission (UGC) which assesses the performance of Higher Education Institutions in India. NAAC evaluates the performance on multiple parameters in order to establish quality standards for the Higher Education Institutions (Singh et al, 2021) The performance of institutions is evaluated on seven different criteria. Table 1 shows the detailed weightage of each criteria on which the working of Undergraduate and Post Graduate colleges is assessed. The institutions are graded under four different categories such as "A", "B", "C" and "D". Table 2 shows the range of Institutional Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) as given by NAAC for the purpose of accreditation of Higher Education Institutions.

**Table 1: NAAC Criteria for Evaluation of Affiliated Colleges**

Criteria	Affiliated/constituent colleges	
	UG	PG
1. Curricular Aspects	100	100
2. Teaching, Learning and Evaluation	350	350
3. Research, innovations and extension	110	120
4. Infrastructure and Learning Resources	100	100
5. Student support and progression	140	130
6. Governance, Leadership and Management	100	100
7. Institutional values and best practices	100	100
Total score	1000	1000

Source: <http://naac.gov.in/index.php/en/>

**Table 2: Range of institutional CGPA of NAAC**

Range of Institutional CGPA	Letter Grade	Status
3.51-4.00	A++	Accredited
3.26-3.50	A+	Accredited
3.01-3.25	A	Accredited
2.76-3.00	B++	Accredited
2.51-2.75	B+	Accredited
2.01-2.50	B	Accredited
1.51-2.00	C	Accredited
<=1.50	D	Non-Accredited

Source: <http://naac.gov.in/index.php/en/>

### 7. Status of NAAC Assessment and Accreditation of Government Provincialized Colleges

The number of government provincialized colleges affiliated to Dibrugarh University is 98(as per government of Assam record). Out of these 98 colleges, all the colleges are NAAC accredited. The Government provincialized colleges affiliated to Dibrugarh University are distributed in nine (9) districts of Assam. This is shown in the following table 3.

**Table 3: Status of NAAC Assessment and Accreditation of Government Provincialized Colleges:**

Name of the District	Number of government provincialized colleges affiliated to Dibrugarh University	Number of NAAC accredited Colleges
Charaideo	6	6
Dhemaji	14	14
Dibrugarh	14	14
Golaghat	12	12
Jorhat	13	13
Lakhimpur	13	13
Majuli	5	5
Sibsagar	12	12
Tinsukia	9	9
Total	98	98

Source: Author's compilation

**Cycle of NAAC Accreditation:** In our study we have found that forty eight percent (48%) colleges have completed the third cycle of NAAC assessment. Twenty seven percent (27%) colleges have completed the first cycle and twenty four percent (24%) have completed the second cycle of assessment. Only one percent college i.e. Furkating College of Golaghat district has completed their fourth cycle of assessment. This is shown in table 4 as given below.

**Table 4: Cycle of NAAC Accreditation of Government Provincialized Colleges of Assam affiliated to Dibrugarh University**

Name of the District	Cycle of NAAC accreditation				Number of NAAC accredited Colleges
	1 <sup>st</sup> cycle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cycle	4 <sup>th</sup> Cycle	
Charaideo	4	0	2	0	6
Dhemaji	8	3	3	0	14

Dibrugarh	2	3	9	0	14
Golaghat	3	1	7	1	12
Jorhat	4	1	8	0	13
Lakhimpur	2	7	4	0	13
Majuli	1	3	1	0	5
Sibsagar	0	5	7	0	12
Tinsukia	2	1	6	0	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>26(27%)</b>	<b>24(24%)</b>	<b>47(48%)</b>	<b>01(1%)</b>	<b>98 (100%)</b>

Source: Author's compilation

**CGPA range of NAAC accreditation:** More than thirty one percent (31%) colleges are in the CGPA range of 2.01 to 2.50 i.e. on B grade. More than twenty one percent (21%) are in the CGPA range of 2.76 to 3.00 i.e. on B+ +grade and more than twenty percent (20%) colleges are in the range of B+ grade. Only five percent (5%) colleges are in the range of 3.26 to 3.00 i.e. on A+ grade. This is shown in table 5 as given below.

**Table 5: CGPA range of NAAC Accredited Colleges**

CGPA	Number of Colleges
3.51-4.00	0
3.26-3.50	5(5.1%)
3.01-3.25	13(13.27%)
2.76-3.00	21(21.43%)
2.51-2.75	20(20.41%)
2.01-2.50	31(31.63%)
1.51-2.00	8(8.16%)
Total Colleges	98(100%)

Source: Author's computation

The mean CGPA of the colleges is 2.62. The different mean CGPA of colleges of nine different districts is shown in table 6 and 7

**Table 6: District wise Mean NAAC CGPA of Colleges**

Name of the District	Mean NAAC CGPA of colleges
Charaideo	2.46
Dhemaji	2.51
Dibrugarh	2.50
Golaghat	2.67
Jorhat	2.80
Lakhimpur	2.51
Majuli	2.28
Sibsagar	2.73
Tinsukia	2.61
<b>Mean CGPA</b>	<b>2.62</b>

Source: Author's computation

**Table 7: NAAC CGPA Range**

NAAC CGPA range	3.51 -4.00	3.26 -3.50	3.01 -3.25	2.76 -3.00	2.51 -2.75	2.01 -2.50	1.51 -2.00	CGPA Mean = 2.46	No. of colleges of charaideo district
	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	CGPA Mean = 2.51	No. of colleges of dhemaji district
	0	0	1	3	2	8	0	CGPA Mean = 2.5	No. of colleges of dibrugarh district
	0	2	3	0	3	2	2	CGPA Mean = 2.67	No. of colleges of golaghat district
	0	2	3	4	3	0	1	CGPA Mean = 2.8	No. of colleges of jorhat district
	0	0	1	3	3	5	1	CGPA Mean = 2.51	No. of colleges of lakhimpur district
	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	CGPA Mean = 2.28	No. of colleges of majuli district
	0	0	3	2	5	2	0	CGPA Mean = 2.73	No. of colleges of sibsagar district
	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	CGPA Mean = 2.61	No. of colleges of tinsukia district

Source: Author's computation

From the table 6 and 7, it is apparent that the mean NAAC CGPA of colleges of Jorhat district is higher than the CGPA of colleges of other eight districts.

**NAAC accreditation status of Jorhat district:** NAAC accreditation status of Jorhat district is displayed in following table 8.

**Table 8: NAAC Accreditation Status of Jorhat District**

Serial No.	Name of the college	Cycle of NAAC assessment	Grade	CGPA	Year of assessment
1	Bahona College	First Cycle	B	71.75	2004
		Second Cycle	B	2.71	2015
		Third Cycle	A	3.36	2022
2	Borholla College	First Cycle	B	2.85	2023
3	CKB College	First Cycle	C++	69.5	2004
		Second Cycle	B	2.59	2015
4	CKB Commerce College	First Cycle	B	N/A	2004
		Second Cycle	B+	2.54	2016
		Third Cycle	B++	N/A	2022
5	Cinamara College	First Cycle	B++	2.79	2023



6	DCB Girls' College	First Cycle	B	N/A	2004
		Second Cycle	A	3.07	2011
		Third Cycle	B+	2.59	2019
7	Dr.Nabin Bordoloi College	First Cycle	B+	2.58	2023
8	Jaganath Barooah College	First Cycle	B+	78.30	2004
		Second Cycle	A	3.11	2011
		Third Cycle	A	3.11	2018
9	Jorhat College	First Cycle	C++	NA	2004
		Second Cycle	B	2.69	2012
		Third Cycle	B++	2.77	2021
10	Jorhat Kendriya Mahavidyalaya	First Cycle	B	NA	2004
		Second Cycle	B++	2.78	2016
		Third Cycle	A	3.20	2023
11	Kakojan College	First Cycle	B	N/A	2004
		Second Cycle	B+	N/A	2016
		Third Cycle	A	3.18	2023
12	Nakachari College	First Cycle	C	1.91	2023
13	Nanda Nath Saikia College	First Cycle	C++	67.25	2004
		Second Cycle	B	2.65	2015
		Third Cycle	A+	3.26	2023

Source: Author's compilation

As shown in table 8, eight colleges of Jorhat district have completed the third cycle of assessment. Four colleges of Jorhat district have merely completed the first cycle of NAAC assessment. CKB College has completed its second cycle in the year 2015 with B grade. Four colleges of Jorhat district have been re-accredited by NAAC with A grade. Bahona College has the highest NAAC CGPA of 3.36 as compared to CGPA of other colleges of Jorhat district. The colleges that have been accredited with 'A' grade are Bahona College, JB College, Kakojan College and Nanda Nath Saikia College. Apart from these four colleges other colleges of Jorhat district are having high CGPA of B grade. The A grade colleges of the district have completed their third cycle in a period of seven years from the expiry date of their second cycle.

**Table 9: CGPA of colleges of Jorhat district**

CGPA	Number of Colleges
3.51-4.00	0
3.26-3.50	2(15.39%)
3.01-3.25	3(23.08%)
2.76-3.00	4(30.77%)
2.51-2.75	3(23.08%)
2.01-2.50	0
1.51-2.00	1(7.69%)
Total Colleges	13(100%)

Mean CGPA of colleges of Jorhat district=2.87

## 8. Findings of the Study

From the study it is revealed that the re-accreditation of the colleges of the district exceeds the period of validity of 5 years. First cycle grade report of CKB Commerce College, DCB Girls' college, Jorhat college and Jorhat Kendriya Mahavidyalaya is not found in the institutional website during the study period. The first cycle and second cycle grading Point of Kakojan College is not also displayed in college website. There is the positive shift of NAAC grade point of the colleges of the district except DCB Girls' college. Bahona College

has the highest CGPA of 3.36 in their third cycle of assessment and accreditation as compared to CGPA of other colleges of the district. Eight colleges of the district have completed the third cycle of NAAC assessment and accreditation. The district has five NAAC grade colleges. The mean NAAC CGPA of the district is 2.87 which reflects the B++ grade of the colleges.

**9. Suggestions and Conclusions:** From the study following suggestions and conclusions can be derived.

- Colleges having lower NAAC grade should follow the strategy of 'A' grade accredited colleges like Digboi college, Bahona college, DKD college, DR college, Moridhal college, DHSK college etc.
- Colleges should follow the guidelines of NAAC re-accreditation specially the gap of NAAC assessment period. In this regard the Government provincialized college should follow the example of Furkating College.
- The colleges should follow up action for re-accreditation of NAAC in regular manner. The colleges which are in first and second cycle of NAAC should proceed for further cycle of NAAC assessment.
- Colleges should undergo a complete review process of their Institution while preparing for getting accreditation.
- Complete information of NAAC assessment and accreditation should be displayed in the college website specially in IQAC site of the college.

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