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## A Critical Review of the Binary Accreditation System by NAAC

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*"Plants are shaped by cultivation and men by education"*

-Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are key players in promoting academic development, knowledge advancement, and preparing people to contribute meaningfully to society. These education institutions include universities, colleges, and specialized professional schools, are important centers for teaching, research, and community engagement. Their effectiveness and integrity are often related to their adherence to rigorous standards, which are evaluated and certified through accreditation processes.

However, the assessment of particular academic and administrative elements, accreditation guarantees the caliber of academic performance by HEIs. Accreditation agencies evaluate the effectiveness of the institution's governance, faculty, facilities, and programs before awarding HEIs a certificate based on their performance. For the public's assurance, accreditation systems are made up of both internal and external assessors who make sure that pertinent standards and criteria are being followed. For about forty years, the ISO 9000 family of standards has been used to standardize industrial processes (Misal, 2023). Most significantly, accreditation fosters a culture of ongoing development in which educational institutions improve their research output, community service initiatives, and teaching strategies on a regular basis.

The foundation of quality control in higher education is accreditation. While some nations have opted for binary accreditation, others have opted a 7-point grading scheme. The article examines the benefits and drawbacks of using data from Indian higher education where the universities and colleges that are functional have NAAC accreditation. This article also analyzes how these frameworks affect the institution's operations, its policies, and the trust of the public

The significance of accreditation is multifarious. It assures the worth of an institution to all parties involved, including parents, employers, students, and legislators. Additionally, it forces organizations to meet the highest standards in the world and make constant improvements. It serves as a way for the government and monitoring organizations to guarantee responsibility and appropriate financial distribution.

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