

NAAC introduces new grading system for colleges

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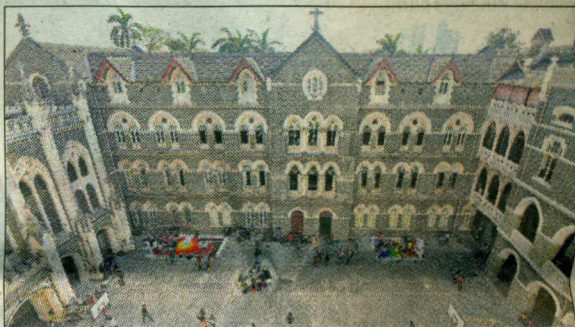
MUMBAI: In a move aimed at making the accreditation process for colleges more rigorous and improve the quality of education imparted, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has decided to grade higher education institutes on a seven-point system.

Earlier, the institutes were graded on a four-point system — A, B C and D.

“To reflect the working and functioning of education institutes more minutely, the executive committee of NAAC has decided to change the grading pattern to a seven point system,” said NAAC director DP Singh. He further added that the previous method of gradation, where A stood for ‘Very Good’, B for ‘Good’ and so on will be discontinued.

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of 4, followed by A+ grade for an institute that scores anywhere between 3.51 to 3.75.

The lowest score of accreditation will now be C, given to an institute that scores between 1.52 to 2 out of 4. Any institute scoring below that will not get accreditation.

Other than the letter grades, all other aspects of assessment and accreditation methodology like criteria, key aspects, calculation of cumulative grade point average and other manuals remain the same.

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- The highest grade will now stand at A++ with a cumulative grade point average of 3.76 or more out of 4
- The lowest score of accreditation will now be C, given to an institute that scores between 1.52 to 2 out of 4
- Any institute scoring below 2 will not get accreditation