



**Report of the**  
**Regional Workshop on Criterion V**  
**(Learner Support and Progression)**  
**For NAAC Assessment & Accreditation of ODL Institutions**

**Date: 20/06/2018 Time: 10 AM-4 PM**

**Venue: Hotel Rajdhani Regency, Last Gate, Dispur, Guwahati**

*Organised by*  
**Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University**  
Guwahati, Assam

Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU), Guwahati organised a Regional Workshop on Criterion V (Student Support and Progression) for NAAC A&A for ODL institutions on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Hotel Rajdhani Regency, Last Gate, Dispur, Guwahati following the directive from NAAC, Bangalore. The workshop was moderated by the Dr. Hitesh Deka, Honourable Vice Chancellor of KKHSOU and Prof. Nageswar Rao, Honorable VC of Uttarakhand Open University and Chairperson of National Taskforce for NAAC A&A framework for ODL Institutions. Shri B. S. Ponmudiraj, Deputy Adviser, NAAC outlined the expectations from the workshop. The dignitaries and participants present during the workshop discussed in detail about the qualitative and quantitative metrics along with the respective weightages to be assigned with regard to the different parameters of Criterion V in the area of Student Support and Progression. The workshop was attended by experts and representatives of various Institutions such as STRIDE, IGNOU; SOL, Delhi University; DDE, Tripura University; IDOL, Guwahati University; DDE Dibrugarh University; DDE, Tezpur University; and Don Bosco University in addition to the senior faculty members of KKHSOU.

The Regional Workshop discussed several issues regarding the design of the Framework as well as its implementation with regard to Criterion V. It was unanimously held that the equivalence perception in the minds of the people about the quality of learning through the ODL mode needs to be sorted out. To that extent, the workshop decided to keep parity with the over-all framework prepared by NAAC for conventional universities, autonomous colleges, affiliated/constituent colleges with some changes in the metrics and the weightages to fit into the functional requirements of ODL Institutions. The meeting resolved to replace the word ‘student’ by ‘learner’ in Criterion V and to retain the same total aggregate and Key Indicators but with some contextual changes in metrics and weightages. To deliberate on the four KIs, four sub groups were formed. The issues regarding the functioning of the stand-alone and dual mode institutions were also discussed. After deliberating on all these important issues, the Workshop finalised the Parameter-wise and Institution-wise metrics and weightages in respect of the three different categories of institutions.

#### **List of the Invitees for the Group Meeting for Criterion V**

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the Invitee</i>
1.	<b>Prof. Amit Choudhury</b> Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning Gauhati University, Guwahati
2.	<b>Prof. Kalyan Bijoy Jamatia</b>

	Director i/c, Directorate of Distance Education Tripura University, Tripura
3.	<b>Prof. Debabrata Das</b> Director, Centre for Open and Distance Learning Tezpur University, Tezpur
4.	<b>Prof. Deba Pallav Rajkhowa</b> Director, Directorate of Open and Distance Learning Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh
5.	<b>Dr. Raunak Singh Ahluwalia</b> Director, Don Bosco Global Centre for Online and Distance Education Don Bosco University, Guwahati
6.	<b>Dr. Anita Priyadarshini</b> Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) STRIDE New Delhi
7.	<b>Prof. H. C. Pokhriyal</b> Executive Director (SOL), Delhi University Delhi
8.	<b>Dr. S. C. Sharma</b> Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Bangalore
9.	<b>Sri. B. S. Ponmudiraj</b> Deputy Adviser, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Bangalore
10.	<b>Dr. Latha Pillai</b> National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Bangalore
11.	<b>Prof. Nageshwar Rao</b> Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Open University Uttarakhand
12.	<b>Prof. Ashan Riddi</b> Director, Institute of Distance Education Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh
13.	<b>Dr. R. N. Rai</b> Head, Centre for Distance Education North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya
14.	<b>The Director</b> Centre for Distance and Open Learning, Assam University Silchar, Assam
15.	<b>Ms. Nayana Adhikary</b> Deputy Director, Distance Education Bureau

	Assam Downtown University, Guwahati
16.	<b>Dr. Avichal Kapoor</b> Joint Secretary, University Grant Commission New Delhi
17.	<b>Prof. Debal K. Singharoi</b> School of Social Science, IGNOU
18.	As advised by the Honorable Vice Chancellor of KKHSOU who is the chairperson of the group for Criterion V, the Senior officials, Professors and Associate Professors of KKHSOU were also invited to attend the workshop

### List of the attendees for the Group Meeting for Criterion V

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12.	<b>Dr. Arupjyoti Choudhury</b> Registrar (i/c), KKHSOU
13.	<b>Dr. Dibyajyoti Mahanta</b> Dean (Study Centre), KKHSOU
14.	<b>Dr. Bhabaranjan Sarmah</b> Controller of Examinations, KKHSOU
15.	<b>Prof. N. N. Srama</b> Director CIQA, KKHSOU
16.	<b>Prof. Aniruddha Deka</b> KKHSOU
17.	<b>Prof. Umish Deka</b> KKHSOU
18.	<b>Dr. Chandrama Goswami</b> Associate Professor, KKHSOU
19.	<b>Dr. Bipul Das</b> Associate Professor, KKHSOU
20.	<b>Dr. Prasenjit Das</b> Associate Professor, KKHSOU
21.	<b>Dr. Bhaskar Sharma</b> Asst. Professor, KKHSOU
22.	<b>Dr. Abhijit Bhuyan</b> Asst. Professor, KKHSOU

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