

## Press Note

Osmania University has been accorded the A+ Grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council in the 3rd Cycle of Assessment done last month. The A plus status is one notch higher than the "A" grade status it enjoyed till recently.

The University, celebrating its centenary, is the only educational institution from Telangana to be conferred this status in the third cycle of evaluation.

Osmania University Vice Chancellor, Prof Ramachandram, while congratulating the entire Faculty and the non-teaching staff, students ad research scholars for their cooperation and concerted efforts expressed happiness over the announcement. The grading now enhances the academic prestige of the University nationally and globally, he said. He attributed the positive outcome of the NAAC visit to the robust systems and practices which have been in place in the University.

OU Registrar, Ch Gopal Reddy, stated that the long wait for getting NAAC accreditation has ended and hoped that the UGC and other funding bodies will take note of it.

IQAC Director, Prof. SriramVenkatesh, who coordinated the long drawn preparations for the NAAC said the credit goes to each staff member for their due diligence and commitment. University officials feel that the A + grading would refurbish the varsity's image which was dented due to the agitation for a separate statehood. Osmania has always been known for its citation rate and inclusivity and the grading has been on expected lines, a couple of them point out.

The grading, comes close on the heels of the Times Higher Education World Rankings- 2018, where Osmania was one of the 30 Indian Universities to have made it to the top 1000 Universities. It is one among the eight State Government funded Universities in India to figure in the rankings despite facing a fund crunch and staff shortage.

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