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Prof. H.A. Ranganath, Director, NAAC visits NTS H.Qrs at CIIL on 4th and 5th Jan. 2009

NTS-India is involved in developing materials and methodologies for setting up the benchmark of quality for courses of study, Institutions imparting the courses, and also for the individuals who are pursuing these courses at all levels of education (from primary to research) and for all the disciplines, to start with languages. In this context, the NTS has been holding a series of interactive meetings with a few selected luminaries of academic field invited from across the country to seek their views and suggestions on the intricacies involved in this process. Prof. E. Annamalai (former Director, CIIL & Visiting Professor Yale University U.S.A), Prof. Akhtar Siddique, (Chairperson, NCTE), Dr. P.A. Ramiah (Chairman, Teachers Recruitment Board, TN), Prof. S. Ramachandran, (Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras), Prof. Anandakrishnan, (Chairman, IIT Kanpur & IIT Rajasthan), and Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, (Vice-Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University), and Prof. Ved Prakash, (Vice-Chancellor, NUEPA) have participated so far. They have interacted with the head of NTS-India Prof. Pon Subbiah, the Director of CIIL Prof. Udaya Narayana Singh, and the academic staff of the NTS on the intricacies involved in determining the benchmark of quality at various levels of education.

The next leading light scheduled to visit NTS under this special invitees category is Prof. H.A.Ranganath, Director, NAAC. He is scheduled to visit NTS on 4th to 5th Jan., 2009. The Centre for Testing & Evaluation, which is entrusted with the responsibility of formulating and implementing the NTS in order to fulfil the evaluation requirements of the country including the creation of national and regional norms for determining standards of quality at every level of education. In this regard, it is also involved in the process of developing instruments of measurement (tools & scales) to start with, in the area of language before extending the same to other areas of study. These instruments will be standardised with reference to the population being identified across the country through 60 Regional Field Units (RFUs) of NTS set up across the country for this purpose.

About **Prof. H.A.Ranganath, Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council.**



An eminent scholar with Ph.D in Zoology from University of Mysore. He has post-doctoral experience in the laboratories of Germany and United Kingdom. He is the recipient of many awards including Aryabhata Award for his contributions to Education (2008). He has completed various personal projects of Department of Science and Technology as well as UGC, and coordinated many national level workshops and conferences. He has been invited to deliver lecture in the field of Science and Technology by many Universities in India and abroad including Universities of Cambridge and Edinburgh, UK, Dusseldorf University, Germany, and Institutions like Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad. He is a member of many academic and professional bodies.

Prof. Ranganath has served the University of Mysore for over three decades in different capacities. He has made original contributions in the area of Genetics of speciation and evolution. His specialization is on the Evolutionary cytogenetics of the '*nasuta* sub-group of *Drosophila*'. During the last two and a half decades, he was able to dissect out the pattern and the process of evolutionary divergence of the '*nasuta* cluster by a multidimensional approach. An important dimension of Prof. Ranganath's contribution is his experimental analysis of "Hybridization and Racialization in *Drosophila*" in the environs of laboratory. The analysis covers over 450 generations. This is considered as one of the best documented study in support of 'catalytic role of hybridization in evolution' particularly for animal systems.

In March 2006, he was appointed as Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University. As Vice-chancellor he has taken several initiatives to enhance the quality in teaching, evaluation, research, and administration of Bangalore University. In August 2008, Prof. H.A. Ranganath has assumed the charge of Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), an autonomous institution of the UGC.

