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Awareness Programme on Academic Bank of Credit (for Faculties/ Officers/Students) REPORT

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Mode: Blended

No. of Participants: 77 (Faculties, officers, students)

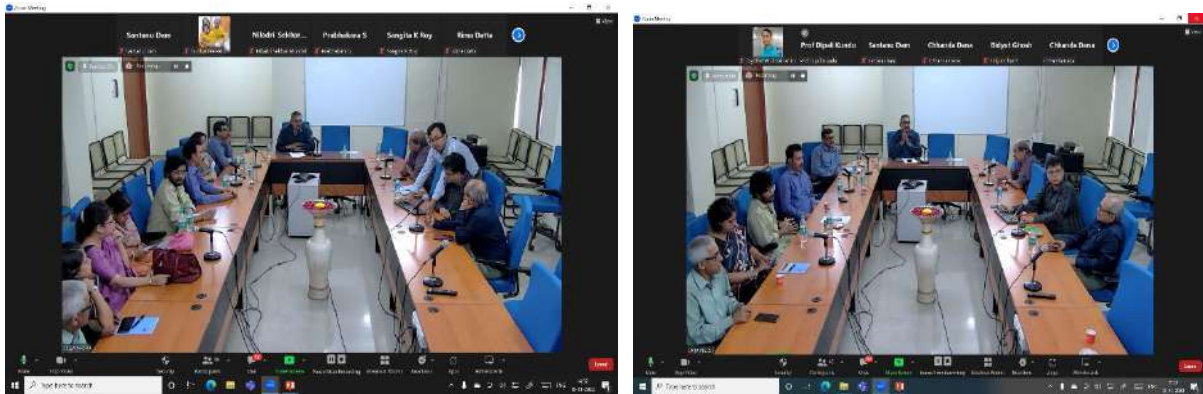
Speakers: Professor Anirban Ghosh, Director, Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA)
Dr. Someswar Bhowmik, Officer-in-Charge, Centre for Online Education (CoEdn)
Shri Hillol Ghosh, Information Technology Officer (ITO)

In view of UGC letter D.O.F. No. 1 -1 2022(ABC) dated 13th May, 2022 (Gazette notification dated July 28, 2021) and F.No.5-5/2022(DEB-V) dated 1st Nov.2022, Centre for Internal Quality assurance (CIQA) of the University organized the Awareness Programme on Academic Bank of Credit on 18th November 2022.

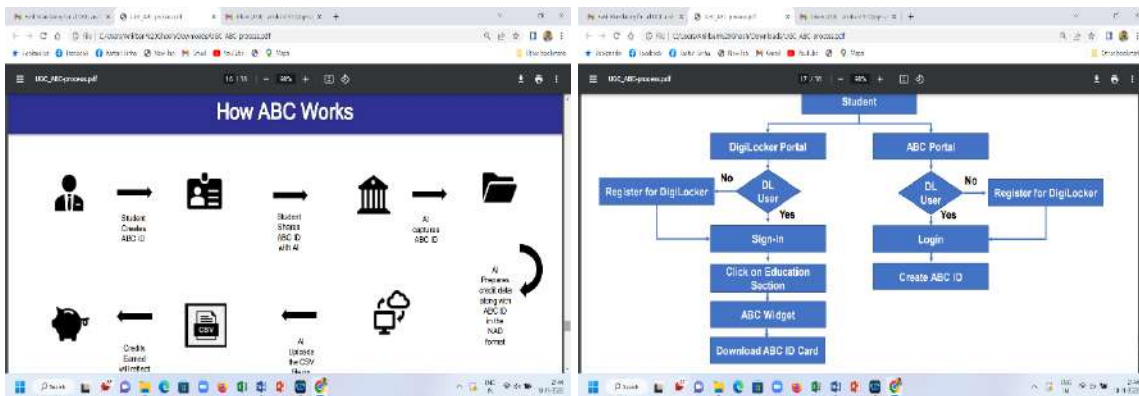
Professor Anirban Ghosh initiated the discussion with a brief introduction on the Academic Bank of Credit. Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) is a digital storehouse that contains information of the credits earned by individual students throughout their learning journey. ABC has been introduced to enable the students' mobility across all higher education institutions with an objective to help in the seamless integration of skills and experiences into a Credit Based system. National Academic Depository (NAD) is the backbone of ABC, where the students' academic data are held and academic awards are stored. The final outcome of credit redemption and issuance of certificates, as well as the compilation of award records, are administered by academic institutions via the NAD Platform. Hence being the owner of academic awards, HEIs mandatorily register themselves under ABC via NAD. In this context, the concept of Digilocker was also described. Digilocker is a cloud-based platform for the storage, sharing and verification of documents and certifications. The important objectives of digilocker are a) paperless governance, b) any time any where the documents, c) real-time verification etc.

Dr. Someswar Bhowmik in his deliberation described the academic aspects of the ABC and its importance in higher education as envisioned in the NEP 2020. The advantage of ABC are a) provision for multiple exits for students, b) Storing student credit for a maximum period of 7 years, c) transfer credit etc. Academic Bank deposits credit awarded by the HEIs. It facilitates the academic mobility of students with the freedom to study access in other HEI with an appropriate credit transfer from one programme to other leading to attain the degree or diploma. He also described 3As involved in the ABC system viz. i) Allocation, ii) Accumulation iii) Awards. Specific 'credit' earned from HEIs through learning activities may be awarded a degree by the parent university. The particular student has to get at least 50% of the total credit from the parent university and the remaining may be earned from one or more HEIs. ABC is meant for credit accumulation, transfer and redemption. The degree will be awarded by the parent university. Learning mobility requires academic recognition and transfer of credit. Recognition of credit is the process through which the institution certifies that learning outcome

has been achieved and assessed by another institution to satisfy the requirements of the programme they offer.



Shri Hillol Ghosh in his presentation described the technical part, log in process and mechanism of credit accumulation, transfer and redemption process through a live demo in the Digilocker portal. He told that the Digilocker stores the academic data, credit etc. and ABC portal facilitates credit accumulation, transfer and redemption of credit earned during the learning path.



After all the presentations, the participants cleared their doubts with the speakers in a homely environment during Q/A session. Dr. Anirban Ghosh in his concluding remarks told that the university has already taken the initiative to upload the results in a prescribed format in the Digilocker. As follow up action, the university may :

- Register its name on ABC
- Upload data of student credit obtained during or after the academic year 2021-22
- Aware the students about the facility and opening acaedemic bank account on ABC portal
- Create a hyperlink of ABC URL (www.abc.gov.in) in the NSOU website
- Depute the Nodal officers for implementing ABC and reflecting their details on the website
- Insert ABC ID on the Examination Form

The programme ended with a formal vote of thanks.

----Report prepared by Director, CIQA