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## One-Day Workshop

On

### Creating Inclusive Learning Environment

Organized by

**Al-Ameen Memorial Minority College**

**(Learner Support Centre)**

*In collaboration with*

**Netaji Subhas Open University**

**PROGRAMME REPORT**

#### **Coordinates:**

**Date & Time:** 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023;

**Venue:** Al-Ameen Memorial Minority College LSC, Baruipur, 24 Parganas (S)

**Participants:** Around 55, comprising of faculty and staff of the college and resource persons from NSOU

**Workshop Objectives:** The collaborative venture intended to-

- ✚ Create awareness on MOOCs
- ✚ Sensitize on the inclusiveness of technology enabled/enhanced/mediated teaching-learning-assessment mechanism in higher education
- ✚ Apprise on the OERs and ethical considerations in educational praxis and practice
- ✚ Elucidate on the conceptual framework of Blended Learning

**The Initiation:** The event set off with a welcoming the guests by the faculty members followed by a warm felicitation. Next to it, verses from the Holy Quran were chanted by one of the faculties of the college with English translation of the meaning and essence of the faith. A soulful opening song 'Eso sudhi jon' composed by the founder of the college, Prof. Roushan Ali was voiced by Ms. Sayera Begum and Ms. Sanchari Ghosh, faculties of the college.



**Introductory Impressions:** Dr. Nurul Haque, Principal of the college heartily welcomed one and all present in the workshop galore. He congratulated the organizing team of the college and at the same time acknowledged NSOU's prompt response in making this event happen

within a very short span of time. Dr. Haque sincerely thanked Prof. Anirban Ghosh whose support and constant guidance has helped the college to arrange this valuable event. Mrs. Benazir Khatun, Coordinator of the LSC expressed her gratitude through a very crisp and eloquent speech.

### **The chronicles of the technical sessions are briefed below:**

#### **Session-1: Creating Inclusive Learning Environment: Vistas, Trends and Blends**

Speaker: **Dr. Papiya Upadhyay**, Assistant Professor, Education, NSOU presented the topic with vivid PPT and interaction with the faculties. She assented on the diversity in learning, learner and methods of teaching with technology. She equaled that inclusive nature of technology plays a crucial role in creating multiple means of engagement, presentation and actions and expressions followed by assistive technologies in education. Bridging the gaps in educational access, created by geographical and socio-economic barriers, is of utmost importance to emerge as an educational superpower in the 21st century. To achieve targets of universal educational access, application of appropriate technology is the call of the day. Educational Institutions can utilize technology-driven instruction modes and technology-based learning resources to reach students of remote areas. Also, making such technology-centered educational targets low-cost and easily accessible would allow students from disadvantaged backgrounds as well as remote areas to explore the educational landscape with ease.



#### **Session-2: OER and ethics in Education**

Speaker: **Prof. Arun K Chakraborty**, Head, LIS, NSOU emphatically spoke on the ideas and concept of Open Educational Resources (OERs), library and digitalization of books. He also emphasized on the ethical realms in publication and hinted upon the issues related to plagiarism and technological interventions.

#### **Session-3: Blended learning**

Speech by **Mr. Matin Ahmed**, faculty member of the college briefed on Concept of Blended Learning through a well knitted words and assumptions, exemplified with the notion of promises and opportunities for the future.

#### **Session-4 : Creating Inclusive Learning Environment: Blended Learning-from concept to practice**

Speaker: **Prof. Anirban Ghosh**, Director, CIQA, NSOU eloquently presented his ideas and thoughts on the evolution of educational practices with means, modes, materials and matrix of contemporary needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century learners' aspirations. He touched upon the continuum of pre-pandemic, pandemic, post-pandemic and neo-normal society and education and how technology is reshaping the transformations in education. Technology has emerged as a powerful catalyst for educational transformation in India. While there are challenges to be addressed, such as infrastructure limitations and teacher training, the potential benefits are

immense. The continued integration of technology in education can foster inclusive and accessible learning environments, enhance pedagogical practices, and empower students with the skills required for success in the digital age.

**Q & A session:** Lauded interaction between the speakers and the faculty members ensured that the workshop brought about a new opening in the minds of the audience regarding technology, inclusivity, challenges and quality assurance in education system. The audience were inspired and motivated to know more in details and urged for more such events to empower themselves with the power of knowledge in this ever-changing society.



**Closing Song:** Sung by Mr. Abdul Ali Khan and Ms. Devkona Bhowmick, faculties of the College to mark the completion of the day long fruitful event.

**Thanks giving:** This was offered by the Chairman of the event, Dr. Nurul Haque, Principal, Al ameen Memorial Minority College.

---Report prepared by Dr. P. Upadhyay