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The School of Humanities, Netaji Subhas Open University organizes the UGC-DEB sponsored National Level Symposium on “Exploring Learning Management Systems; New Horizons in Humanities through ODL” and Release of First Phase Educational DVD’d for PG Students in Bengali, English, English Language Teaching, on 10th January, 2017. The venue of this conference was at the seminar hall, 1st floor, NSOU, Sector-1, DD-26, Kolkata-700064 at the University main campus. The Symposium addressed the emerging trends and issues of Learning Management Systems in the broad rubric of Humanities under ODL. The Preparation of Curriculum based AV lecture in Post Graduate Level is a first kind of audio- visual material production in the Netaji Subhas Open University organized by the School of Humanities. In the inaugural session, Dr. Manan Kumar Mandal, Officer in Charge, School of Humanities addressed the gathering by welcoming all the participants, scholars and dignitaries. Mr Suparno Maitra, Former Secretary, BNCCI & Member of Academic Council, NSOU addressed the gathering by pointing out importance of curriculum design for OLD system. Professor Kandarpa Das, HOD, Department of foreign Languages & former Director of IDOL, Gauhati University had delivered the keynote address on “Asia MOOCs and the ODL scenario” at the symposium. Professor Kandarpa Das argues the role of MOOCs in the present scenario of ODL system the ways of implementing it without delaying the process. He had presented the current situations of MOOCs in Asia specific zone in ODL system. He had apply commented that for as long as couple of years, the MOOCs development has risen as a consuming inquiry in the worldwide field of advanced education and long lasting learning. No one can deny its inventive potential as a tool of instruction by and large for advanced ICT based education system and policy.

The Presidential address was given by Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar, Honourable Vice Chancellor of NSOU will preside over the programme. On this occasion, Curriculum based Educational DVD’s for PG Studies, developed by the School Humanities with grants from UGC-DEB released by Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar, Honourable Vice Chancellor of NSOU. The inaugural session ended on a note of thanks from Dr. oindrilla Ghosh, Assistant Professor in English, SoH, NSOU.

The Valedictory session of this conference was followed by discussion and interaction by Dr Manan Kumar Mandal, OiC, School of Humanities, and Mr. Srideep Mukherjee on “Preparation of Curriculum based AV Lecture Programme under SoH, NSOU: An Experience. They have suggested that this programme will help the learner to get curricula oriented academic support in A/V medium. Post Graduate level learners of Bengali, English and ELT will get enormous support

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parallel to their printed SLM of the subject. In today's context of ODL, the usage of technological support service has emerged in a big way. It helps to replicate, transmit, knowledge support to the learner very effectively. It is confirmed by many universities of the world that the support service through technology based domain results phenomenally good in expansion of knowledge pedagogies in higher learning. Our national and state level ODL domains are still lagging behind. SOU like NSOU has an important role in this juncture as far as expansion of higher education is concerned. A strong technology based student support service is the key to a meaningful intervention in this regard. In the light of this kind of limiting approach in ODL, the technology based learning has emerged as a path breaking endeavor of limitless expansion in open learning. Preparation of audio-video lecture is one of such technology based move that can boost and revamp Student support service in the most effective way. It reduces geographical distance and matrix between learner and counsellor and has immense visual impact which is ensured by its repetitive nature. The lectures have been made user-friendly. It can be used through micro SD card in cell phone, online video streaming, you tube and offline DVD player/computer/laptop etc. Dr. Sumana Bandopadhyay distributed certificates to all the participants.