



National Seminar on Academic Integrity

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Academic Integrity is the moral code or ethical policy of academia. This is the core set of values and principles that underwrites the very mission of integrity, honesty, hard work and determination to translate personal and professional principles into behaviour in the higher education sector. This entails wide values from avoidance of cheating in examination to honesty and rigor in research and academic publishing and reflects academic honour code which is centred on pride, power, self esteem and social values. The integrity of the academic process can be acquired through sound academic writing, avoiding plagiarism and appropriate referencing and citation.

In this background, the School of Professional Studies with the financial assistance received from UGC-DEB, organized one day National Seminar on *Academic Integrity* at the headquarters of the University on 22 February 2017. 35 participants attended the seminar.

Professor Radharaman Chakraborti, Founder Vice-Chancellor, NSOU, Professor Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, Dr. BK Bhadri, Asst. Education Adviser (DL) MHRD and Professor Uma Kanjilal graced the Inaugural Session.

Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Officer-in-Charge, School of Professional Studies welcomed the distinguished guests and participants to this National Seminar and discussed the importance behind choosing such topic in the present day scenario. Dr. B.K. Bhadri congratulated the university authority for choosing this topic which is very relevant in the academics and research arena. He also highlighted that the academician and researcher should be careful in writing their paper, dissertation and research report.



Professor Radharaman Chakraborty, Founder Vice-Chancellor of NSOU deliberated on the process of writing a dissertation report without infringement of copy right. Every researcher should maintain the academic integrity in preparing their article/ papers etc.

Professor Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU discussed various types of Creative Common licence (CC) to create new publications. Professor Kanjilal also stressed upon the use of OERs which are

available on line and free of cost. Use of OER with appropriate CC licence can increase the repository and all stakeholders will be benefitted. OER is based on the principles of sharing of knowledge and to improve one's work with open licence. She also requested the university authority to encourage the faculty members to use more and more OER materials for the development of SLMs and upload on the NSOU OER repository.

In the first technical session, Dr. Arun Kr. Chakraborti, Director, RRLF and Director General National Library was the keynote speaker and Professor Debnarayan Modak, Director, School of Social Science, NSOU chaired the session. Professor Modak highlighted that the publications now a days have been increased many fold in view of UGC-API score. It is a good step taken by UGC that due weightage will be given for research publication. But he reiterated that the increase in research publication is a good sign but the quality should be maintained. Professor A.K. Chakarboriti in his Keynote address discussed the different types anti plagiarism software which are available free cost. The researchers may use these free software to check their paper/ articles before publication. He also appreciated that the academicians and researchers are also very conscious about their publication and they are taking due care in creating such publications.



The post lunch session was chaired by Professor Sharmishta Banerjee, Dept. of Business Management, University of Calcutta. Professor Banerjee deliberated on the importance “academic integrity” in the academic fraternity. She also requested all the researchers/ teachers present in the conference to maintain the academic integrity in preparing their research papers/ articles. Various sources of online resources were also shown during the session. In this technical session, Dr. Amit Majumder, Dr. Papiya Upadhaya and Mrs. Kasturi Sinha Ghosh presented their papers.

The one-day long National seminar ended with the distribution of certificates.