



International Seminar on Higher Education in the Present Context: Role of Library and Teaching Aids

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In the age of education 4.0 the learners are empowered with self-motivated learning. Explosions of library resources- online & offline along with emergence of sundry teaching-learning aids have a major role-play in learners' learning empowerment in this era of advanced ICT environment.

In such a situation, the Department of Library and Information Science, School of Professional Studies of Netaji Subhas Open University in collaboration with the Byanjanbarna Foundation has organized a UGC-DEB sponsored International Seminar "**Higher education in present context: Role of libraries and Teaching Aids**" to bring on a common platform for resource persons and peers from related academic fields overseas together to share and interact their innovative ideas and to show the way on the area.



Resource persons and participants from several higher education institutes from different parts in and across the country enlightened the event. Eminent personalities in the sphere of higher education shared their visions in the Inaugural Programme. Prof. Basab Chaudhury, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal State University, has delivered inaugural speech. He focused on how to meet the demands of tertiary-level students in present ICT-enabled society. Chief Guest of the seminar Prof. Paula Banerjee, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata has focused on how to manage the changing nature of learning context in today's complex educational system. She really highlights the path of education in new era. Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Director General, RRRLF and Director General, The National Library, India explained the different roles and responsibilities of library and information professionals in support of education in the digital environment. He opined that Library is the heart of any institution. Library can supports increasing demand of educational environment. In this context, he also gave stressed on various aspects of information and communication technology through which library can cater its services to its users. The presidential



address, delivered by Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Netaji Subhas Open University by following the closing of Inaugural Session.

Subsequently, in the technical sessions, sixty papers in eight parallel sessions were presented in the two days' event. The papers presented may broadly be grouped into Higher education in Indian perspective, Libraries as Gateways of Learning, Online Learning Environment, and many more which is mainly based on open and distance learning and information and communication technology.

The important issues discussed were Multidimensional Role of Teachers in The Light of Education 4.0, Technology Enhanced Innovative Learning Environment in Higher Education, Integration of ICT within Project Based Learning, Understanding the role of technology-rich innovative learning environments in the digital era, Strategies in Teaching Colonial History using Portraits as Teaching tools, Language Laboratory for Teaching English, Role of Funding Agencies in Higher Education and research in India, Contemporary Scenario of Higher education in different countries, Open Access Digital Resources to Support Higher Education in Developing Countries, etc.



A handful number of experts, pioneers and resource persons from different reputed National and International Higher Education Institute in the country and from abroad delivered their eloquent speech on the relevant issues. Ms.Lilian Martha Silva Baliero, Teacher and Coordinator, Department of English, Colego Culto a Ciencia, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Dr. Sabina Yeasmin, Dean, Open School, Bangladesh Open University, Dr. Abu Nasar, Professor, Bangladesh Open University, Md. Tofail Hossain, Assistant Professor, Bangladesh Open University are among the eminent overseas contributor in the seminar.

After a long and productive sharing of thoughts, visions and knowledge, We can proudly say the initiative taken by SPS has really brought about a lot of thought provoking ideas along with extremely informative ideas, suggestions and recommendations for the further enhancement and development of teaching-learning methods of ODL system. We hope for a better future for this system of education and a congenial teaching learning process for our student who are enrolled in our university. University had shown its gratitude towards participants by focusing on their valuable suggestions for making the system better.

At the end of the conference, certificates of participation had been distributed in the Valedictory Session. Finally, the seminar ended after the delivery of Vote of Thanks at 5.00 pm on 31st March, 2018.

