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Programme Report

One-Day Orientation Programme for Content Writers and Editors of P.G. Environmental Science (PGES)

Organised by

School of Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open University

Date: 19th October, 2022

Venue: Board Room (3rdFloor), NSOU Head Quarters, DD-26, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 64

Mode: Hybrid (Face-to-face & Virtual via ZOOM platform)

Prelude of the programme:

Netaji Subhas Open University is on the verge of introducing the new Post Graduate programme in Environmental Science (PGES), following the approval by the Academic Council, NSOU in the 37th meeting held on 17.09.2019. A good quality Self Learning Material (SLM) is an integral part of any ODL programme. In connection to this it was imperative to conduct a orientation programme or workshop for the writers and editors of the SLM from different Higher Education Institutions (HEI) to be accustomed to the basic guideline and the structure of developing the study materials for the future PGES learners. In this regard, the School of Sciences organised a One-Day Orientation Programme for Content Writers and Editors of P.G. Environmental Science (PGES) to sensitize the writers and editors regarding the preparation of SLMs. The Honourable Vice-Chancellor of the University presided over the session. NSOU ICT partner M/s TeamLease shouldered major technical responsibilities for the workshop.

Objectives of the Programme:

The main objectives of this one-day orientation programme were-

- To sensitize the writers and editors to produce quality and learner-friendly content for their respective domains.
- to create a platform for interaction and sharing of thoughts regarding the preparation of SLMs and content development.
- To maintain the structural uniformity and standard quality of all the SLMs of the PGES programme.

Organising Committee:

Chief Patron: Prof.Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NSOU

Chairperson: Prof.Kajal De, Director, School of Sciences, NSOU



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Organising Secretary: Mr. Niladri Sekhar Mondal, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, NSOU

Treasurer: Mr. Ashif Ahamed, Assistant Professor of Zoology, NSOU

Participants: Total 21 participants including editors and writers of different SLMs attended this programme through hybrid mode.

Details of the Programme:

The programme started at 12:30 p.m. in the Board room of the NSOU headquarters in presence of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and Director, School of Sciences of NSOU. The organising committee members, invited speaker, and other participants were also sharing the same venue physically. Other respected writers and editors of the SLMs joined the programme physically as well as virtually using the previously provided ZOOM link.

The programme started with the warm welcome address by Prof. Kajal De, Director, School of Sciences, NSOU. Prof. De in her insightful speech explained the hurdles of introducing a new PG Programme which is a laboratory based subject, in reference to the UGC norms, our road map and our status. She also mentioned the importance of this orientation programme. She also advised the writers to be concerned about plagiarism cautiously.

After that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, delivered his presidential address. In his enriched speech, he pointed out the key points to be remembered to ensure production of the best quality study materials for the learners. He also emphasised on the uniqueness of the material [plagiarism free] and expressed his concerns about the possible obstacles regarding it. Prof. Chakraborty reminded the editors of their responsibility as editors as well as evaluators or reviewers of the SLMs.

Prof. Apurba Ratan Ghosh, Professor of Environmental Science, Burdwan University, the invited speaker enlightened the participants with his nice resourceful presentation. He discussed all of the duties and responsibilities of the writers and editors to keep in mind during the development of the SLM. He also mentioned how the different domains are to be touched during the content development and described the uniform standard structure of an SLM and how a uniform structure is to be followed throughout the SLM.

Dr. A. B. Aich, Director Study centre & Registrar (Acting), highlighted the process of production of high quality SLMs followed in NSOU till date and discussed the role of the editors to improve the standard of the SLM.



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In the interactive session, many queries were raised by the participants related to the uniform structure of the SLM, subject domain, plagiarism check etc. All the queries were answered by the speaker and the dignitaries present.

Then Prof. Kajal De, Director, School of Sciences, NSOU, summarised the whole discussion mentioning the major key points to be remembered.

Mr. Niladri Sekhar Mondal, the Organising Secretary, then proposed the formal vote of thanks.

Finally, Mr. Ashif Ahamed, treasurer of the programme, announced the closing of the session with a request to the participants to fill out the feedback forms. It is also to be mentioned the entire programme was hosted by him.

Some Glimpses of the Programme:





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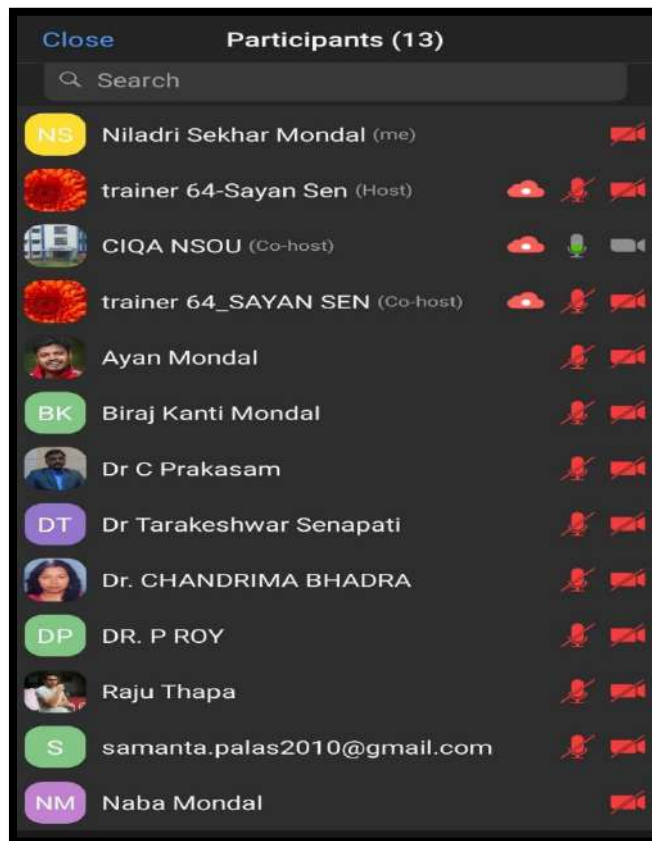
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