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Summary of the Workshop, Seminar & Interaction Programmes

The Directorate of Distance Education of Vidyasagar University keeps on organising workshops, seminars and interaction programmes with different study centres time to time. The following is a comprehensive report on all the workshops, seminars and interaction programmes conducted between the academic years 2015 and 2019.

One day Workshop

On

**Use of Modern Technique in O.D.L. Management Organized by
Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University**

Date: 15.11.2019

Schedule

- Registration: 10:00 A.M-10:20
- Tea Break: 10:20 A.M-10:30

Session I

- 10:30 A.M-10:45 A.M---- Inaugural Speech by Professor Ranjan Chakraborti, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, Vidyasagar University
- 10.45 A.M.- 11.30 A.M. – Prof. K. Das, Registrar, NSOU.
- 11.30 A.M-12.15 P.M--- Professor Monotosh Daasgupta, former director of science and Controller of Examinations, N.S.O.U.
- 12.15 P.M-01:00 P.M----Professor Prakash Chandra Dhara, Director, D.D.E., Vidyasagar University
- 01.00 PM- 01.30 PM- Interaction

Lunch 01.30 P.M-02:00 P.M

Session II

- 02:00 P.M-02.45 P.M----- Professor Partha Sarathi Mukhopadhyay, Department of Library Science, K.U.
- 02.45 P.M-3.45 P.M-----Interaction
- 3:45 P.M-4:00 P.M----- Vote of Thanks- Dr. J.K. Nandi, Registrar, Vidyasagar University.





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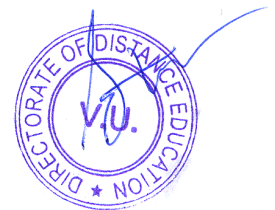
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Report on a “One day Workshop on Use of Modern Technique in O.D.L. Management”

Use of the modern technique is the good indication of development of any system. Keeping this in mind, The Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University, organised a one day workshop on “**Use of Modern Technique in O.D.L. Management**” on 15th November, 2019 as a part of Silver Jubilee Celebration of D.D.E. The Hon’ble Vice Chancellor was the chief patron and inaugurator of the workshop. Professor Prakash Chandra Dhara, Director, D.D.E., V.U., chaired the workshop. Professor Monotosh Daasgupta, former director of science and Controller of Examinations, N.S.O.U. and Professor Partha Sarathi Mukhopadhyay, Department of Library Science, K.U. were the speakers of these above workshops

In order to give adequate emphasis over learning materials preparatory measures are required to be taken into consideration to accomplish the objectives as detailed by Prof. K. Das, Registrar, NSOU and esteemed speaker of this seminar. The seminar was enriched with the most powerful and purposeful presentations from Prof. Manotosh Dasgupta, former Director of Science and Controller of Examinations, NSOU and Prof. P.S. Mukhopadhyay, Dept of Library Sc., Kalyani University.

The seminar ended with a vote of thanks proposed by the respected registrar of Vidyasagar University.





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Report of International Seminar on “Asian Integration towards creating a Homogeneous Asian Mind”

Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University had organized an International Seminar on “Asian Integration towards creating a Homogeneous Asian Mind” organised by EIILM, Kolkata, and International College, Rajamangala University of Technology Krungthep (ICUTK), Thailand held on 15th October, 2019 at Hotel Novotel Clarke Quay, Singapore. A total of 35 participants participated in it and 14 presenters had presented the papers.

The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal, India and Prof. (Dr.) R. P Banerjee, Chairman & Director, EIILM Kolkata, West Bengal, India. The Welcome Address was delivered by Prof. Supriya Paul, EIILM Kolkata, India. The central theme i.e., **Asian Integration Towards Creating a Homogenous Asian Mind** was addressed by Prof. (Dr.) R.P Banerjee, Chairman & Director, EIILM Kolkata, India. Dr. Misha Roy, Assistant Professor, Environmental Science, Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University presented her paper on “**Integration of Ecotourism in Asia – A Sustainable Tourism Perspective**”. Mr. Abhijit Ghose, Assistant Director, Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University presented his paper on “**Integration of Asian Market in the Context of Arms Industry**”.

Other eminent speakers of the seminar were Prof. Komm Pechinthorn, Assistant Director, International College, Rajamangala University of Technology Krungthep (ICUTK), Thailand. Dr. Yee Shyi Chang, Chairman – Executive Director, Tiwan Bigbest Motor Co., Advisor Ming Dao University, China & Taiwan, Mr. Maneesh Tripathi, Chairman & CEO SEVAK LIMITED, Singapore, Prof. (Dr.) Chayarnithsarr Khanijor, CEO, GBC Overseas Consultants, Thailand.

The seminar successfully ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Jayanta Kishore Nandi, Registrar, Vidyasagar University.





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Report of International Conference on “Politics, Trade and Business in Asia- the 21st Century”

Directorate of Distance Education of Vidyasagar University in Collaboration with Bengal Institute of Business Studies (BIBS), Kolkata, West Bengal, India had organised an “International Conference on “Politics, Trade and Business in Asia- the 21st Century” held on 1st June, 2019 in Dubai, UAE. A total of 38 participants attended the conference and 12 speakers had presented their papers.

The conference was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal and Mr. Vidur Kapoor, Chairman, BIBS, Kolkata, India. The Welcome Address was delivered by Mr. Vidur Kapoor, Chairman, BIBS, Kolkata, India. Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice chancellor, Vidyasagar University, delivered the key note address on the theme of the conference. Prof. Prakash Chandra Dhara, Director, Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University, presented a paper titled “Asian integration: role of Distance Education.” In this presentation the growth of open and distance education in Asia was emphasised. The perspective of ODL in India was analyzed. The speaker also discussed about the use of new generation of education technologies in ODL system. The theme of the conference was successfully explored through the lively presentations and discussions among the participants.

Other eminent speakers of the conference were Prof. Deepak Bhattacharyya, Principal, BIBS, Kolkata, Dr. Anindya Dutta, H.O.D., Marketing, BIBS, Kolkata. Dr. Aniruddha Bandyopadhyay, Assistant professor, B.I.B.S., Kolkata. Dr. Avijit Roychoudhury, Inspector of Colleges, Vidyasagar University, Dr. Asmita Bhattacharyya, Assistant professor, Department of Sociology, Vidyasagar University. Dr. Debasish Biswas, Assistant professor and Head, Department of Business Administration, Vidyasagar University, Mr. Biswapati Jana, Department of Computer Science, Vidyasagar University, Dr. Soudeep Kr. Sau, Special Officer, Vidyasagar University, Dr. Sudin Bag, Assistant professor, Department of Business Administration, Vidyasagar University, Dr. Suratha Kumar Malik, Assistant professor and Head, Department of Political Science, Vidyasagar University, Dr. Tarak Nath Sahu, Assistant professor, Department of Commerce with Farm Management, Vidyasagar University.

The conference was successfully concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Jayanta Kishore Nandi, Registrar, Vidyasagar University.





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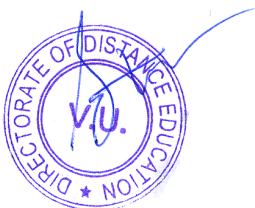
One day Workshop
On
Elementary Computer Skills for Interdisciplinary Topics
Organized by
Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University

Programme Date: 21.12.2018

Place: DDE Building

Programme Schedule:

- 10.00 AM:** Registration
- 10.30 AM:** Inauguration Session.
- 12.00 PM:** Lecture & Demonstration by Mr. Soumya Chakraborti on “**Basic Computer Applications**”.
- 2.00 PM:** Lunch Break.
- 2.45 PM:** Lecture & Demonstration by Mr. Prabhash Kumar Singh on “**Digital Learning**”.
- 4.15 PM:** Tea Break.
- 4.30 PM:** Discussion & Recommendation Session.
- 5.00 AM:** Valedictory Session





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Sub: Report on a One day Workshop on “Elementary Computer Skills for Interdisciplinary Topics”.

Introduction:

Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University has been conducting a workshop for the development of computer knowledge and skill.

Objectives:

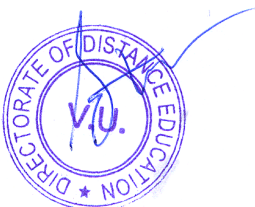
1. Since Computer knowledge is an important aspect of the modern education system, the current workshop aims to provide some elementary computer knowledge to participants for how to incorporate those in academic and official work.

Participants in the Workshop: Officers, Faculties and staff of the directorate.

Total number of participants: 35.

Proceedings:

After the registration, the inauguration Session begins. The Director of the DDE, VU inaugurates the programme. He talks about the importance of this programme and topic. Then Mr. Chakraborti in his session demonstrates the basic software such as MS-OFFICE, TALLY, TNT-MIPS, etc., and how to handle those and at the end clears all the doubts of the participants. After lunch Mr. Singh talks about how we use the internet and several digital platforms for academic & official works and also he talks about the advantages and disadvantages of the digital medium. In the discussion & recommendation session, all participants share their experience & appreciate the role of this programme related to their work and also recommend some improvement of facilities related to their work. In the valedictory session, the director issues certificates to all participants and proposes a vote of thanks to all the participants and organizing staff of the programme.





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One Day Seminar
on
“Preparation of Learning materials in the ODL mode Programmes”
Organized by
Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University

Programme Date: 14.12.2018

Place: DDE Building

Programme Schedule:

Time	Activity	Resource Persons
09.00 AM- 10.00 A.M.	Registration	
10.00 AM- 11.00 AM	Inauguration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon’ble Vice- Chancellor, V.U.• Director, DDE.V.U.• Dean of Science, V.U.• Dean of Arts and Commerce• Registrar, V.U.
11.00 AM- 12.00 PM	High Tea Break	
12.00PM- 01.30 PM	Plenary Lecture- I Title- Preparation of Self Learning Materials in ODL Mode Programme	Director, DDE, V.U.
01.30 PM- 02.30 PM	Lunch Break	
02.30 PM- 03.30 PM	Plenary Lecture- II Title- Delivery of e- resources in ODL Mode Programme	Executive Director, Computer Centre, V.U.
03.30 PM- 04.30 PM	Plenary Lecture-III Title- SLM Writing: Tips for Quality Enhancement	Prof. Jayanta Kumar Kundu, Ex-Director, DDE, Professor, Dept. of Zoology, VU.
04.30PM- 05.00PM	Vote of Thanks	Registrar, VU





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Report on a One day Seminar on “Preparation of Learning materials in the ODL mode Programmes”

Directorate of Distance Education, VU organized this Seminar under the Chief Patronship of Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, VU with participation of several dignitaries at this field of knowledge.

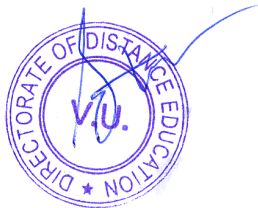
An Advisory Committee was constituted for this purpose with active involvement of the Dean, Faculty of Science, VU, The Dean Faculty of Arts and Commerce VU, Dr. S. K. Ghoral and Dr. J. K. Kundu, both ex-Directors of DDE, VU and Dr. T. K. Ghosh from Calcutta University and Prof.P.Ghosh from West Bengal State University.

After formal inauguration of the Seminar by Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, VU the entire business of this Seminar divided into three plenary session with most excellent presentation of Dr. PC Dhara, Present Director, DDE, VU titling "Preperation of Self Learning Materials in ODL Mode Programme.

Dr. Dhara through his thought-provoking presentations emphasized the need to thrust the direction of rural empowerment in the broadest possible sense throgh massive dissemination of a variety of vocational and employment oriented courses.

Other two Plenary sessions were also deliberated by useful presentations over the subject matter by Mr. S. Mullick, Executive Director, Computer Center VU and Prof.J.K.Kundu. Ex-Director,DDE VU.

The seminar Concluded with vote of thanks to and fro from Registrar VU.





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Report of International Seminar on “Business in Borderless Asia-the Hurdles, Possibilities and Prospects”

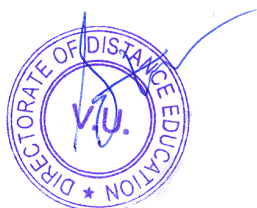
Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University in Collaboration with E.I.I.L.M., Kolkata, West Bengal had organized an International Seminar on “**Business in Borderless Asia-the Hurdles, Possibilities and Prospects**” held on 13th October, 2018, at Hotel Novotel Platinum Pratunam, Bangkok, Thailand. A total of 40 participants attended the seminar and 13 speakers had presented their papers.

The inauguration was done by Prof. (Dr.) Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal, India and Prof. (Dr.) R. P. Banerjee, Chairman & Director, E.I.I.L.M., Kolkata, West Bengal, India. Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice chancellor Vidyasagar University, delivered the key-note address on “**Towards a Borderless Asia: A Historical Perspective**”. The theme of the seminar which was prospects of borderless Asia was successfully discussed through the vivid presentations and discussions among the participants.

The growth of distance education in borderless Asia was highlighted through the sub-theme: “Education, Business Growth & Flow in Borderless Asia”. The hurdles and prospects of distance education in boundary less Asia was thoroughly discussed by Dr. Misha Roy, Assistant Professor, Environmental Science, Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University in her presentation on “Perspective of Distance Education in Boundary less Asia: An overview”.

Other eminent speakers of the seminar were Prof. Kanin Khaniyao, Director of Pathumthani International College, Pathumthani University, Thailand Ms. Nithima Yuenyong, Vice president of Pathumthani University, Thailand, Ms. Chayanithsarr Khanijor, Foreign Affair Analyst of Pathumthani University & CEO of GBC Overseas consultants group, Thailand, Prof. Mankeshwar Ram, A.H.A – Airline and Hotel Management Academy, Nashik, Maharashtra, India.

The seminar successfully ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Jayanta Kishore Nandi, Registrar, Vidyasagar University.





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One day Workshop

On

Assessment in Open and Distance Learning System (ODL): Advantages and Challenges

Organised by Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University

Date: 17.08.2018

Schedule

- Registration: 10:00 A.M-10:20
- Tea Break: 10:20 A.M-10:30

Session I

- 10:30 A.M-10:45 A.M---- Inaugural Speech by Professor Ranjan Chakraborti, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, Vidyasagar University
- 10:45 A.M-11:30 A.M---Professor Subrata Kumar De, Dean of Science, Vidyasagar University- Quality Enhancement in Assessment Practices in Distance Learning: Context, Concerns and Challenges
- 11:30 A.M-12:15 P.M-----Professor Debashis Bandyopadhyay, Professor and H.O.D., Department of English, Vidyasagar University --- Evaluation of Distance Learning Pedagogy
- 12:15 P.M-12:45 P.M-----Interaction

Lunch 12:45 P.M-1:30 P.M

Session II

- 1:30 P.M-2:15 P.M-----Professor Prakash Chandra Dhara, Director, D.D.E., Vidyasagar University - Assessment Methods for Student Evaluation in Asia
- 2:15 P.M-3:15 P.M-----Mr. Sunil Chandra Mallick, Executive Director, Computer Centre, Vidyasagar University.- A Review on the Programme Evaluation Strategies in Distance Education
- 3:15 P.M-3:45 P.M-----Interaction
- 3:45 P.M-4:00 P.M----- Professor Prakash Chandra Dhara, Director, D.D.E., Vidyasagar University -Concluding remarks





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Concept Note

Assessment is an integral part of the learning process. The traditional practice of assessment has changed to meet the need of the contemporary society. In this workshop assessment strategies used in Open and Distance Education are discussed and constructive suggestions are given to meet the challenges of assessment. Recently, we have experienced a paradigm shift in assessment both in face-to-face and ODL system. Content-based testing has shifted to performance-based assessment. Assessment is no longer used for grading and certification; rather it has been linked with learning and skill development of the students. Instead of a single paper pencil test, a variety of techniques and methods are being increasingly conducted. In this context assessment in the ODL system has adopted a new strategy to provide better assessment judgments to its students and at the same time, to the teachers and administrators. Coping with the changing scenario in ODL we face challenges that will be discussed extensively in this workshop.

Report:

In his inaugural speech the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcomed the participants and other stakeholders of the workshop. In his speech he introduced the theme of the workshop to the participants while outlining the objectives of the same. He also encouraged the students to take part in the interaction session.

Professor S.K. De then extensively divulged upon the quality enhancement in assessment practices in Distance Learning. The main argument of the speaker was the increasing access to education and consequently rapid expansion of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) as a viable alternative pause to ensure quality to develop Stakeholders' confidence. Assessment in Open Schooling education is mainly associated with growth of learning of the learners and improvement of different programmes allied with in the ODL system. The success of distance education largely depends on the total quality management and best practices for the quality enhancement of curriculum, delivery mechanism, assessment practices and student support services provided by the institution. Most of the criticism has been directed at the wide spread use of achievement test in open educational institutions. In open schooling system Self-Learning Materials (SLM), Personal Contact Programme (PCP) and assessment are supplementary to each other and assessment itself becomes a valuable learning experience. Learning and evaluation activities needs to be blended into a holistic act/task, which demands learning not to select but to design and create the task. In this changing scenario, quality enhancement in assessment





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practices need to be practised in distance education institutions for addressing meaningful learning rather certifying the learners.. Finally the speaker suggested rethinking the alternative mechanism to be followed in assessment practices in order to enhance the quality of Open Distance Learning (ODL) system.

Professor Debashis Bandyopadhyay then delivered his speech on “Evaluation of Distance Learning Pedagogy.” The ace speaker addressed that quality of education has been an area of interest among many. The speaker argued that educational institutions aim at improving their quality of education. One way of improving quality is through gap analysis. This study has been attempted to ascertain the quality of education provided to Distance Education students. An analysis of students expectations based on 5 dimensions has been conducted. The study found that students of Distance education are satisfied with their contact classes and the quality of self-instructional material provided. Some areas where gaps were found included internal and external assessment.

Professor Dhara then delivered a speech on “Assessment Methods for Student Evaluation in Asia.” The learned speaker discussed issues and problems relating to online assessment in teaching and learning. The benefits and problems of e-assessment are discussed, and issues specific to Asian institutions, including the availability of appropriate technology. The potential of e-assessment in open and distance learning is examined via a survey of academic faculty and administrators. An e-assessment procedures checklist is offered to focus discussion on the issues and problems of e-assessment in Asian countries.

Mr. Mallick then shared a review on the programme evaluation strategies in Distance Education. The main aim of this lecture was to review the programme evaluation strategies in point of suitability to distance education. Firstly, relevant and previous studies in the literature on the program evaluation strategies in distance education were searched and reviewed in detailed. Then, thirteen evaluation strategies that were frequently used to collect data for educational programme evaluations were described and reviewed in point of suitability and utilities to distance education. In conclusion, it was determined that the objectives-oriented strategy and systems -based evaluation strategies were highly suited to distance education programmes. But, traditional, expertise-oriented, humanistic and academic evaluation strategies were not suited to distance education programmes. The conclusions obtained in this study may be useful in the exploration of further research areas in the field of programme evaluation in distance education. In future, qualitative and / or quantitative researches should be realized on the suitability of the strategies of the objectives-oriented and systems -based evaluation for distance education programmes.





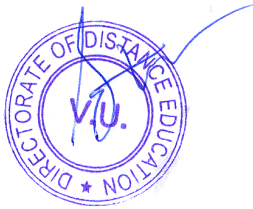
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The workshop was well attended. There were 38 participants in the workshop whereas the workshop was planned only for 25 participants. The participants were invited from various study centers of Vidyasagar University. For the convenience of the participants most of whom were the students, the speaker made their presentation in Bengali that in turn generated huge responses from the students.

In fine, his concluding remarks Professor Dhara summarized all the speeches and proposed a vote of thanks to all the participants for attending the workshop and making it a fruitful one. He described the outcomes of the workshop. He also assured the participants that another workshop will be held the following year and requested the participants to show same enthusiasm for the next time.





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One day Workshop
on

Humanities in Distance Education: Challenges and Solutions

September 15, 2017

Schedule

- Registration: 10:00 A.M-10:20 A.M
- Tea: 10:20 A.M-10:45 A.M

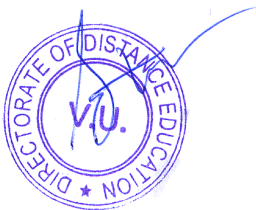
Session I

- 10:45 A.M-11.00 A.M: Inaugural Address by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.
- 10:45 A.M-11:30 A.M: Professor Sibaji Pratim Basu, Department of Political Science, Vidyasagar University -The Holistic Importance of Humanites
- 11:30 A.M-12:15 P.M: Professor Debashis Bandyopadhyay, H.O.D., Department of English, Vidyasagar University--- Technology and the Humanities in Distance Education
- 12:15 P.M-12:45 P.M: Interaction

Lunch: 12:45 P.M-1:30 P.M

Session II

- 1:30 P.M-2:15 P.M: Professor Tirthankar Das Purkayastha, Department of English, Vidyasagar University--- Teaching Indian Literatures in the Distance Classroom
- 2:15 P.M-3:15 P.M: Professor Prakash Chandra Dhara, Director, D.D.E., Vidyasagar University--- Importance of Quality Control in SLM Development in the Humanities
- 3:15 P.M-3.45 P.M: Interaction
- 3:45 P.M-4:00 P.M: Concluding remarks by Mr. Chinmoy Bandyopadhyay, Deputy Director, D.D.E., Vidyasagar University.





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Concept Note

With the enormous popularity of distance education all over the world, including India, one question generally gets asked very often: is it possible to impart a quality standard of education in the humanities in distance education? While there are a vast array of opportunities available for studying the humanities, Indian open universities have faced numerous challenges while trying to update humanities syllabi and make them contemporary. This workshop aims to talk about the challenges humanities faces as a whole, as well as the impact of technology on humanities education and how distance learning in India can be better equipped to deal with the challenges the humanities have to deal with.

Report

The Workshop began with the inaugural address, in which the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor welcomed the participants and other stakeholders of the workshop. In his speech the speaker introduced the theme of the workshop to the participants while outlining the objectives of the same. The speaker also encouraged the students and representatives of various study centres to take part in the interaction session.

The first lecture was delivered by Professor Sibaji Pratim. Basu on the topic “**The Holistic Importance of Humanites**”. In this lecture, he spoke about how the humanities, as a whole, is being increasingly treated unfairly in various institutions across the globe, where policymakers and university administrators have regularly sidelined the humanities because of its perceived inability to generate jobs. However, the speaker countered this view with the argument that most advances in science and technology that are supposed to benefit consumers, would not be possible without designers and content writers who have a sound background in the humanities.

The next lecture on “**Technology and the Humanities in Distance Education**” was delivered by Professor Debashis Bandyopadhyay. The speaker repeatedly referred to various Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) platforms such as Coursera and Udacity to talk about how distance education was poised for a giant leap into the future. He reiterated that distance education in India had to embrace the online mode in the long-term, and cited the example of Amity University's online learning programmes as a sure-shot way to boost their reach and ensure the spread of quality education to a wide cross-section of learners. Against this backdrop, the speaker noted that the subjects in the humanities were the best-placed to embrace this change, as a variety of audio-visual and interactive content could be structured around the existing syllabi, giving learners a more immersive and enriching learning experience.





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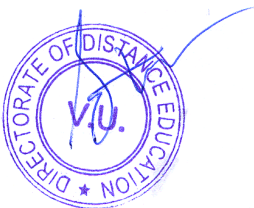
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Session II began with a detailed presentation by Professor Tirthankar Das Purkayastha on **“Teaching Indian Literatures in the Distance Classroom”**. The speaker noted that in India, large numbers of learners actually chose the distance mode as a way to acquire proficiency in the study of literature in various languages. Even though English literature is vastly taken up in open universities as a subject of study, what is often overlooked in India is the fact that literatures in Indian languages such as Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, Odia, Tamil, Telugu and others are equally popular, if not more. The speaker emphasized on the fact that various open universities had not really updated their syllabi in a long time, and therefore the learners were not really happy with the quality of education in these subjects in spite of widespread interest. Therefore, updated syllabi, with references to contemporary popular culture, are the need of the hour for the study of literatures in India, in his view.

The last lecture was delivered by Professor Prakash Chandra Dhara on **“Importance of Quality Control in SLM Development in the Humanities”**. During this lecture, the speaker stressed on the urgent need for updating humanities syllabi and bringing them on a par with similar courses offered in regular mode. Also, MOOCs could be used to supplement the written material, with the host institution either conducting its own lectures or taking help from the ePG-Pathshala scheme offered by the MHRD.

The workshop was well attended. While the workshop was planned only for 30 participants, it was heartening to see nearly 50 participants attend the workshop. The participants were invited from various study centres of Vidyasagar University, but there were also a number of learners. For the convenience of the participants, most of whom were students, the speakers made their presentation in Bengali that in turn generated huge responses from the students.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Chinmoy Bandyopadhyay summarized all the speeches and gave the vote of thanks to all the participants for attending the workshop and making it a fruitful one. He described the outcomes of the workshop. He also assured the participants that another workshop will be held next year and requested the participants to show similar levels of enthusiasm for the next time.



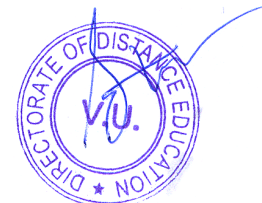


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One day Workshop
On
Digital learning and e-Content development for distance learners
Organized by
Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University
Programme Date: 12.08.2017
Place: DDE Building

Programme Schedule:

- 10.00 AM:** Registration
- 11.00 AM:** Inauguration Session
- 11.45 AM** Tea Break
- 12.00 PM:** Lecture on “**Basic criteria for developing e-SLM**”.
Speaker: Prof. P. C. Dhara, Director, DDE, V.U.
- 12.45 PM:** Lecture on “**How to prepare good video lecture**”.
Speaker: Mr. S. Mallik, Director, Computer Centre, V.U.
- 1.30 PM:** Lunch Break
- 2.15 PM:** Lecture on “**Constructing digital database for ODL learners-use of modern technology**”.
Speaker: Mr. A. Bhattacharye, System Analyst, Computer Centre, V.U.
- 3.00 PM:** Hands on training on “**Use of internet in teaching and learning**” by Mr. Biswapati Jana, Dept. of Computer Science, VU & Mr. SoumyaChakroborti, DDE, VU.
- 4.15 PM:** Tea Break
- 4.30 PM:** Discussion & Recommendation Session.
- 5.00 AM:** Valedictory Session





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Sub: Report on a one day workshop on “Digital learning and e-Content development for distance learners”.

Introduction:

Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University has been conducting a workshop for the improvement of the process of teaching and learning.

Objectives:

1. Digital knowledge is an important aspect of the modern education system.
2. To improve teaching and learning by modern techniques.

Participants in the Workshop: Officers, Faculties, staff and research scholar of the university. The total number of participants: 39.

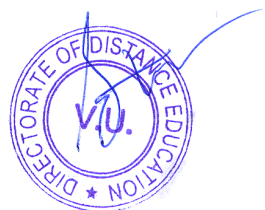
Proceedings:

The workshop starts with the welcome speech by the Deputy Director of the directorate Mr. Chinmoy Bandhopadhyay. The Dean of the faculty of Science Dr. Subrata Kr Dey inaugurates the programme. In his inauguration speech, he talks about the role of distance education in the society and mentioned the importance of such programs. The first speaker of the day Prof P.C.Dhara starts his lecture after the tea break. In his lecture, Prof Dhara talks about the importance of SLMs in distance courses and discussed the criteria to develop good SLMs as well as the electronic version of those SLMs. The second speaker of the day Mr. Mallik tells the importance of video lecture and how can be incorporate in the teaching process.

After the lunch break, the third speaker Mr. Bhattacharye talks about the concept of digital library and how a library can be useful in distance learning. He also talked about the various digital platforms and how can be incorporated in the learning process.

After the lectures, there was training & demonstration on the use of the internet in teaching and learning by Dr. Jana & Mr. Chakroboti

In the discussion & recommendation session, all participants share their experience & appreciate the role of this programme related to their work and also recommend some improvement of facilities related to their work. In the valedictory session, the vote of thanks the registrar of the university Dr. J. K. Nandi distributes certificate to all participants and thanked all the participants and organizing staff of the programme.





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One Day Symposium
On
Support System for ODL Learners
November 18, 2016

Schedule

- Registration: 10 A.M. – 10.20 A.M.
- Tea: 10.20 A.M. – 10.45 A.M.
- Inauguration: 11.00 A.M. – 12 P.M.
- **Welcome Address** : Dr. Soma Das,
Assistant Professor,
Department of Chemistry,
D.D.E. , Vidyasagar University
- **Inaugural Lecture**: Professor Damodar Mishra ,
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Commerce,
Vidyasagar Univetrstity
- **Vote of Thanks**: Mr. Abhijit Ghose,
Assistant Director,
D.D.E., Vidyasagar University

Tea Break: 12.00 P.M.- 12.15 P.M.

Technical Session- I

- 12.15 P.M. -01.00 P.M. –**Planning and Innovation in Personal Contact Programme for Distance Learners**
Speaker: Professor A. Mukhopadhyay
Department of Botany,
Burdwan University

Lunch: 01.00 P.m. – 02.00 P.M.

Technical Session- II

- 02.00 P.M. –02. 25 P.M. : **Website Design for ODL Learning**
Speaker: Mr. S. Mullick





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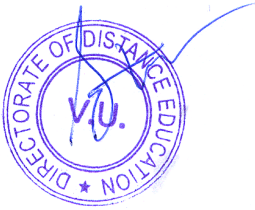
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- 02.25 P.M.- 02.45 P.M. : **Use of Online Technology for ODL Management**
Speaker : Mr. Biplab Chakaraborty
Information Scientist,
Vidyasagar University

Tea Break- 2.45 P.M.- 03.00 P.M.

- **New Ideas for Extending Library Facilities for Distance Learners**
Speaker: Mr. Amiya Sarkar
Deputy Librarian,
Vidyasagar University
- 03.45- Concluding Remarks : Professor Prakash Chandra Dhara
Director, I.Q.A.C., Vidyasagar University





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A Report on the Symposium

The programme commenced with the welcome address by Dr. Soma Das when the importance of constant innovation in the support system for ODL learners in Indian Universities was stressed upon. This was followed by Professor Damodar Mishra, the Dean, faculty of Arts and Commerce, Vidyasagar University. In his lecture Professor Mishra repeatedly stressed on the continued importance of ODL in the current scenario, and how it needed to reunite itself in order to stay relevant in the age of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). The inaugural session ended with the vote of thanks which was proposed by Mr. Abhijit Ghose, Assistant Director, DDE, Vidyasagar University.

In the first technical session, Professor A. Mukhopadhyay addressed the audience on “Planning and innovation in Personal Contact Programme for Distance Learners”. According to the speaker, the personal contact programme was an important link between the university and the adult learners. In his lecture, Professor Mukhopadhyay stressed upon the importance of innovation to keep pace with the global narrative of distance education.

The second technical session began with Mr. Mullick’s presentation on “Website Design for ODL Learning.” The speaker put forth the argument that it was necessary for open universities to embrace the idea of the website as a single destination for accessing ODL contents, much in the style of global MOOC platforms such as Coursera and edX. This same argument was also continued by Mr. Biplab Chakraborty in his presentation titled “Use of Online Technology for ODL Management”. The speaker referred to existing MOOC platforms such as Coursera, edX and NPTEL and pointed out that everything from dissemination of content to conducting of learning assessment could be held online, using various tools such as Google Classroom and Google Docs.

After lunch, Mr. Amiya Sarkar delivered a lecture on “New Ideas for Extending Library Facilities for Distance Learners”, where he stressed on the capabilities of the library and e-resources sharing facilities to provide a more comprehensive solution for ODL learners.

The symposium was well attended. While it was planned only for 30 participants, it was heartening to see nearly 50 participants attend the symposium. The participants were invited from various study centres of Vidyasagar University, but were also a number of learners. For the convenience of the participants, some of whom were students, the speakers made their presentation in Bengali that in turn generated huge responses from the students.





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In his concluding remarks, Professor Dhara, Director, IQAC, Vidyasagar University, summarized all the speeches and thanked all the participants for attending the symposium and making it a fruitful one. He described the outcome of the symposium. He also assured the participants that another symposium will be held next year and requested the participants to show similar levels of enthusiasm for the next time.





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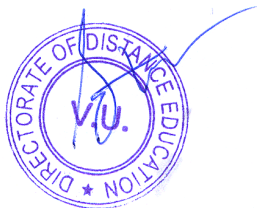
One Day Interaction Meeting on Management of PCP and Student Support System
Organised by
Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University
20th April, 2016

Programme Schedule:

Time	Activities
11.00 A.M.	Reporting
12.00 Noon	Inauguration by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Vidyasagar University
12.30 P.M.	Tea Break
12.45 P.M.	Pre-Lunch Session (Discussion on various academic schedules and rules and regulations.)
01.30 P.M.	Lunch Break
02.15 P.M.	Post Lunch Session (Interactive Discussion)

Interaction Meeting on Management of PCP and student support system organized by the Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University on 20th April 2016 at B.N.Sasmal Hall, VU Campus at 11.30 A.M. With participation of 59 numbers of delegates representing various Study Centers of this DDE including Principles, Teacher-in-Charges and for their representatives and Course Co-coordinators from 52 no of Study Center a very purposeful and dedicated Interaction Meeting was held on the aforesaid date, time & venue to discuss over various academic schedules, rules and regulations pertaining to distance mode of education offered by this Directorate on several subjects approved by Distance Education Bureau under the control of UGC.

This meeting was chaired by Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Vidyasagar University and after inaugural session the said meeting vouched its several decisions adopted at the successive sessions aimed to accomplish the objectives of the said meet in its letter and spirit. The Interaction Meet ended with vote of thanks proposed by the Registrar Vidysagar University.





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Seminar on Open and Distance Learning-to Reach the Unreached
Organised by
Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University
18th December 2015

Programme Schedule:

Inauguration: 10:30 AM-11:30AM

- Welcome address: Mr. Chinmoy Banerjee
- Inaugural Speech: Prof. Ranjan Chakraborty, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Vidyasagar University.
- Vote of thanks: Dr. Barna Chakraborty

Tea break: 11:30 AM-11:45 AM

Session I

- 11:45 AM: Importance of Distance Education in Indian Context
Speaker- Prof. J. Sarkhel, Director, DDE, Kalyani University
- 12:30 AM: Importance of Distance Education in Remote Areas
Speaker- Prof. J. Kundu, Director, DDE, Vidyasagar University

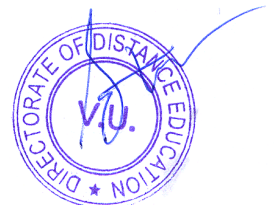
Lunch: 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Session II

- 1:30 PM: Challenge of Conducting Laboratory-Based Programme through ODL Mode
Speaker- Prof.A.M Chandra, Professor, Department of Physiology, Calcutta University
- 2:15- Quality Management in Open and Distance Learning
Speaker- Prof. Debashis Bandyopadhyay, Professor, Department of English, and Ex-Dean of Arts and Commerce

Valedictory Session

- 3:15 PM Open discussion session
The opinion of the participants
- 4:00 Valedictory speech
Speaker- Prof. Subrata De, Department of Zoology, Vidyasagar University





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A Report on the Symposium

Mr Chinmoy Banerjee, the Deputy Director of DDE, VU delivered the welcome address to the participants while explaining the theme of the seminar. Professor Ranjan Chakraborty took this further and shares his views on the same. He congratulated the organizers of the seminar for selecting such a theme that will able us to reconceptualize the notion of ODL in India. Then with the vote of thanks by Dr. Barna Chakraborty, the session came to a formal end.

The session I began with the speech of Prof. Sarkhel. He pondered the question of the '**Importance of Distance Education in Indian Context**'. He said that in a developing country like India, education is still a dream for many. Though we are living in the 21st century there are lots of barriers in the formal education system faced by the people. The formal education is not much affordable by many; therefore, Non-Formal education system is gaining more popularity in recent times. Distance learning is a modern way of learning allowing students to study according to their own space and time without being physically present in the school/college/university. As distance learning plays an important role in today's education system it has increased the number of programmes year on year, especially in India.

Professor Kundu shared his kind observation on the topic of **Importance of Distance Education in Remote Areas**. In his speech, it came to the prominence that distance learning is often judged as an obvious choice for many students with access limitations for it can provide higher education without the necessity for attendance at a campus, and geographically remote students are a case in point. In this particular context, distance education may be playing an important and distinctive role for remote students by providing opportunities for connections with like-minded people.

While the previous two speakers concentrated on the general ideas related to ODL, Professor Chandra focused on the lab-based subjects. In his topic Challenge of **Conducting Laboratory-Based Programme through ODL Mode**, the main argument was that due to excess students there is the unavailability of enough instruments in the department. There is also a limited time for completing the scheduled practical.

Prof. Debashis Bandyopadhyay shared his views on **Quality Management in Open and Distance Learning**. He stressed on the need of a Quality Assurance (QA) system because assuring the quality of education provision is a fundamental aspect of gaining and maintaining credibility for programmes, institutions and national systems of higher education worldwide.





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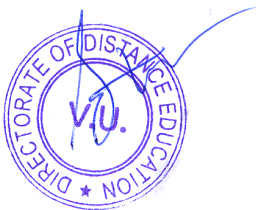
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Despite a long and generally successful track record, open and distance learning is still required to prove that the quality of student learning is at least equivalent to face-to-face teaching. A comprehensive quality assurance system can help accomplish this. QA is designed to prove and improve the quality of an institution's methods, and educational products and outcomes. In ODL this includes developing and producing learning materials, academic programmes, services and support, as well as standards of student learning.

After all the speakers shared their views on their respective topics, the interaction session began in which all the stakeholders took part. The students and teachers from different study centres of VU; students, scholars, faculties from the regular departments of the university took part in the seminar and during the interaction, made comments on certain questions that were raised by the speakers as well as other participants. They also requested the university authorities for arranging this type of seminar at regular interval. There were 63 participants in the seminar.

Professor Subrata Kumar De took the pleasure of giving the vote of thanks. He said that he was overwhelmed by the success of the seminar. In his concluding remarks, Professor De summarised all the speeches and gave the vote of thanks to all the participants for attending the workshop and making it a fruitful one. He described the outcomes of the seminar. He also assured the participants that another workshop will be held on next year and requested the participants to show a similar level of enthusiasm for the next time.





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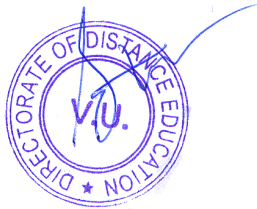
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One Day Induction Meeting
Organised by
Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University

Date-1st September, 2015
Venue: B.N. Sasmal Hall, V.U.

Programme Schedule:

Time	Activities
10.30 A.M.- 11.00 A.M.	Reporting
11.00 A.M.- 11.30 A.M.	Inauguration by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Vidyasagar University
11.30 A.M.- 11.45 A.M.	Tea Break
11.45 A.M.- 02.00 P.M.	Pre-Lunch Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speech by Prof. S.S. Sarkar• Speech by Dr. B.R. Mandal• Speech by The Director, DDE, VU.
02.00 P.M.	Lunch Break
02.15 P.M.	Post Lunch Session (Interactive Discussion)
03.15 P.M.	Vote of Thanks by the Registrar, V.U.





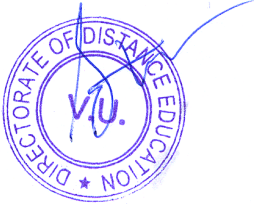
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Report on the Induction Meeting

Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University organized an Induction Meeting on 1st September 2015 at 12 noon at the aforementioned venue to transact the various important and related issues concerning Distance Method of Education on various subjects offered. This meeting was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, Vidyasagar University Prof. Ranjan Chakraborti. The meeting aimed at resolving important academic issues raised by the Co-ordinators and Principles and/ or their representatives. It is also important to note that Prof. S.S Sarkar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NSOU and Dr. D. R. Mandal, DPI, Govt of West Bengal were invited to attend the said meeting as honoured member of the Executive Council of this University. The meeting was attended by 110 Delegates from different Study Centers while 14 HODs and Co-ordinators from fourteen departments also attended. After purposeful deliberations of the attending members over the concerned issues, the said Induction Meeting ended with an exemplary successful note together with the vote of thanks proposed by the Registrar, Vidyasagar University.





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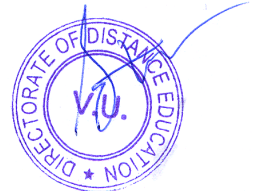
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One Day Induction Meeting
Organised by
Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University

Date-6th September, 2014
Venue: B.N. Sasmal Hall, V.U.

Programme Schedule:

Time	Activities
10.15 A.M.- 11.15 A.M.	Reporting
11.15 A.M.- 11.40 A.M.	Inauguration by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Vidyasagar University
11.40 A.M.- 11.55 A.M.	Tea Break
11.55 A.M.- 01.45 P.M.	Pre-Lunch Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speech by The Dean, Faculty Council for Postgraduate Studies in Arts and Commerce.• Speech by The Dean, Faculty Council for Postgraduate Studies in Science• Speech by The Director, DDE, VU.
01.45 P.M. – 2.15 P.M.	Lunch Break
02.15 P.M.	Post Lunch Session (Interactive Discussion)
03.00 P.M.	Vote of Thanks by the Registrar, V.U.





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Report on the Induction Meeting

Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University organized an Induction Meeting on 6th September 2014 at 11.15 A.M at the B. N. Sasmal Hall, DDE to transact the various important and related issues concerning Distance Method of Education on various subjects offered. This meeting was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, Vidyasagar University Prof. Ranjan Chakraborti. The meeting aimed at resolving important academic issues raised by the Co-ordinators and Principles and/ or their representatives. It is also important to note that Prof. Bidhan Chandra Patra, Dean, (Science) and Prof. Ujjayan Bhattacharya, Dean (Arts and Commerce) were invited to attend the said meeting as the member of the Executive Council of this University. The meeting was attended by 105 Delegates from different Study Centers while 14 HODs and Co-ordinators from fourteen departments also attended. Prof. Jayanta Kumar Kundu, Director (Acting), DDE had given his speech on the Admission, PCP classes and the Examination system and also cleared the doubts of various participants from the different Study Centers with positive approach. After purposeful deliberations of the attending members over the concerned issues, the said Induction Meeting ended with an exemplary successful note together with the vote of thanks proposed by the Registrar, Vidyasagar University.

