



One-Day Student Seminar on Future-Proofing Higher Education with Technology



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Program Report

Name of the program: One-Day Student Seminar on “Future-Proofing Higher Education with Technology”.

Date & Venue: 18th August 2024, Joypur Panchanan Roy College, Howrah, 711402, W.B.

Participants: The seminar attracted 70 diverse audience, including 55 students, as well as teaching and non-teaching staff from the NSOU study centre located at Joypur Panchanan Roy College, Howrah, W.B.

Perspectives:

NSOU and NIEPA co-organized a seminar on their project, "Integrating Digital Technology with Teaching and Learning in Indian Higher Education." The event gathered data on digital learning awareness at NSOU study centers, emphasizing opportunities for lifelong learning, global collaboration, innovative pedagogy, and cost-efficient education.

Objectives of the Seminar:

The primary objectives of the seminar were to assess the current level of digital learning awareness among students, to explore the practical applications and integration of digital technology in higher education, and to identify and address the challenges and opportunities presented by digital technology in the educational landscape.

Registration:

The participants of the seminar were registered through attendance and signature with required details.

Welcome address:

The seminar commenced with a cordial welcome from the Principal of the college, Prof. Saumitra Sarkar who acknowledged the vital role of the attendees in ensuring the event's success.



Overview of the seminar:

Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Professor of Commerce, Director-CIQA and Director (i/c)-SPS & SVS, NSOU, and P. I of the project presented an overview of the seminar, emphasizing the transformative potential of digital learning in higher education. He highlighted the benefits of digital technology for accessibility, flexibility, and personalized learning, and stressed the importance of using digital tools to create inclusive learning environments. He detailed the NIEPA-NSOU national project, urged institutions to adapt to the digital landscape, and provided clear instructions for the survey process, ensuring smooth participation and accurate feedback to shape future educational strategies.

Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, Assistant Professor of Education, School of Education, NSOU, and Co-P. I of the project, emphasized NSOU's key role in a national project with NIEPA, aiming to enhance digital literacy and pedagogical practices. She encouraged active participation from all stakeholders, provided clear instructions for the survey, and called for transformative change through collaboration and innovation in education. She furthered the significance of various strategies inevitable to create technology enabled teaching-learning in higher education institutions. Her short lecture added the pros and cons of technological intervention in higher education landscape. That the growth and development of new scheme of pedagogy will have to accentuate the thoughtful integration of technology in education to serve the unserved.

Interaction and Doubt resolutions:

After receiving instructions from Prof. Ghosh and Dr. Upadhyay, Ms. Sudipta Karmakar and the college staff distributed and guided participants through the questionnaires, ensuring a smooth 30-40-minute completion process. Their efficient collection of responses was key to the seminar's success.



Vote of Thanks:

The Principal of the college extended heartfelt gratitude to all the members involved, including the speakers, participants, support staff, and volunteers. He sincerely appreciated the collaboration between NIEPA and NSOU and concluded with thanks to the students for their dedicated participation and also expressed hopes for continued success and future collaboration.

Report prepared by-

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