Report

School of Professional Studies Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU) with the support of CEMCA organised a Three-Day workshop entitled OER Capacity Building and Sensitization Programme for ODL Professionals On 26th -28th September 2016, at Netaji Subhas Open University, DD26, Sector 1, Salt Lake, Kolkata-64. This workshop is a part of Project entitled "**OER Initiatives for ICT enabled Programme of Netaji Subhas Open University**"in support of Commonwealth Educational Media Centre of Asia (CEMCA). Co-Ordinators of this project are Dr Anirban Ghosh, Associate Professor of Commerce and Ms Barnali Roy Choudhury, Asstistant Professor of Library &Information Science, NSOU.

Faculties from six schools of Studies of Netaji Subhas Open University and Delegates from four Directorate of Distance Education (DDEs) of West Bengal were attended the Workshop.

The inaugural Session started with Welcome Address byDr. Anirban Ghosh, Officer-in-Charge, School of Professional Studies, NSOU. Dr Ghosh addressed this particular workshop as the prelude to the project we carried out in association with Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia and also articulated his prospect to the fruitful implementation of the workshop as well as the entire project after which educational resources of NSOU might be accessible in 24X7 mode through Institutional OER repository of NSOU.Barnali Roy Choudhury, Project Coordinator & Assistant Professor of Library & Information Science, NSOU started her deliberations with few words from the Declaration of Human Rights of 1949 article 26.1- everyone has a right to education. In her deliberations she specifiedthe presentfacilitiescatered by NSOU to its 3.2 Lacks learners situated at West Bengal in blended approach. objectives and expected outcomes of the workshop in relation to develop Institutional OER repository to open up good possibilities to promote a better learning opportunities which is being fit with the local contextual and cultural leads in brief. She has concentrated the main focus on strategic output of implementing OER to ensure inclusive and equitable quality educational opportunities by repurposing of high quality Open Educational Resources through institutional policies in order to facilitate innovative, collaborative and interactive learning environment where learners set their own goals or own objectives rather than being restricted by the institution.

The workshop was enriched by the gracious presence of Dr B.K. Bhadri, Assistant Education Advisor, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India. Dr Bhadriin statedthe concern of open educational system towards societal impact in his comparative discussion on Open & Distance Learning system and Conventional System. He gave most emphasis on Self-Directed Learning Materials (SLMs) which is in his term the soul of ODL system and representative of concerned faculty,are most important part of informative-learning process of ODL system. Dr Bhadri specified that OER is one of the means to reach the quality aspect of education, whatever we are doing through formal, through ODL, OER, MOOS, so these are the means and it is high time to include OER in present Teaching-Learning system whether it may conventional system or ODL system rather it would better to say that whole System-society-environment is gearing up to get transformed to OER. He concluded inaugural speech by expressing his deep gratitude towards CEMCA, NSOU and all participants for offering him to participate in this dynamic sensitization program on OER.

Professor Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, was the key resource person from CEMCA of this three-day workshop held at NSOU. At the very first begin of her speech she expresses her sincere thanks to NSOU and CEMCA for giving her this opportunity to be the resource person for this important workshop.In her eloquent deliberations She has clearly stated the present status of OER Repository in India in particular and world in general as an advocate of OER since 2006 with egyankosh platform. Prof Kanjilal portrayed a clear vision about OER right from its inception in the year of 2002 as a success that happened for the MIT courseware. She emphasis on different aspiration of Open Innovations with a dynamic attitude where the key term is "Sharing".Prof. Kanjilal stressed upon the need to build it as some kind of Collective social product which can be accessible to all. So that is the whole philosophy of OER and this workshop will give an idea exactly how to go about and what to do. in fact, if things are available, repurpose them, reuse, contextualize as per our local requirement,

our student requirement and use them.Coming to India scenario Prof Kanjilal opined, major challenge in Higher Education is to provide quality education to large numbers, focusing on Gross Enrolment Ratio perhaps OER can meet these challenges in a big way. Concluded by highlighting recent Governmentinitiatives like Swayam, swayamprabha for MOOC courses and 32 channel DTH channels that are made available where 24 x 7 mode. Prof Kanjilal concluded her valuable speech by approaching knowledge society to work together as a community and actually support this whole movement of OER and MOOCs.

Professor SubhaSankar Sarkar, Vice-Chancellor, NSOU conveyed the importance of OER in Open and Distance Education System in worthwhile Presidential Address. The house found ODL system in between the triangle of three pillars of pedagogy system i.e., SLMs, PCPs & ICT based supports in the presidential address. Prof Sarkar also gladly

announced that the NSOU is in a process to use OER for catering learner-centric education in Open & Distance Learning environment.

Inaugural session was end with the Vote of thanks expressed by Mrs. Kasturi Sinha Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Masters of Social Work, NSOU on behalf of Netaji Subhas Open University.

Day 1: 1st Technical Session:

Participants from Directorate of Distance Education of deffierent universities of West Bengal and In-house faculties of NSOU introduced themselves. First technical session of the workshop was formally conducted by Prof Uma Kanjilal, Resource Person from CEMCA. To assess the level of understanding of participants' on OER Prof Kanjilal distributed a pre-workshop survey questioner (appendix I) to all participants. After having a look on the survey result Prof Kanjilal designed workshop schedule (as per requirement) and material for the workshop. Prof. Kanjilal continued the first session with a detailed presentation on various aspirations of Open Educational Resources in Indian and Global context, use and implementation stage including Open license(s).

Day 1: 2nd Technical Session:

In second technical session, the house was grouped in four as Group A, B C & D. A task was given to the participant group-wise to identify at leastten (10) or more than ten (10) barriers of OER. This task revealed a good number of points/barriers to be discussed or work further in future (Attached appendix II). In such a way distinguish resource person made participants actively indulged in the focus area.

Day 1: 3rd Technical Session:

Third technical session of the workshop was continued after lunch with the presentation given by Dr Anirban Ghosh on existing institutional OER policy for ICT supported programs of Netaji Subhas Open University. This session was being continued by Ms Barnali Roy Choudhury by a detailed presentation on proposed Institutional OER policy based on existing OER policy.

Day 1: 4th Technical Session:

An interactive session was conducted with participants by Prof Kanjilal at Fourth and end session of day 1 of the workshop. Participants were clearing their doubt and exchange their vision on OER on that session. And that session was concluded by prof Kanjilal by assigning them a task "preparation of proposed OER policy for individual universities on the basis of CEMCA template on OER policy".

Day 2: 1st Technical Session:

Second day of the workshop was started with the presentation on proposed OER policy of DODL which was being delivered by the delegates of each participant universities. Doubt clearance and rectification was suggested by eminent resource person, Professor Uma Kanjilal was communicated on the basis of CEMCA'S TIPS GUIDELINE on that session.

Day 2: 2nd Technical Session:

Second technical session of day 2 was continued with the presentation on copyright issues to copyleft/public domain license(s). A brainstorming hands-on session was

conducted on creating new OER materials by using/reusing CC licensed documents/materialsavailable on the Web and publishing those documents under CC license(s) and uploading it in a repository.

Day 2: 3rd Technical Session:

Third technical session was started after lunch. It was being scheduled by a presentation on wikieducator by Dr Anirban Ghosh. Participants were experiencing a nice journey of wikieducator from registering themselves to active participation as user of that platform.

Day 2: 4th Technical Session:

Attitude Scale towards OER- a survey was conducted on 4th technical session of day 2. It has been communicated and collected as before ending of this session. An individual task was assigned for day 3 for participants that understanding OER in a minute a session entitled "Just a minute on your take on OER".

Day 3: 1st Technical Session:
Third day was started with a jam session entitled "Just a minute on your take on OER" where each and every participant were presenting their views on OER. It was really a good experience exchanging ideas from the intelligent brain. Then a workshop evaluation form was distributed to the participants to evaluate their means of understanding about the entire workshop. Participants were undergone with another survey forwarded to their personal mail id as received from CEMCA.

This sensitization program was finished with valedictory session where Dr Anirban Ghosh briefing the entire workshop, Ms Barnali Roy Choudhury presented the report of the workshop and distributions of certificates was commence at the valuable presence of Prof Uma Kanjilal, Resource Person from CEMCA, Shri Mohan Kumar Chattopadhyay, Registrar of NSOU and Dr Ashit Baran Aich,Director Study Centre.

Resource materials provided by CEMCA and Resource person was sent to the participants via email. three-day workshop was conducted throughout with the Pre-Workshop survey, attitude scale towards OER framework, post-workshop survey, group activity, a session entitled "Just a minute on your take on OER".
Active participation of delegates from different DDEs of West Bengal and faculties of NSOU made this workshop a grand success.In these threedays we have applied different tools & techniques of learning like questioners, survey, face to face presentations, embedded video in interactive and collaborative way. So now we are in a stage where we could think to do some innovative thing on the basis of OER for betterment of the teaching learning environment.

This is not the end of the workshop. here we are starting our new journey towards touching the goal of education for all.