

**MOOCs Coordinator, Central University of Odisha organises Workshop on
'Introductory E-Learning Content'**

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In order to implement the recommendations of the Ministry of Education and National Education Policy on blended education, the Central University of Odisha under the dynamic leadership of **Prof I Ramabrahmam, Vice Chancellor, CUO**, organized an online *Workshop on 'Introductory E-Learning Content'* which is the first programme under the banner of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and it was coordinated by **Dr.Kakoli Banerjee, University Coordinator for MOOCs**. The workshop was held on 3rd July 2021 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Dr Kakoli Banerjee started the programme by delivering the Welcome Address. In her address she gave a warm welcome to the Speakers, Vice Chancellor, I. Ramabrahmam, all Faculties, Visiting Professors, research scholars and students from 22 different states comprising 27 Universities.

Prof. S. K. Palita, Director IQAC gave the Inaugural Address. In his address he highlighted the concept of MOOCs and Swayam platform and informed that the CUO has already accepted this mode of online learning for students since last year.

Prof. Akshay Rout, Visiting Professor, Dep't of J & MC and Advisor MOOCs, spoke on '*Digital blend, a force multiplier for Education*'. In his address he pointed out that digital learning was a crisis response in the pandemic. However, since it is sustainable, personalized and customized, it is a duty of the time. It can be standardized with choice and profit and profit in career.

Dr. Abhishek Kumar, Scientist E, Inflibnet Centre, Gandhinagar was the first Speaker of this workshop who deliberated on '*E-Learning and its platforms*'. He discussed in detail the LMS and compared it with the traditional method of teaching in classroom. He also highlighted on different platforms like Edx, Corsera, Epg-pathsala, Vidya Mitra, UGC -MOOCs, Swayam Prabha and Shodh Ganga.

Dr. Manas Ranjan Panigrahi, Sr. Programme Officer, Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi was the second Speaker who interacted on '*E-Content Development*'. He discussed on the 4-quadrant approach of Swayam for developing modules for the future generation students. He also highlighted the use of community radio and DTH programmes for rural and urban learning enhancement. In addition he explained the different softwares for video content development for teachers.

After the lectures, there was a comprehensive & lively interactive session where speakers responded to the questions and queries of the Faculty and students.

Summing up of the workshop was done by **Prof. P.S. Avadhani, Visiting Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, CUO** who emphasised on the importance of blended learning in the post-pandemic days also. He appreciated the efforts taken up by CUO and also said that there is a need to develop a MOOCs Studio for facilitating the development of modules by University Teachers.

The programme concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks by **Dr. Ram Shankar, Controller of Examinations, CUO**. The programme was well attended comprising members of academic fraternity and students from and outside CUO and also from 22 other states and 27 other universities of India.