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Background

One of the roles of NCIDE is to promote innovations in distance education. As such the NCIDE is also to act as a facilitator for identifying and developing innovative mechanisms for delivery of content through teleconferencing sessions taken up by the faculty of IGNOU using EDUSAT. Accordingly, NCIDE offered its services to the interested faculty members to develop meaningful PPT slides to be used for EDUSAT teleconferencing programmes using the technical know-how available at the center. We have received enthusiastic response from the faculty. In order to further strengthen our interaction with the IGNOU faculty, NCIDE is planning to hold a series of one-day workshops on PowerPoint presentations for EDUSAT.

Objectives

This workshop was planned basically to address those faculty members of IGNOU who had just started using PowerPoint Presentation to deliver the content through teleconferencing and who were interested to make it more meaningful and interesting to the distance learners.

Date, Participants and the Resource persons

The first of the series of workshops titled “Workshop on innovative PowerPoint presentations in EDUSAT” was held on 21.03.2007, Wednesday, in the Conference Room, Block 8, IGNOU Campus, Maidan Garhi, IGNOU. This workshop was attended by fifteen participants comprising both senior and junior IGNOU faculty. The resource persons comprised experts such as Prof B.N Koul, former pro-Vice Chancellor of IGNOU, Neelam Anand, an educationist and Mr. Prashant Grover, proficient in developing PowerPoint presentations.

Sessions

The workshop began with Dr. Moumita Das, Assistant Director, NCIDE, welcoming the experts and participants, followed by a briefing on the programme schedule. Prof. M. Aslam, Director, NCIDE, introduced the participants to NCIDE and its activities. This was followed by a talk by Prof. B.N. Koul on “ODL enterprise: Case for rededication” where he discussed in brief the history of distance education and the current requirement of distance education institutions (DEIs) to meet the increasing demands of higher education in India and the world. He discussed about the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the present DEIs in India and suggested several ideas to the NCIDE related to the response of such institutes to the social demand their quality control. The session after lunch comprised a talk by Ms Neelam Anand on “Teaching through Powerpoint”. Her talk was on how to develop the lectures into meaningful presentation using PowerPoint. This was followed by Mr Prashant Grover’s talk on e-learning. During the workshop, a need assessment for PowerPoint presentations for EDUSAT by the faculty of IGNOU was carried out by Dr Moumita Das through a questionnaire that was filled in by the participants. The workshop was highly interactive with the participants actively discussing with the experts.

The one-day workshop was declared closed with Professor Aslam thanking the experts and the participants.

Feedback

An analysis of the feedback questionnaires revealed the following results:

1. The faculty members are increasingly using PowerPoint (PPT) for their presentations. Most of them use simple PPT presentations while a few use animated presentations.
2. The faculty members are of the opinion that the NCIDE can help them in preparing animated, video clip enriched and multimedia enriched PPT presentation for EDUSAT teleconferencing. These PPTs can be developed in a learner friendly manner and in other languages also such as Hindi and other literature as suggested by the participants.

3. The faculty members suggested that NCIDE should conduct more such workshops where hands-on training should be provided to the participants. They suggested that subject-specific/discipline-specific topic should be dealt with in separate workshops. They expressed the requirement for workshops that dealt with emerging and the latest technologies that are used to deliver instructions to the learners.

Programme Schedule

11.00 - 11.20 hrs	Introduction to NCIDE <i>by Prof. M. Aslam</i>
11.20 – 11.30 hrs	Self introduction <i>by the participants</i>
11.30 – 12.30 hrs	Distance education: Redirecting ourselves in the light of new developments <i>by Prof B. N Kaul</i>
12.30 – 13.00 hrs	Dicussion
13.00 – 14.00 hrs	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00 hrs	Teaching with PowerPoint <i>by Ms. Neelam Anand</i>
15.00 – 16.00 hrs	Current trends in e-learning <i>by Mr. Prashant Grover and Mr. Amit Pande</i>
16.00 – 16.30 hrs	Need assesment <i>by Dr Moumita Das</i>
16.30 hrs	Close

List of Participants

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1. Prof. Anjila Gupta, School of Social Sciences
2. Dr. Durgesh Nandini, School of Social Sciences
3. Dr. Deeksha Kapur, Reader, School of Continuing Education
4. Dr. Smita Chaturvedi, Reader, School of Humanities
5. Ms. Pema E. Samdup, Lecturer, School of Humanities
6. Ms. Suneet Kashyap, Lecturer, School of Law
7. Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, Lecturer, School of Law
8. Mr. Anand Gupta, Lecturer, School of Law
9. Dr. J.A. Farooqi, Reader, School of Sciences
10. Dr. Neera Kapoor, Reader, School of Sciences
11. Dr. Deepika Garg, Lecturer, School of Sciences
12. Dr. Prabhakar Singh, Lecturer, School of Sciences
13. Dr. Ashish Agarwal, Lecturer (Senior Scale), School of Engineering & Technology
14. Dr. P. Vijaykumar, Lecturer, School of Agriculture
15. Prof. B.B. Khanna, Professor, School of Management Studies
16. Dr. Biplab Jamatia, Lecturer, School of Health Sciences