

Report of the
Half Day Seminar on
“Sharing Creative Technological Interventions in ODL”
organized by InnovationClub@IGNOU, NCIDE
(22nd Sept, 2015)

The Innovation Club@IGNOU organized a half day seminar on “Sharing Creative Technological Interventions in ODL” on 22nd September, 2015 at 11.00 a.m. at Conference Room of VCO. The half day seminar had two presentations. The seminar was attended by twenty one faculty members of IGNOU.

There were two sessions in the seminar. These are presented below:

Session -1: ‘SLM LIVE - An Innovative Intervention in SLM’

by Dr. Sanjiv Kumar

The first presentation on ‘SLM LIVE-An Innovative Intervention in SLM’ was given by Dr. Sanjiv Kumar, Associate Professor, SOS. While presenting on his innovative intervention in the Self Instructional Material developed by the university, Dr. Sanjiv Kumar mentioned that most of the time distance learners are away from the teacher and it is only the SLM which acts as study material as well as the teacher in print. He pointed out that in the existing SLM interactivity and engagement of learners in the learning process remains missing. In such a situation, he suggested to incorporate some interactive interventions in the self learning material itself. In this context, he mentioned that he has tried to use the concept of augmented reality to bring in the additional live features to the SLM.

These features including audio, video, web based text, youtube videos and website references in the SLM by using the QR Code technology, may help in engaging the learners in the teaching-learning process. The new intervention innovated by Dr. Sanjiv Kumar is called as SLM-LIVE. While explaining the advantages of SLM-LIVE, Dr. Sanjiv Kumar mentioned that the SLM-LIVE will not only enhance learning but it can be a quality assured support service to the distance learners. Along with his presentation, he demonstrated the idea of using QR Code in the SLM for various purposes.

The innovative intervention presented by Dr. Sanjiv Kumar was appreciated by the participants. A number of suggestions were also given by the participants to make the SLM LIVE more effective and useful.

Session -2: “V-Lrn” by Mr. Anil Aggarwal team

The second presentation was on “V-Lrn” by Mr. Anil Aggarwal and his team from the PC Training Institute (PCTI), Pitampura. While presenting about the V-Lrn, the presenter from the V-Lrn team told that this is a web based teaching-learning platform being used to supplement the face-to-face counseling of the IGNOU students of Regional Centre -2, Delhi. She informed that the V-Lrn has enabled the learners to access the study material online, watch the videos of online classes, and interact with the teachers in a live session. Further she highlighted that the V-Lrn has several other useful features such as learning management system, e-content, glossary, provision for online assignment, online exam and feedback, etc. She said that the platform has learner centric modules. She mentioned that they have taken special security measures. She mentioned that there is a provision for live classes also. Looking into the features of the V-Lrn, it was suggested that it could be experimented as an integrated approach of web support along with the offline courses. In this context, Prof. Anu Aneja proposed to take up it as a pilot project.

The seminar ended with thanks to all.