

WEBINAR ON INNOVATIVE WAYS FOR INTEGRATION OF E-LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

10 June 2020, 11.00 a.m.

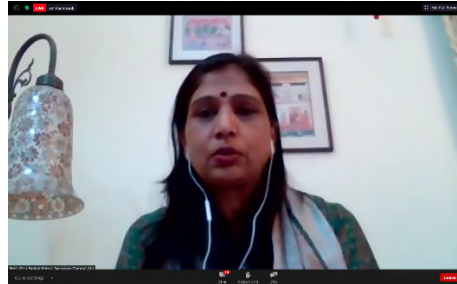


National Law University Delhi (NLUD) and Association of Indian Universities (AIU) in association with Association of Indian Law Libraries (AILL), BIMTECH, and Ranganathan Society for Social Development and Library Development organized a webinar on Innovative Ways for Integration of E-Learning in Higher Education on 10th June 2020 at 11.00. Dr. Priya Rai, Director, AILL Webinar Series took the command to coordinate the Webinar.



Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University Delhi in his Welcome and Opening Address, apprised about the standard teaching pedagogy used in National Law University Delhi. Prof. Singh informed about the e-learning

contents and courses developed by the teachers of National Law University Delhi in the last three years. He further proudly announced that the usage and enrollment of law courses designed by National Law University Delhi are using around the world during the COVID-19 crisis. Prof. Singh concluded his address with the questions about future teaching and examination system in higher education in India.



In her inaugural address, Prof. (Dr.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary-General, AIU, shared her experiences during the development of the SWAYAM Course under MHRD. Prof. Mittal informed that the Association of Indian Universities has developed and designed an online course for teaching community under the title “How to become an online practitioner.” She elucidated characteristics of the program where the teachers would get specialized training for creating modules, recording lectures, and multiple interaction sessions. She further felt the need and well informed about various online e-learning platforms available nowadays for conducting virtual classes. She stated examples of ZOOM, GotoWebinar, Webex, Microsoft Team and Google Meet. She further informed that Microsoft Team and TCS IoN have paid modules for conducting online examination too, which may be more useful in the current situation.



Prof. (Dr.) Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice Chairman, UGC graced the Webinar with his presence delivering the keynote address during the event. In his speech, Prof.

Patwardhan initiated his address with the quote of Charles Darwin “Change is the only constant, those who resist change will be eliminated”. Prof. Patwardhan connected the COVID-19 period as a challenging situation. Still, we should compare this period to the opportunity for learning lots of new things, and E-Learning is one among them. He connected the genesis of the education system from classroom teaching to the postal education system introduced for working professionals and distance education systems to online e-learning education modules. He emphasized that e-learning would not rely on isolation culture due to distance between teacher and students, but blended learning would be the solution through integration within e-learning. He stressed that blended learning would be the future of education, including Atithi, Bodha, Acharan and Pracharan, where teachers, discussion, notes, and interaction on a digital platform would be visioned in teaching pedagogy. He concluded with the vision and recommendation to develop elearning platforms with more support to regional teaching and study; and to support economically weaker sections for providing affordable, accessible, and more available education pedagogy to Indians irrespective of geographical location.



Prof. (Dr.) H. Chaturvedi, Director, BIMTECH, in his special address, discussed about various problems involved in eLearning, especially faced by the people living in remote as well as village areas in India. He quoted the international ranking of institutions but stressed that India has more diversity in term of educational infrastructure and we has to do a lot for coping with future education standards.

After the addresses, Dr. Priya Rai, Director AILL-Webinar Series, took few relevant questions taken up by the participants. Dr. Rai put a very timely and in most demand questions about the validity of Webinars organizing by various institutions nowadays. Dr. Patwardhan assured that the Webinars with stipulated standards

would undoubtedly be taken in records with inclusion in UGC regulations under the career advancement scheme for the teachers and other academic staff.

Under his concluding remarks, Dr. Akash Singh, Convener-AILL Series well informed about the role of Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh supporting the development of the Institution, especially the development of UGC-MOOCs, ePG Pathshala, and SWAYAM platform for the last four years. Dr. Akash urged the participants to clasp advantage of the online course initiated by the Association of Indian Universities for educating teachers developing online eLearning courseware. He also informed about the eLearning pedagogy already in use with National Law University Delhi, which has become the backbone of online teaching weapons in the COVID 19 lockdown.

In vote-of-thanks, Dr. Rishi Tiwari from BIMTECH, on behalf of the organizing team, expressed his sincere thanks to Prof. (Dr.) Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice-Chairman, University Grants Commission, Prof. (Dr.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary-General, AIU, Prof. (Dr.) Ranbir Singh, Vice Chancellor, NLU, Delhi and Prof. (Dr.) H. Chaturvedi, Director, BIMTECH, for sparing their valuable time for the seminar. Dr. Tiwari also expressed thanks to Dr. Priya Rai, Director-AILL Webinar Series, for conducting the Webinar with stipulated standards and time. He further extended thanks to Dr. Akash Singh and the whole technical team for supporting the Webinar from the behind of the virtual wall.