

Proceedings

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Resource Persons for the Webinar:

- **Dr. Mahesh H. Koltame, Assistant Prof. P.V.D.T College of Education for Women, S.N.D.T Women’s University Mumbai**
- **Dr. Raghvendra Kumar, Department of Computer, Science and Engineering, GIET University, Gunupur**
- **Dr. Neeta Singh, R2, Media Labs agMOOCs team, IIT Kanpur**
- **Dr. Raju Talreja, Assistant Prof., Bombay Teacher’s Training College, HSNC University, Mumbai**

Day 1

The day one of the webinar began with a brief introduction of the webinar and the resource persons of the day by Dr. Sarbjit Kaur Ranu. This was followed by seeking heavenly blessings in the form of College Shabad. Dr. Pargat Singh Garcha formally welcomed the resource persons of the day and gave a brief introduction about the subthemes to be covered in the four sessions of the webinar.

Dr. Mahesh H. Koltame, who was the resource person for the first session, started his presentation with the introduction about CANVAS and its basic features. He also gave a brief overview of the software CANVAS. Sir, very precisely demonstrated the steps to launch a new course on canvas.

Dr. Koltame shared that “Canvas is an open and reliable web based software that allows educators to create and present online learning materials and assess students’ learning.

Further, he described that canvas includes a variety of in-built – course construction and management tools including assignments, discussions, modules, quizzes and pages. For providing feedback to students canvas includes Speedgrader and canvas Grade book. Another features of canvas includes Chat, announcements, calendar, syllabus, canvas analytic, canvas App center etc.

Dr. Mahesh illustrated the process of creating a new course in five steps which includes:

1. Signing up for the Canvas
2. Creating the new course
3. Creating a home page
4. Building course content
5. Launching the course

Dr. Mahesh H. Koltame also answered the queries put by the participants at the end of the session.

- In the second session Dr. Raghvendra Kumar, gave an insightful presentation on the MOODLE Software. He stated his presentation by citing the difference between the traditional learning and e- learning.

Dr. Kumar described MOODLE as one of the best e-learning software which is widely used by teachers and educators all over the world. It is an open source web application to create interactive on learning sites. He also described MOODLE as the most secure software.

While discussing about the benefits of MOODLE, Dr. Raghvendra Kumar shared that due to the modular structure of this software, it runs on almost all the platforms and is available in 78 languages. He threw light on various features of the MOODLE which includes: Enrolment, attendance, quizzes, assignments, grades, track progress and mobile app, chat, forum, notification, feedback, survey etc.

Sir, further described that MOODLE is quite beneficial for teachers as well as students. Teachers can create online courses, online forums, upload files and lessons, create online tests and examinations and can hold chat sessions. On the other hand, students can follow the lessons uploaded by the teachers, can take part in forums, upload their homework and tests and participate in chat sessions.

Dr. Kumar also shared that various other resources, modules, plugins, blocks and filters etc. can also be used with MOODLE platform. In the end he quoted that “Moodle is Robust, Secure and Light Software that can be run on a single standalone computer.

Dr. Kumar undertook the queries of the participants in the Question/ Answer session at the end of his presentation.

Day 2

Day two of the webinar also started with the seeking blessings from the Almighty God by reciting the College Shabad followed by a formal welcome note to the resource persons and the participants by principal Dr. Pargat Singh Garcha.

Session one: In session one of the day two of webinar on LMS, Dr. Neeta Singh reflected on “MookIT” software. Dr. Neeta Singh gave a brief introduction about the MookIT before starting her presentation. She shared that this software is prepared as per the needs and requirements of the country like India. Mookit is a MOOC Management System which provides efficient ways to manage content, assessment and interactions on an online course.

Dr. Singh further discussed about the brief history of the software and told that the term MookIT was coined in 2008 and there are 13.5K MOOCs that has been announced by 2019. She elaborated the principles of designing the MookIt and shared that it is based on simple and

intuitive user interface. It's management and Course creation is simple and supports multiple platforms including Mobile, tablet and desktop etc.

Dr. Neeta discussed the benefits of MookIt for different stakeholders. From students' point of view, it is user friendly and navigation easy. It has special features for slow internet connection and can be adapted to any screen size. For instructors it is easy to use and they can create different courses with minimum hassle. Grade books can be generated and downloaded by the instructors very easily. System administrators on the other hand could add more features in this software with their basic technical knowledge.

Dr. Neeta Singh further discussed about the various features of the MookIt including lecture delivery mode, bandwidth indicator, concept of attendance, Question/answer forum (Audio) and questions in video.

Dr. Neeta answered the queries put by the participants at the end of her session.

Session 2

Session 2 of second day of the Webinar on LMS was conducted by Dr. Raju Talreja in which she gave a stimulating presentation on Google Classroom as the learning management System.

Dr. Talreja started her presentation by citing the current scenario of education, where the teachers need to switch themselves to the online mode of learning due to the pandemic of COVID-19. She elaborated that Google classroom is a popular platform used by everybody. It is a free web based platform which works anywhere, any time and on any device. While discussing about the benefits of using Google classroom Dr. Talreja highlighted that this platform of online learning makes teaching learning process more productive and meaningful. With the use of this platform academic and administrative duties of teachers have become easy. Educators can create classes, distribute assignments and could send feedback to the students.

Dr. Raju Talreja demonstrated the whole process of using Google classroom from creating the class to sending content, assignments, tests, quizzes and feedback etc.

Dr. Raju Talreja answered the queries put by the participants in the question/ Answer session at the end of her presentation.

Reflections about the Webinar

The subthemes covered in the webinar are as per the need of the present educational scenario. The resource persons of the webinar conducted their respective session with prodigious expertise. The relevance of the theme for the seminar could be judged from the participation of learners from 19 different states and 3 union territories of India. The views shared by the participants are clear evidence of the expediency of the seminar.