Report Capacity Building Workshop on Open Educational Resources (OER)



Organized by Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi In collaboration with Uttarakhand Open University At Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, Uttarakhand On February 18-19, 2015

Introduction:

A two days capacity building workshop on Open Educational Resources (OER) organized by Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi in collaboration with OER (Open Educational Resources) cell, School of Computer Science & Information Technology, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani On February 18-19, 2015.

Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) was established by an Act of Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly in 2005 (Act No. 23 of 2005) with the aim of disseminating knowledge and skills through distance learning, using the flexible and innovative methods of education to ensure 'independent learning'.

The University uses novel educational programmes, various modes of communication technology and contact sessions to make distance learning more effective.

The major objective of the University is to cater to the educational needs of the target groups to create skilled and knowledge based human resource for speedy upliftment and development of the State. The University aims to impart quality education by maintaining high academic standards.

Uttarakhand Open University have recently constituted OER cell under the School of Computer Science & IT to promote Open Education Resource among its faculty members to design and develop the various courses offered by the University.

The strategic objective of CEMCA is to promote co-operation and collaboration in the use of electronic media resources for distance education. Uttarakhand Open University, in collaboration with CEMCA, proposes to launch a programme on "OER based e-learning" for all the teachers of higher education, faculty members of open universities, or any learner who is interested in OER.

Inaugural Session:

Prof. Durgesh Pant, Director, School of Computer Science & IT, Uttarakhand Open University, Campus Dehradun and Director, Uttarakhand Space Application Center Dehradun welcomed Dr. R. C. Sharma, Director CEMCA, New Delhi and Dr. Manas Ranjan Panigrahi, Program officer (Education), CEMCA, New Delhi.

Prof. Durgesh Pant said that last mile leaner can be facilitated using ICT and new age technologies and these initiatives can boost the technology enabled learning in the state. State has difficult geographic conditions and lack of educational and infrastructural resources. These gaps can be bridge using ICT and Uttarakhand Open University in collaborations with CEMCA can achieve this.



Figure 1: Prof. Durgesh Pant, Director School of CS & IT Delivering Inaugural Session



Figure 2: Felicitation to Dr. R. C. Sharma, Director, CEMCA, New Delhi by Prof. Durgesh pant



Figure 3: Felicitation to Dr. Manas Ranajan Panigrahi, PO, CEMCA by Mr. L.S.Rawat

Chief Guest of inaugural session Prof. Subhash dhuliya, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani emphasized the need of ICT usage in distance learning. He stated that Uttarakhand Open University is a growing university and it has keen interest in ICT adaptation to deliver quality education and services to the learners of far flung areas of the State.



Figure 4: Prof. Subhash Dhuliya Addressing Inaugural Session

Dr. R. C. Sharma, Director, Commonwealth Educational Media Center for Asia, New Delhi addressed inaugural session.



Figure 5: Dr. R. C. Sharma Addressing Inaugral Session

Dr. Manas Ranjan Panigrahi, Programme Officer Education, Commonwealth Educational Media Center for Asia, New Delhi deliberated agenda of workshop.



Figure 6: Agenda of workshop by Dr. Manas Ranjan Panigrahi

Uttarakhand Open University, in collaboration with CEMCA, launched a non-credit programme on "OER based e-learning" for all the teachers of higher education, faculty members of open universities, or any learner who is interested in OER.

The course shall be provided online on moodle platform to all the learners. The objectives are to promote OER in designing new courses in the Universities and to provide training to faculty members of higher education for designing and development of OER.

The course shall be offered free of cost to all the learners. However, the learners opting for the certificate after the completion of course shall be provided with the opportunity for enrolling for online exam on nominal payment. The successful candidate shall be awarded with a certificate of the completion of the course.



Figure 7: OER based elearning course launch



Figure 8: Inaugural Session: Participants and Guests

The session was ended by vote of thanks by Shri L.S.Rawat, Registrar, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani.

Day 1: February 18, 2015

In the first session by Dr. R. C. Sharma the agenda of the workshop was discussed. Giving a brief introduction to the Open Education and Self Instructional Material. He further enlightened participants about the core concept of Open Educational Resources.

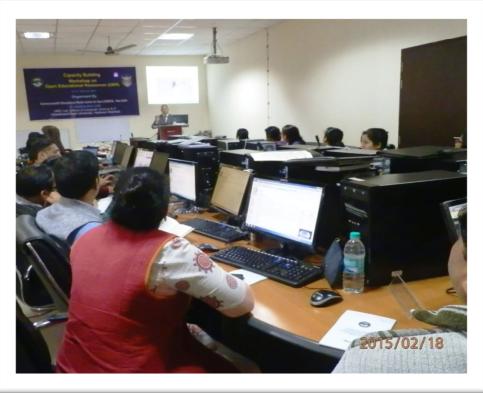


Figure 9: Session 1 by Dr. R. C. Sharma

Second session was started by Dr. Manas Ranjan Panigrahi with a presentation on "Open Educational Resources and OER Foundation". He explained about the OER concept and OER foundation.



Figure 10: Understanding OER & OER Foundation by Dr. Manas Ranjan Panigrahi

Practical Session of the first day was started with the creation of account and user page in wikieducator. Participants practised basic text editing on WikiEducator usesing simple text markup to format particular elements of the page (e.g. bold, italics, headings, etc).

Simple formatting of the text is done by using the Editing Toolbar that appears while user is in editing mode and typing the syntax by hand. It also reminded by the resource person to save their edits.



Figure 11: Hands-on Session by Dr. R.C.Sharma and Dr. Manas Ranjan Panigrahi



Figure 12: Hands on Session



Figure 13: Community Adio Recording- Dr. R. C. Sharma

Day 2: February 19, 2015

Quick recap; More on Editing on WikiEducator

Day two started with a quick recap and practising by participants on basic text formatting in Wikieducator.



Session 4: Understanding Open Licenses and attributes by Dr. Manas Ranjan Panigrahi

Session 5: Web Search for OERs, creating OERs using different platforms (Dr. R C Sharma)

Creating groups, Google Groups, Selecting a topic, Web Search for OERs by Dr. R C Sharma

Session 6: Working on WikiEducator and OER Commons , Using Templates (Dr. R C Sharma)



Finalizing pages, Presentation by Participants



Figure 14: Presentation by Participant

Valedictory Session

Certificates are distributed during the Valedictory Session.

The feedback given by the participants, some of the comments highlighted as follows:

- Wikieducator is a good platform for teachers
- More workshops should be organized.
- The resource persons are excellent and the participants learnt much about OER.
- Participants suggested that the duration of the workshop should be at least one week.



Figure 15: Feedback by participant



Figure 16: Certificate Distribution

Program Schedule:



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Time	Session	Resources
DAY 1		
9.30am to 9.45ar	n Registration of Participants	
9.45am to 10.30a		
	Introduction to Workshop: Prof. Durgesh Pant	
	Speech by Chief Guest: Prof. Subhash Dhuliya	
	Remarks by: Dr. Ramesh C Sharma, Director CEMCA, New De	elhi
	Agenda of Workshop: Dr. Manas Ranjan Panigrahi, Programme	e Officer,
	CEMCA	
	Vote of Thanks: Shri. L.S. Rawat	
10.30am to 10.45	5am TEA	
10.45am to 11.45	Sam Session 1: Setting Agenda, Open Education, Understanding	PowerPoint
	Self Instructional Materials (Dr. R C Sharma)	Presentations
11.45am to 1.00p	m Session 2: Understanding Open Educational Resources and	PowerPoint
	OER Foundation (Manas Ranjan Panigrahi)	Presentations
1.00pm to 1.30pm	n <i>LUNCH</i>	
1.30pm to 3.00pm		
	editing (Dr. R C Sharma)	
3.00pm to 3.15pi		
3.15pm to 4.15pm	n Hands-on Practice: Creating Account and Sandbox	
DAY 2		
9.30am to 10.30a		Hands-on
10.30 am to 10.4	5 TEA	
am		
10.45am to 11.45		PowerPoint
	(Manas Ranjan Panigrahi)	Presentations
11.45am to 1.00p		Presentation
	Web Search for OERs (Dr. R C Sharma)	
1.00pm to 1.30pm		
1.30pm to 3.00pm		Presentation
	R C Sharma)	
3.00pm to 3.15pt		
3.15pm to 4.15pm		
4.15pm to 4.45pm		
	Concluding Remarks by Host institution:	
	Remarks by: Dr. Ramesh C Sharma, Director CEMCA, New De	elhi
	Feedback of Participants	
	Distribution of Certificate	
	Vote of Thanks: Shri. L.S. Rawat	

Press Publications:





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