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Workshop on “Creativity and Innovation in Open and Distance Education”

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Date: 31/03/2022

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

An online Workshop was organised on “**Creativity and Innovation in Open and Distance Education**” by Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA), Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University on 31st March, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. The workshop was organised as per the CIQA Action Plan 2021-22 and target group of the workshop was Faculty members, Officers, Content Writers, Content Editors and members of Academic Council of KKHSOU.

Prof. Karunesh Saxena, Vice Chancellor of Sangam University, Rajasthan was the resource person of the Workshop. Prof Karunesh Saxena was former Director IQAC, ML Sukhadia University, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India. He has more than 35 years of Corporate and Academic experience. He has served Dr. H. S. Gour University Sagar (M.P), Vikram University Ujjain (M.P.), Jammu University, Jammu and IGNOU New Delhi.

Being the Chair Professor of ICCR, New Delhi, he served for one term in Papua New Guinea. He has produced nearly 200 educational films for UGC. He is an expert resource person for Commonwealth of Learning, UPSC, NAAC, UGC and AICTE etc.

He has so far successfully guided 42 Research scholars for their PhD work. Another nine candidates are presently pursuing their Research work under his supervision. He has contributed nearly 130 Research papers.

Recently he has been nominated by UGC, New Delhi to the high power committee for implementation of National Education Policy NEP 2020.

He also a member of UPSC Expert Committee for revision of Mains Exam Syllabus.

His area of Expertise:

- Quality Assurance (As Director IQAC, MLS University ranked among top 76 university & institutions in India by QS World University rankings)
- Behavioral Sciences with special reference to Leadership, Emotional intelligence, Team Building, Conflict Management and Soft Skills.
- Production & Operation Management, Quantitative Techniques and Research Methodology and Strategic Management.

Inaugurating the webinar, Prof. N N Sarma, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, i/c, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University briefly outlined many aspects associated with creativity and its practical dimensions. He mentioned about break away, incremental, grass root, step by step Creativity in brief. According to him, Creativity also means some cultural aspects and that it is a continuous process.

The resource person Prof. Karunesh Saxena explained in detail the ideas and aspects associated with Creativity and Innovation. He explained the key points of differences between Creativity and Innovation. To describe the various creative aspect of the human mind, he cited many examples of creativity like the well-known story of 'The Thirsty Crow', the story of Molla Nasiruddin and also referred quotations from Einstein and Picasso in relation to creativity and innovation.

The workshop was designed in an interactive mode, as such, many questions from the participant's sides were raised during the Prof. Sexena's presentation. Among the questioners, Prof. Jayanta Kumar Sarma, Prof. Joydeep Baruah, Dr. Bhaskar Bhattacharjya and the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of KKHSOU asked some penetrating questions on topic

under discussion. Prof. Saxena tried to reveal the other dimensions of creativity where mostly creativity is viewed as recognition of experiences into new configurations.

Prof. Saxena observed that Open and distance education contributes substantially to make the dream of one's learning into reality. Without a vibrant and highly creative approach, one cannot attain expectations associated with open and distance education in a country like India as challenges are many including geographical, age-related and technical. One cannot move ahead with innovative tools unless one can clearly visualise the possibilities beyond the specified boundaries. In such situation, creativity comes as paradigm and innovation becomes the real output. Both are interrelated resulting in enlarging our educational spheres. It helps us to accommodate the needs of more and more learners across various sections of our society.

The programme was moderated and introduced by Prof. Joydeep Baruah, Director of SKBSSS of the University. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks speech delivered by Dopati Choudhury, Administrative Officer, CIQA, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University.

Some photographs of the Online Workshop:




