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International Seminar

On

Skill Development through ODeL :

Innovations, Entrepreneurship, Employment for

Inclusive and Sustainable Livelihoods

March 09-11, 2017



Organized by:

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About the Seminar

In Sept 2015, nations across the world made a commitment to take forward the unfinished agenda of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and identified 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that would lead towards ending poverty and hunger, ensuring inclusive and equitable education, gender equality, decent work for all, amongst other developmental goals.

In the context of developing countries, it becomes imperative to work towards raising economic standards by creation of jobs through innovations in entrepreneurship and employment. India's National Policy for Skills and Entrepreneurship (2015) states that skill and knowledge are the driving forces of economic growth and social development for any country. The nation is committed towards the making of a 'Skilled India'. Developing countries also recognize that skilling their human resources through positive affirmative action can bring about development and economic growth. Universities and other academic institutions have an important role to play in bringing about change.

The Open and Distance e-Learning system with its inherent flexibilities has the potential to reach the unreached. It can provide a meaningful channel for meeting the skilling needs of the youth through its academic, vocational, technical, professional, extension and lifelong learning programmes. In doing so, the ODeL system can prove to be a game changer for fulfilling the skilling, re-skilling, up-skilling needs of the youth from organized and unorganized sectors of work.

In view of the significant role that ODeL can play in skill development, a three day *International Seminar on Skill Development through ODeL: Innovations, Entrepreneurship, Employment for Inclusive and Sustainable Livelihoods* is being organised by STRIDE, IGNOU.

The objective of the Seminar is to deliberate and reflect upon the issues and challenges related to skill development through ODeL in developing countries. The Seminar aims to provide an opportunity for the teachers, academics and practitioners to present research papers, share their experiences, showcase best practices and innovations, as well as recommend future plans for skill development through the ODeL system.

The Seminar will also mark the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the *Indian Journal of Open Learning* being published by STRIDE, IGNOU.

Themes and Sub-Themes

- ⇒ **Access and Equity in ODeL**
 - **Empowerment initiatives for marginalized groups**
 - **ODeL learners — profile and dimensions**
 - **Demographic dividend — scope and potential**

- ⇒ **ODeL Programmes for Developing Employable Skills and Sustainable Livelihoods**
 - **Design and development of programmes/courses for the organized and unorganized sectors**
 - **Linking skills to employability and livelihoods through blended learning**
 - **ODeL programmes for lifelong learning**
 - **Initiating/promoting Start Ups/Incubators**

- ⇒ **Skilling the Human Resource through ODeL**
 - **Skill development for rural populations**
 - **Capacity building through blended approach**
 - **Skilling youth for nation building — policy and initiatives**

- ⇒ **Technology and Innovations in ODeL**
 - **Learning analytics**
 - **E-learning, MOOCs, OERs, M-Learning**
 - **Mass media and indigenous technologies**
 - **Innovations, experiments and creativity**

- ⇒ **Support Services, Networking and Partnerships**
 - **Support services for skill development: Issues and challenges**
 - **Public-Private partnership for skill development programmes**

- ⇒ **Quality Assurance Practices and Models in ODeL**
 - **Quality assurance, maintenance and standards**
 - **Monitoring, assessment and evaluation**
 - **Entrepreneurship ecosystem, social entrepreneurship models**
 - **Best practices**

Participants

The participants would include Teachers and Academics of Open Universities and Distance Education Directorates from across the world, especially SAARC countries, ODeL practitioners and research scholars. Persons working in technical, extension and professional institutions, including those in face-to-face institutions, may also participate in the Seminar.

Registration Details

Delegates	Registration Fee (Indian)	Registration fee (International)	Registration Fee (SAARC Countries)
Teachers/ Academic/ others	Rs.2000	USD 200	USD 100
Research scholars/ Students	Rs.1000	USD 150	USD 75
Early bird registration	Rs. 1500	USD 150	USD 50

A participant may also register on a per day basis, The registration fee would be Rs. 700/- per day.

The registration fee includes seminar kits, seminar participation certificates, entry to all the sessions, morning and evening tea, snacks and lunch.

Payment details will shall be intimated later through the Seminar web-site.

Accommodation

Participants would be required to make their own boarding-lodging arrangements. Limited accommodation at IGNOU Guest House may be available on first come first serve basis.

Venue

The venue of the Seminar shall be the Convention Centre, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068.

Guidelines for Submission of Abstract/Paper

- ◆ Authors must submit papers based on the themes and sub-themes of the seminar.
- ◆ Paper should be original. Authors are required to enclose a declaration in this regard.
- ◆ Abstract should be within 350 words. Author's name, postal address, e-mail ID, telephone/mobile number, and designation must be written.
- ◆ Full paper should be within 3000-4000 words including figures and tables.
- ◆ Abstract and paper should be submitted using MS-Word, font Times New Roman, font size 12, and 1.5 line spacing on A4 size paper. Only soft copies of the abstract and full length paper should be submitted. Submission of abstract and full paper in PDF, image format etc. will not be accepted.
- ◆ Abstract and full paper should be submitted to the Seminar Coordinator, Dr. Anita Priyadarshini, STRIDE, Block 16, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi -110068, India.
(email: stride.skillsseminar@gmail.com)

Themes of Posters

- Skill Development Programmes
- Training, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Partnerships and Networking
- Technology Based Programmes (eg. MOOCs)
- Creativity and Innovation
- Best Practices

Guidelines for Submission of Posters

- Poster submission should not exceed four A4 pages.
- Authors of posters accepted for presentations will be required to prepare a maximum size 70 cm × 55 cm poster for display.
- Posters be submitted to the Seminar Coordinator, Dr. Anita Priyadarshini (email: stride.skillsseminar@gmail.com)

Important Dates

Seminar dates	March 09-11, 2017
Last date for submission of Abstract	December 25, 2016
Notification for acceptance of Abstract	December 30, 2016
Last date for submission of full paper	February 10, 2017
Date for submission of poster	February 10, 2017
Last date for early bird registration	February 09, 2017

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Registration Form

Name (Capital): _____

Designation: _____

Gender: _____

Official Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Mobile No.: _____

Title of the paper: _____

Name of co-authors if any: _____

Registration fee details: Amount _____

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Signature of the participant(s)

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