

COURSES CONDUCTED IN THE MONTH OF MAY AND JUNE

As Coronavirus and the ensuing lockdown made learning face to face in physical classrooms almost an impossibility, the virtual classes were made available for the present B.Ed. batches. As these online classes seemed fruitful and e learning was the new normal, it was also noticed that effective e-learning is not just a natural sequence to classroom face to face teaching and skills of e-learning are distinct from classroom teaching. There is a need to understand the nuances and application of e-learning in an educated and systematic way.

St Xavier's Institute of Education, hence, conceived of an online course of 7 days to contribute to the skill development in the arena of e-learning. The course developers, Ms Kalpana and Dr Bijoy planned the course specially for the alumni of the Institute who were now in-service teachers and grappling with making e-learning lesson plans, making e-content and making use of e-tools.

The course developers focused on making web based course on instructional designs for e-learning which was validated by Prof Dr Sybil Thomas, Department of Education, University of Mumbai This course was planned for 7 days in logically arranged modules; activities, hands-on experience, quizzes, and assignments were well designed to cater to the needs of in-service teachers. As the SAMR Model states first Substitution of F2F classroom by technology enabled classes were used, developing of instructional designs for e-learning based on ADDIE Model, then Augmentation of the application of technology, Modifying the traditional tools to make online class engaging so a few modules concentrated on online and offline tools for teaching and assessment and Redefinition refers to new technological skills and tools for tasks , assessments and assignment which were not thought of before. Staying true to the tradition of SXIE of reflection and Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm, one session on Reflections and Ethics of e-learning was also added.

The assignments were of practical use and students learnt first-hand by actually creating e content – both Instructional designs and e tools. The method of the course transaction was lecture cum workshop mode so that the practical work could be grounded in theory and practice of e-tools can be done simultaneously with the demonstrations.

The feedback received was heartening, as the participants called the course as a boon, and claimed it was more than what was expected, tremendous request for more and advanced course was made by the participants.

The course developers also felt satisfied at their humble contribution to SXIE and its alumni.

The **second Course** was on *Utilisation of Learning Management System (LMS) for Effective E-learning* for Little Flower School teachers. The School set for students belonging to low socio-economic strata were grateful for complete setting up of LMS and training for effective use of the LMS. The teachers were extended counselling and mentoring much beyond the days of the Course. The feedback was more of gratitude and that the LMS was extremely useful and actively utilized by the participants

Details of the 2 courses

- Online Course on Instructional Design for e-learning 20th May 2020 to 28th May 2020. Target Group- In-service teachers, esp. SXIE Alumni. Number of Beneficiaries 40 participants
- Online Course on Utilisation of Learning Management System for Effective E-learning from 3rd to 6th June 2020. Target group -Little Flower School teachers. Number of Beneficiaries 100 plus participants. The course was conducted in 2 batches for the optimum understanding and deep learning , twice a day.

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