

WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPMENT OF SELF LEARNING MATERIAL  
DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION  
UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU

In order to improve and develop the content and presentation of Self Learning Material provided to the distance learners so that it performs the function of a live teacher, Directorate of Distance Education, University of Jammu has initiated the process of the training the in-house faculty and teachers from PG departments of the university and affiliated colleges.

Initially a two day workshop on Development of Self Learning Material is being organized on 20th-21st February 2010 in the Committee room of Directorate of Distance Education. This shall be followed by a series of workshops on development of self learning material in individual disciplines throughout the year.

The basic objective of the workshop is to create awareness about SLM pattern and impart skills to the participants regarding appropriate styles of writing new packages and also for editing and updating the existing ones. At the end of two day workshop format model for writing lessons on Self Learning Material patterns in each of the above mentioned disciplines shall be developed. Moreover, these trained participants shall be associated with preparation and /or updation of learning material on SLM pattern.

A total number of 50 participants from the discipline of English, Sociology, Urdu, Commerce, Management, Education and Hindi from PG departments of University of Jammu and affiliated colleges are enrolled for the workshop. Dr. Anupama Vohra, Associate Professor ( English, DDE) is the Coordinator for this workshop

*Noted trainers and distance education experts specializing in the field of development of learning material Prof. C.R.K. Murthy and Dr. Ashok Gaba from Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE), IGNOU, New Delhi are the resource persons for the workshop.*

The workshop shall be inaugurated by **Sh. N.K. Verma, I.A.S** Commissioner Secretary Higher Education, J&K Government. **Prof. Deshbandu, Chairman BOSE** shall distribute the certificates among the participants during the valedictory session.

Meenakshi Kilam  
Director

The two day workshop on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 2010 which was inaugurated by Sh.N.K.Verma I.A.S, Commissioner Secretary Higher Education, J&K Government was concluded on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 2010. In the valedictory function Prof.Deshbandu Gupta, Chairman JKBOSE was the chief guest. In his valedictory address he highlighted the importance of Self Learning Material for Distance Learners as he himself has had a vast experience in the distance education system. He laid stress on the importance of training and guidance to lesson writers. He appreciated that DDE has developed a standard format of SLM for distance learners.

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Dr. Meenakshi Kilam while addressing the participants apprised that the process of the training of the in-house faculty and teachers from PG departments of the University and affiliated colleges has been taken up on priority by the DDE in order to improve the content and quality of study material provided to Distance learners. She stressed on the importance of training and guidance to the lesson writers.

She presented mementoes to Prof.Deshbandu Gupta, Chairman JKBOSE, Prof. C.R.K. Murthy and Dr. Ashok Gaba. The feed back about the workshop was given by Dr.Monica Sethi, Ms.Mansi Sharma, Mr. Bodh Raj and Dr. Asha Kichloo. The participants observed that they have gained a lot from the workshop and thanked the DDE for organising the workshop and hoped such workshops shall also be organised in future as well. A total number of 50 participants from the discipline of English, Sociology, Urdu, Commerce, Management, Education and Hindi from Post-Graduate departments of University of Jammu and affiliated colleges attended the workshop.

Joint Director Sh.Jai kumar Sharma, Prof. Jasbir Singh, Prof. V.D.Singh, Dr.Dharminder Mangotra were also present on the occasion. Dr.Anupama Vohra, workshop coordinator presented vote of thanks.

In the morning session of second day participants made group presentations on development of SLM

In the second technical session Prof. C.R.K. Murthy explained how the unit is developed and how we can present the content in an organised manner.

In the afternoon technical session Dr. Ashok Gaba gave his research analysis on the Respondents' response to the use of various activities given to them in text questions and multiple choices.