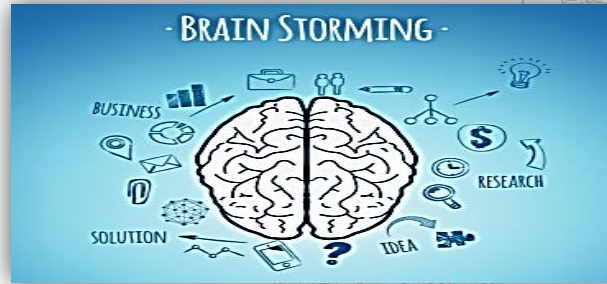




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Brainstorming Meet on *E-Textbooks Access for Distance Learners*

Theme: Partnership with publishers for sharing digitalised content on e-text book platform

Date: 15 October 2015

Time: 9 AM to 3:30 PM

Venue: Seminar Hall No I, Gate No 2

Vallabhbai Patel Chest Institute, Shreya Mishra Marg
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i ABOUT SCHOOL OF OPEN LEARNING (SOL)

The School of Open Learning [Campus of Open Learning] formerly known as The School of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education, established under the University of Delhi in 1962, is a pioneer Institution in the field of Distance Education in India. The country witnessed the beginning of an alternate mode of education when the School started with a modest admission of 900 students in 1962. The School enrolled around 4.5 lakhs students in the Academic Session 2014-15. The admission process for various courses in the School is governed by the norms established by the University of Delhi. The examination is also conducted by the University of Delhi. There is no differentiation in the course curriculum followed by the School of Open Learning and other constituent colleges and Departments of the University of Delhi. In an effort to cater to the needs of a growing number of students, the School established the South Study Centre at Moti Bagh from the academic session 1990-91. The School offers Undergraduate/Postgraduate Degree courses in the subjects of Arts/Humanities and Commerce. An experienced faculty is always available at the main campus for academic interaction with students. The School offers learning through the distance education mode which is a viable alternative for students who need a flexible medium of instruction to attain higher education and vocational skills. In addition, the School maintains a well-stocked library to facilitate wide exposure to contemporary developments in streams of courses offered. The School also has a South Study Centre at South Moti Bagh, New Delhi. To provide hassle free, safe and secure admissions, online admission facility is installed. The student can do it from any where.

i ABOUT “E-TEXT BOOKS ACCESS FACILITY FOR DISTANCE LEARNERS” PROJECT

SOL accommodates lakhs of students by offering many UG/PG courses/ programmes to cherish the goal of ensuring qualities of education. SOL would like to use advanced learning technologies and ICT capabilities to reach to the hither to un-reached. Due to resource constraints and location, the students of SOL do not have access to the same kind of library services as available to the campus based learners. To evolve appropriate mechanism of providing effective information support, the “Digital Library for Open Learners (DLOL)” is envisaged. Inspired by Digital India Initiative, one of its project - “E-Text books facility for distance learners on Web” is being worked out by SOL. The first stage is to acquire the contents of the popular titles of books relevant to courses/ programmes from the respective publishers. The content acquired shall be digitized and made web accessible with secured IPR manageability. The access of the content shall be ensured to our students in authenticated and authorized mechanism. They shall be able to read the content using login id and password. SOL shall use its ICT capabilities with high reliability provisioning transparency over transactions and usages to check unauthorized access.

i BRAINSTORMING MEET: SUB-THEMES

This interactive meeting with the publishers is to elaborate and deliberate on the following –

- Content and its secured IPR manageability
- SOL users: interests and needs
- SOL user community: size
- Revenue sharing model
- Technology platform for e-access





PUBLISHERS' ROLE

Past couple of years has witnessed exhaustive efforts in the area of digital libraries globally. Many of these projects are for making e-books available to the consumers. Technology is helping in reorienting the publishing industry to be market driven as never before. Recent developments in the publishing industry points to the emergence of e-books as an important business opportunity for publishers. SOL accommodates lakhs of students by offering many UG/PG courses/ programmes to cherish the goal of ensuring qualities of education. SOL would like to use advanced learning technologies and ICT capabilities to reach to the hither to un-reached. Due to resource constraints and location, the students of SOL do not have access to the same kind of library services as available to the campus based learners. To evolve appropriate mechanism of providing effective information support, the prime task for one of its projects - "E-books facility for Distance Learners on Web" is to acquire the digitalised contents of the popular titles of books relevant to courses/ programmes from the respective publishers. The digitalised content acquired shall be made web accessible with secured IPR manageability, authenticated and authorized access mechanism having log in id/ password provision using its ICT capabilities and ensuring high reliability transparency over transactions and usages to check any unauthorized access. SOL seeks cooperation and partnership of publishers and authors in the success of this initiative. We shall appreciate them to provide the content of your publications relevant to our UG/PG Courses/Programmes for digitization and web access to our students under mutually agreed terms and conditions.



SESSIONS FOR DELIBERATIONS

- E-book publishing scenario.
- E-resources access for academia
- E-text book access facility- SOL Project
- Technology options
- Publishers' view
- Summarizing recommendations



STAKEHOLDERS

- Content provider i.e. publisher and authors
- Faculty
- Learners
- Policy makers, administrators
- Technology provider.



Registration

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

The stakeholders can confirm their participation by E-mail to the “**Organizing Secretary or Consultant (L&D)**” of the Brainstorming Meet.

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