

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata

FACULTY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

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SESSION I

MOOC COURSES: INTRODUCTION

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata has carried forward the Jesuit tradition of imparting knowledge in its holistic sense. by introducing MOOC as initiated by MHRD. It is an indigenous platform of learning through technology enabled education modules. The platform is abbreviated as SWAYAM (Study Web of Active Learning by Young and Aspiring Minds).

E-content is developed as per the undergraduate syllabus framework by expert faculty members. The ICT platform enables students' easy access to high quality video lectures, reading resources, open dialogue in discussion forums, evaluation modules and regular assessments.

For better understanding, an orientation programme was conducted by Prof. Ipsita Barat, Prof-in-charge, Department of Film studies, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, on 28.05.2019

SESSION II

PEDAGOGY OF FOUNDATION COURSES

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata has carried forward the Jesuit tradition of imparting knowledge in its holistic sense by compulsory foundation courses in each of its stream. The aim of the process is to instil young minds of the various religions and their features as practiced and prevalent in India; characterise each student with their unique religious preferences and foster growth of the students as an educated member of the society.

Prof. Father (Dr.) John Felix Raj discussed the pedagogy of the foundation courses by understanding the concept from the aspect of those who disseminate the course- the teachers. One of the common concerns was the absence of a structured outline for the course and the streamlining of the lectures depending upon the interests of the faculty to make the process more stimulating for the students.

.The faculty members were apprised of the fact that foundation courses are compulsory and cannot be made specific to meet the requirements of courses. However, the efforts should be unanimous to make the structure more systematic and understand the principles of religions. The goal is to impart knowledge as well as build up the character of each student for tolerance, acceptance and realisation of the facets of each religion which is not their own.