

## **Proceedings of the C-DELTA Workshop (Day 1)**

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The commonwealth Digital Education Leadership Training in Action (C-DELTA) workshop organised by Odisha State Open University (OSOU) in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) was started by the Vice Chancellor, OSOU. He highlighted the aims and objectives of the workshop and informed that this C-DELTA Course will be offered as an add-on, non-credit programme for all the registered students of the University from July, 2019 session. He advised the faculty of OSOU to seriously get engaged in the workshop during the next three days, so that they can play the role of a digital education leader.



The technical session was conducted by the resource person, Ms. Sandhya Gunnes, senior lecturer in Open and Online Learning at the University of Mauritius.

In the first session of the workshop, the resource person interacted with all the participants and discussed their expectations regarding the use of technology in Open and Distance Learning. All the participants gave their views on how they use technology in their regular teaching phenomenon. Some of the participants supported technological interventions while some still believed in the conventional mode of teaching.



This was followed by the second session where the resource person divided the participants into groups and asked them to search the personal, professional and educational qualification of a digital education leader, entrepreneur and influencer whose information is available on any website. The main objective of this activity was to map the concepts of digital footprints using visual techniques.

Post-lunch session was on the topic entitled “Reflecting on Digital Identity”. She discussed some of the concepts related to digital education leader like digital identity, digital footprint, digital literacy, the subject of networks, the subject of online community, services as networks (closed and open) etc. The participants were asked to get back into their groups. There were some questionnaires that were related to the previous assignment that dealt with digital leaders and educationalists. The participants were enlightened about digital education and digital literacy.



Session 4 started with the discussion on the process of the investigation. She initiated the discussion with some questions like what is the difference between software and an app? What is an internet browser? What is an email client? To become a good digital education leader, the person should have knowledge on different search engines. Privacy of information is most important while engaging online. The resource person then asked the participants to use another search engine instead of Google search that is *duckduckgo* that actually doesn't track the user's personal information. This was done to make the participants aware of digital identity security.



There was also a walk-in-talk activity where the participants were asked to pick a partner and discuss what they have done in the entire sessions.