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Abstract

Twenty first Century peoples are using Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in various fields. Government of India started for Digitization of various activities. People required different ICT skills for doing various activities. These ICT skills are developed through various types of Programme.

Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU) is mega Open University having one objective "To provide an innovative, Flexible and Open System of education by using the distance teaching methodology and by applying modern communication technologies to education". YCMOU having eight Schools in which one School is School of Education. It started e-B.Ed. Programme in 2009 as a pilot study. University expected learner from various fields. Since learners were lacking in ICT Skills, the dropout rate was high. The Nomenclature of the Programme is now changed to Post Graduate Diploma in E-Education in Digital Society (PGDEEDs). YCMOU in collaboration with MKCL is offering this programme. In service Teacher (Primary to University Level), Jobseekers, Peoples from Non Government Organisation(NGO), Parents have taken admission for this programme. This time, to avoid the dropout rate because of lacking inICT skills, one additional ICT Worker Based Course is introduced as the first course to the students of the programme. This Course is given online to the students using their unique user id and password.

The course has 20 sessions. Around 50-60 % students have completed this course; while 40 % students have not yet started or had competed very few sessions. They are facing difficulties. The Presenter took feedback from the students for usability of the course and difficulties faced by them. Most of the students are using these ICT Skills in their day to day work; their professional skills are increased.

Introduction

The world has become a village due to the facilities available through Information and Communication Technology(ICT). ICT is playing a major role in the individual life. ICT has potential for social change and reconstruction of society. Government of India is emphasising on Digitization of various activities. People now require different ICT skills for doing various activities. Education of ICT is introduced from the primary level. Younger generation is more competent to use ICT for their various work but the elders are not much competent.

Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU) is mega Open University established in 1989. The Mission of the university is "To become a mass varsity". YCMOU's objective is "To provide an Innovative, Flexible and Open System of education by using the