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WEEK 3

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The **Week 3** of the Faculty Development Course focused on: **Learning Management Systems: Moodle**

My reflections:

It introduces the Moodle to us. Moodle is a free online learning management system. The Week 3 is exploratory in nature as it comes with new concepts that have been properly guided and demonstrated. For me, Moodle is a complete new application to learn and apply in learning pedagogy.

The Learning Experience Interaction 3

My reflections:

This is most active and lively part of the Week 3 as it gives opportunity to explore Moodle and share the learnings and experiences with other peers. I have posted my observations on the Forum Etiquette and what I have done and followed so far. The Forum Etiquette are very useful and it should be strictly followed by everyone. However, I have found three respondents who have reacted on Granny Test and don't argue point which I have also mentioned. So, it will be helpful to interact with the peers in future too. But I have found that many have also pointed out the plagiarism factor on Forum Etiquette, which I think is applicable for all works of our life. It is not limited to online discussions only. My observation so far on discussion forum on FDP 101x is that everybody respects each other views and don't argue on any point. However, I felt that meaningful titles are very important to practice as it gives proper direction and shape to the discussion. Many a times the titles are not saying what we are looking for. These are a few observations on my learnings on FDP101x on Forum Etiquette.

Exploring Moodle:

My Reflections:

I enjoyed this part as it introduced me as how a student sees a learning system online and what he/s expects from a teacher or a course. It helps in analyzing their difficulty level and understanding level in thinking and solving assignments or problems. I logged in the platform as a student and understood the various nuances of learning problems and challenges. It is really a good practice to put one on other's shoe and understand the roles and responsibilities. The

quizzes were interesting and I too made mistakes in identifying a few common social media types.

Moodle in IIT:

Jayasankar introduces us to Prof. Bhandarkar who gives us demo about the course settings inside Moodle, editing sections, adding resources etc.

My reflections:

It has allowed me to experience as a teacher what the contents I can design for the students and how should I edit it for making it more readable and effective. The Moodle site is very easy to use and it is user friendly. It helps students to undergo the assignments, lectures notes type systematically. So, I could follow the directions as mentioned on the videos and do the Learning By Doing activities on 3.1 and 3.2.

A View interaction scheduled on 19-20th August 2017.

My reflections:

I enjoyed the various sessions on the A view. Prof. Phatak, Sunthar and Dr. Sameer interacted with the participants across the country. The session highlighted the synchronous interactions by using A-View that encouraged online interactions and Slide presentations which is a part of Visual Design and also the concept of User Story and Think Pair And Share. It was also great to be part of the A View interaction as our remote centre 1153, Tezpur University could get a chance to share our views on discussion forums. Thanks to Jayasankar sir for accepting our request and allowing us to present our query online.

I have designed my Moodle page <https://jdfdp2017.gnomio.com>. It is under construction now as I have to add video and LbD activities.

My Conclusion:

Learning is essential and group learning is a must for overall development of any individual. The FDP course 2017 has taught us this philosophy of life. Knowledge is for sharing and it increases every time we share it with anyone. And I can see this applicable in terms of sharing our content in Creative Commons License as the purpose is to inform, educate and aware people. Moodle is one such example where repository of information is transparent and easy to access. I have learnt more than I have expected, i.e, apart from technological understanding, I understood the concept of knowledge design, presentation and dissemination process.