

NISCORT Online Training for Aspiring Journalists



@Chennai, November, 2020: Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd - the Province of Central East India Nepal (CEIN) in collaboration with the National Institute for Social Communication, Research and Training (NISCORT) organized the nine days online course on 'News Writing and Reporting' in order to boost the reading, writing and communication skills and also to enhance the proficiency of the participants.

The online course which began on 22nd to 30th November 2020 was attended by 21 energetic participants (principals, teachers, writers, social workers, and nurses) from the three different organizations namely; Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd (Province of CEIN), Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco and St. Norbert PU College, Mysuru.

The primary objective of the online course was to cultivate the habits of writing and to create the platform to practice the learned skills regularly.

The online course gave the essential foundation to the participants in journalism. The course was carried out under the able guidance of experienced resource person Mr. Sumit Dhanraj, Communication and Media trainer at NISCORT. He taught the participants on the various aspects of journalism. Through his constant assistance, the participants were able to learn creative heading composition, paragraph writing, article and feature writing, news reporting, and critical thinking.

The course also highlighted the skills for interviewing, analyzing the news, fact checking, writing letters to the editor and developing the habit of reading. The training module built awareness about the right use of writing style, modern trends in journalism, and citizen journalism.

Ms. Sridevi A., the Principal of St. Norbert PU College, Mysuru said, "It was a pleasant experience for being a part of such a tremendous course. It was a great platform for me to find out my potential. This course has changed my way of reading and analyzing the newspaper." I thank Mr. Sumit, a versatile writer and speaker for motivating and guiding all of us to write reports and articles in a systematic and organized manner and also for digging out the knowledge within us," she added.

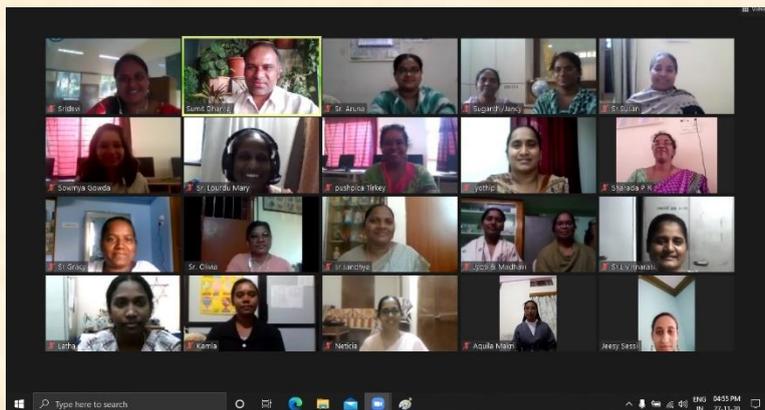
"I feel privileged to be a part of this learning experience. I found the course was very useful. I had very little idea on how to write but now I feel confident because I have learnt it. The sessions were short and to the accurate point. The notes and study material given to the participants before every session was really of great help to prepare oneself and be a part of discussion during the sessions. The resource person was the source of inspiration to be disciplined, punctual and communicate well," mentioned Sr. Aquila Marki, FMA, Agartala.

Sr. Kamala Lakra RGS from Pokhara, Nepal opined, “As many of us work in different fields, reporting plays an important role in the activities that are carried out at our workplaces. The course was very informative and indeed very helpful in drafting good reports. It gave the opportunity to enhance the reading and writing abilities.”

During the concluding session, Sr. Pushpa Louis RGS, the Province leader of CEIN said, “She is happy that her province sisters are trained in news writing and reporting. This will enable the skills of sisters in report writing and make them efficient writers in reporting and documentation.”

Fr. Robinson Rodrigues, the new interim director of the NISCORT expressed his gratitude to the Province leader of CEIN, Sr. Pushpa Louis for working collaboratively in enhancing the skills of the sisters of her Province and also of the other participants. He also thanked the resource person Mr. Sumit Dhanraj for his availability and dedication for carrying out the online course and the participant for their timely and active participation. He concluded the training programme by saying, “Reading and writing habits are very essential in our lives, let us continue to keep the good work by making the difference through writing.”

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November 30, 2020: The online training on News writing and reporting was organised by Sr. Pushpa Louis, the Province leader of Central East India/Nepal of the Good Shepherd Congregation. There were 15 young sisters (teachers, nurses, writers and social workers) from the province attending the training programme from 22nd to 30th November 2020

in collaboration with NISCORT Media College, NCR-Delhi. There were also five teachers from St. Norbert PU College, Mysuru and a sister from Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco, Agartala.

The main focus of this training programme was to equip and educate the participants in the writing and reporting skills. The virtual sessions were on Zoom platform from 3 to 5 pm every day. Mr. Sumit Dhanraj, Communication and Media trainer at NISCORT was the trainer for the course.

This online training is like food for the mind to advance the knowledge in writing and reporting and it blueprinted the up-to-date techniques, ethics and structural concepts of the entire course. The participants profited a lot from the eminent and resourceful trainer on the various topics i.e. catchy headings, paragraph writing, news writing and reporting, article writing, feature writing, interview writing which includes 5Ws and 1H, pyramid or inverted pyramid styles of reporting and letter to the editor. He dealt systematically on the topics and provided a good alertness on sloppy journalism, modern trends in journalism, citizen journalism and fake news in the social media and print media. Participants were given regular assignments to practice and master the writing skills.

The advancement of online technology contributes higher knowledge to exhibit all-round-skills. In a nutshell, it is an undeniable fact that the trainer offered vast knowledge of the topics dealt with, using his methodology, to strengthen the value systems that are needed today and a well-formed mind set to recognise the vital need of the hour. Personally, through this training programme I have gained a lot of confidence to write reports precisely. It pushed me ahead to sharpen my reading habit and ability to read news with a critical outlook and also boosted my spirit for vocabulary building. The assignments helped me to update myself with current events of the society.

“The virtual training on the News Writing and Reporting was to gain knowledge to be practical, objective and specific. It enhanced my understanding of pyramid and inverted pyramid type of reporting, article writing and interview writing using right methods with good language,” articulated Sr. Jyoti Lakra, a Teacher from Khammam, Telangana.

Sr. Latha, Candidate Mistress from Good Shepherd Congregation, CEIN province, Nagpur, Maharashtra acknowledged, “The training programme was very good, informative and useful for our mission. Since most of us write reports, it helps to update oneself in writing skills. She added that the trainer was an excellent teacher who contributed much for our growth.”

“I am very happy to attend this online course and it helped me to learn PDF and capture readers through creative headings. I understood that, my call is to become a voice for the voiceless,” opined Sr. Lourdumary, co-coordinator, from Pallavaram, Chennai.

The course concluded with shared learning experiences of the participants and on Sr. Pushpa Louis’s advice to be efficient in writing good reports for the mission. NISCORT Director, Fr. Robinson thanked sister and all the participants for their active participation, effective collaboration and the trainer for his boundless contribution and then he asked the participants to be critical and analytic in reading and writing, using the learnt techniques.

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[A participant of News Writing & Reporting Course]