

REPORT ON SEMINAR ON OPEN GOVERNMENT DATA PLATFORM – INDIA

Date: 19-September-2018

Time: 10.30am to 1pm

Venue: Auditorium, DDU College, Dwarka

Organized by: Data Analytics Club (DAC), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College

Teacher Members: Dr. Arpita Sharma (CS), Dr. Yogeita Mehra (BMS), Dr. Veena Jain (OR), Mr. Rajan Gupta (CS)

Student Members: Mohit Saini (OR), Sumedha Meena (OR), Saloni Ajmera (CS), Aleesha Wadhera (CS), Anupam (BMS), Vipin (BMS), Ishani (BMS)

Speakers: Mr. Sunil Babbar, Technical Director – NIC; Mr. Akhilesh Srivastava, Senior Technical Project Manager – NIC; Mr. Sitansu Sekhar Mahapatra, NIC

Guest other than Speakers: Mr. Shubhadip Biswas, NIC

Number of Student Attendees: 318 (from different courses and departments)

Number of Teacher Attendees: 15

Objective of the Seminar

The main motto of the seminar was to introduce the students with the idea of the OGD platform in India which supports open data initiative of the Government of India. This portal is a single point access to datasets, documents, services, tools and applications published by ministries, departments and organizations of the government. It is applicable to all the streams and courses.

Brief about the Event

On 19th September, 2018, The Data Analytics Club (DAC), DDUC organized its first event which was a Seminar based on **Open Government Data Platform – India** on the occasion of its Inaugural meet. The event took place in the College Auditorium from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm, which was attended by approximately 330 attendees. The event started with the lighting of the lamp by the guests accompanied by the Principal Sir and various teachers present in the auditorium. Following this, the Principal of the college, Dr. S.K. Garg enlightened the attendees with his words. The Speakers and Guests were then felicitated with mementos presented by the Principal Sir and Teacher Members of the Data Analytics Club.

The seminar began with a brief description on OGD platform in India, followed by Live demonstration of the www.data.gov.in portal and finally ending the session through various case study discussions. The seminar was conducted by Mr. Sunil Babbar (Technical Director – NIC), Mr. Akhilesh Srivastava (Senior Technical Project Manager – NIC) and Mr. Sitansu Sekhar Mahapatra (NIC). Mr. Shubhadip Biswas (NIC) was the guest for the session. The seminar was enthusiastically responded to by the audience and was successfully ended by Dr. Veena Jain with her vote of Thanks. Lunch was offered to the speakers and guest after the end of the seminar.

Profile of Speakers

Mr. Sunil Babbar is an IT professional with an experience of over 25 years in government sector. He has been working in the National Informatics Centre (NIC), a premier ICT organization of Government of India under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and has a vast experience of providing IT support to government departments. He has also co-authored many papers for National and International Conferences. Mr. Babbar had done Master in Computer Science and is Currently Associated with Open Data Initiative of India from the last 5 years. Mr. Babbar, after delivering his lecture, handed over the podium to the next speaker, Mr. Akhilesh Srivastava.

Mr. Akhilesh Srivastava is working as the Senior Technical Project Manager and is one of the key members of Open Government Data Platform India (<http://data.gov.in>). He has a Masters degree in Statistics and over 17 years of experience in data management, data analysis, research studies, monitoring & evaluation, capacity building, impart training and data visualization. Currently, he manages data activities of the OGD platform India and works closely with ministries, departments and other organizations. Apart from that, Mr. Akhilesh Srivastava was involved in statistical analysis using SPSS, MS Excel and SAS, and in the creation and harmonization of development indicators of UN agencies on varied areas of interventions like health, education etc. He was also involved in developing schedules, supervising the data collection work. Two of his research papers are published in Indian journal.

Mr. Sitansu Sekhar Mahapatra is a New Media and Communication professional with over 14 years of experience in Digital Product Management, Content, Policy, Governance, Service Delivery, Media Convergence and Knowledge Management. He is associated with Open Government Data Initiative of India since 2013 and has worked closely with the senior decision makers in policy formulation, planning and implementation of Open Government Data Policy of India, i.e. NDSAP and Government Open Data License (GODL) India. He was also driving the Community engagement activities of OGD India in form of Hackathons, Meetups, Workshops, Events, etc. Prior to OGD Platform, Mr. Sitansu was involved in strategy, community management of ICT projects such as National Portal of India and Citizen Engagement platform MyGov. Earlier in his career Mr. Sitansu has worked with Hindustan Times, Incredible India and INX News.

Pictures from the Event



