

MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) INAUGURATION

The formal launch of the 9-week MOOC in English, **The Renaissance and Shakespeare**, was organized on 15 Feb.2016 at the Institute of Lifelong Learning (ILLL). The inauguration was attended by Prof. R.W. Desai, an eminent Shakespeare scholar and one of the resource persons for the MOOC, Prof. Christel R. Devadawson, Head, Department of English, University of Delhi, Prof. Nigel Leask, University of Glasgow and Dr. G.S.Tuteja, Deputy Dean, Student Welfare, among others. This sample MOOC has been developed for the SWAYAM site of MHRD by Prof. Shormishtha Panja, Director, ILLL and Professor of English, University of Delhi and Ms. Manila Kohli, Fellow (English,) ILLL. It incorporates video lectures, interviews with global experts, panel discussions and performances of scenes from Shakespeare's plays by students of the University of Delhi and questions on all modules. The resource persons for this MOOC include international authorities on Shakespeare, teachers and students from the University of Delhi and theatre persons.

The ILLL has been entrusted with the responsibility of creating MOOCs in different disciplines and is currently working on one in Hindi on creative writing and another in Mathematics on Statistics through Excel. It plans to involve interested teachers from Delhi University colleges in its future MOOC projects.