



REPORT ON ICT ACTIVITY: 2018 – 19

Benefits of Google Classroom

In the process of upgrading the research knowledge of faculty through ICT tool, St Francis de Sales College arranges various workshops and training sessions. Recently, St Francis de Sales College in association with Cyber Spirits Club organised ICT session entitled "Benefits of Google Classroom" on 25th March, 2019 for B.Com First and second Years Students. Activities were conducted for the B.Com undergraduate students in the Computer Lab. Students were really interested to learn this new concept. They understood in-depth capabilities of Google classroom. The faculties of the BCA department conducted the programme and various activities.

Programme Objectives:

1. Make teaching more productive, collaborative, and meaningful
2. Tackle administrative tasks more efficiently
3. Work anywhere, anytime, and on any device
4. More time for richer feedback

The session started with an introduction to ICT, "ICT encompasses both the internet-enabled sphere as well as the mobile one powered by wireless networks. It also includes antiquated technologies, such as landline telephones, radio and television broadcast -- all of which are still widely used today alongside cutting-edge ICT pieces such as artificial intelligence and robotics. The list of ICT components is exhaustive, and it continues to grow. Some components, such as computers and telephones, have existed for decades. Others, such as smartphones digital TVs and robots, are more recent entries. ICT commonly means more than its list of components, though. It also encompasses the application of all those various components. It's here that the real potential, power and danger of ICT can be found".

The Speaker of the session shared his in depth knowledge on “Google Classroom is a free web service developed by Google for schools that aims to simplify creating, distributing, and grading assignments. The primary purpose of Google Classroom is to streamline the process of sharing files between teachers and students”.

Moreover, the trainer threw light on the benefits of free online learning platform, Google Classroom offers several benefits for students and teachers. The benefits of Google Classroom were highlighted in this session: In the concept **Collaborate**, “Classroom offers several ways for students to collaborate. Teachers can facilitate online discussions between students and create group projects within the Classroom. In addition, students can collaborate on Google Docs which have been shared by the teacher”. The next feature is Engagement. “Most digital natives are comfortable with technology and will be more apt to take ownership in their learning through use of technology. Classroom offers numerous ways to make learning interactive and collaborative. It offers teachers the ability to differentiate assignments, include videos and web pages into lessons, and create collaborative group assignments”.

In addition to the two benefits mentioned above, the trainer also highlighted the unique feature of, **Differentiation**, “Through Classroom, teachers are easily able to differentiate instruction for learners. Assigning lessons to the whole class, individual students, or groups of students takes just a few simple steps when creating an assignment on the Class work page. He also added that “The **Data Analysis**, In order to make learning meaningful, teachers should analyse data from assessments to ensure students understand learning objectives. Data from assessments can easily be exported into Sheets for sorting and analysis.

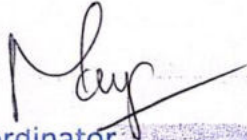
The Cyber Spirit is an umbrella for BCA department, which not only perform representation tasks, but also cater for student welfare. We look forward for more interesting activities in the ensuing year from the folds of Cyber Spirits.

The outcomes are as follows.

Program Outcome:

1. Leveraging the power of Google Classroom
2. To be able to access data and create bespoke, high quality reports and output for monitoring data
3. Anytime students can read.
4. Able to draw conclusions from the data based on powerful statistical analysis.

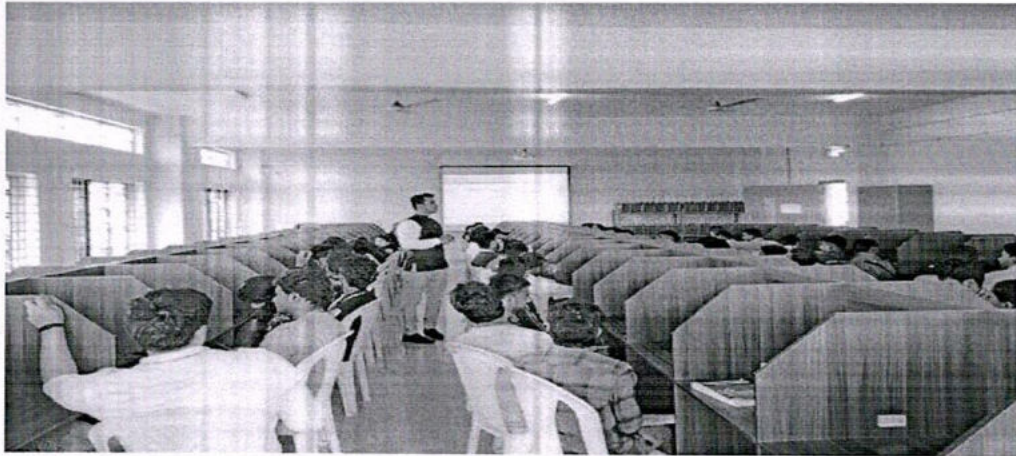
The college has more interesting activities in the ensuing year from the folds of Cyber Spirits to upgrade students' research knowledge.



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A glimpse of the Benefits of Google Class room session held on 25th March 2019.


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