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REPORT ON THE GLOBAL CLASSROOMS PROGRAMME: 2021-22



**DEPARTMENT OF GENDER STUDIES, RAMA DEVI WOMEN'S
UNIVERSITY JOINTLY WITH**



**DIVISION OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA CRUZ, US
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Global Classrooms provide an innovative way for students to gain international experience through virtual technology. They are existing courses, revised by University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC) and their faculty collaborator abroad to incorporate the course design approaches of Virtual Exchange (VE), also known as collaborative Online International Learning (COIL).

As part of the inaugural cohort of faculty awardees developing Global Classrooms, faculty have connected with the international partner who teaches in a similar discipline, participate together in professional development training, develop a COIL module/component with concrete goals and deliverables, and implement it in one of the existing courses at UCSC to create a Global Classroom. Global Classrooms are best suited to smaller class sizes with an average enrolment of 30 and can be undergraduate or graduate courses. The COIL Modules/components can vary in scope and duration, but typically last between six and ten weeks within a course and include:

- Activities jointly developed by the teaching partners with the university abroad.
- Project-based learning, involving both asynchronous and synchronous engagement requiring students from both institutions to work together
- Use of online collaborative tools to carry out teaching and learning activities.

As a part of the Division of Global Engagements Classrooms initiative, the university in collaboration with University of California, SantaCruz offered a 10 weeks course on “Gender and Development: Cross Cultural Perspectives” in October, 2022. The course adopted lecture methods, classroom interaction and seminar presentation by individual students and in groups, seminar paper submission and evaluation. Prof. Annapurna Pandey, Anthropology Department **University of California Santa Cruz**, and Prof. Jyortimayee Acharya Dept of Gender Studies, **Rama Devi Women’s University** were the resource persons for the course.

The course was divided into three parts:

1. The first devoted to a theoretical study of women/gender politics, and feminism in relation to the state.
2. The second part focused on women constructing their political space and their leadership in different states defined as third world and
3. The third part discussed and presented the faculty research projects focused on case studies of women’s leadership in relation to the third world.

Seminar and Certificate Distribution Ceremony

Department of Gender Studies, Rama Devi Women's University, Odisha, India jointly with University of California, Santa Cruz, US organized Seminar on 'Women in Politics: A Contemporary Perspective' on 3rd September 2022.

Esteemed Vice Chancellor, RDWU has presided the Seminar. The faculty members RDWU and around 89 students from various departments of RDWU have participated in this Seminar. Dr. Annapurna Devi Pandey, UCSC Anthropology, US was the Key Speaker of the event. This has been followed by the seminar presentation by Global Classroom student participants of Rama Devi Women's University and course completion certificate distribution. The experience sharing session focused on the strategic framework to strengthen the future Global Collaborative platform.



Figure 1: International Seminar on 'Women in Politics a Contemporary Perspective' held in 3rd September 2022 at Department of Gender Studies, Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar; photo with paper presenters and volunteers.



Sample certificate of the Global Classrooms Course Learning Programme



Figure 2: Adyasha Mahapatra UG 2nd year in Economics received certificate from the Honourable Vice Chancellor, Professor Aparajita Chowdhury, RDWU and Dr. Annapurna Devi Pandey, UCSC, US on successful completion of the Global Classrooms Winter 2022 on 3rd September 2022 at Department of Gender Studies, Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar.