Nepal English Language Teachers' Association (NELTA)

Lamjung Branch

Training cum Workshop Report on Academic Writing – 2078 (2021)

Background

Research has an important role in education including teaching-learning activities. The newly formed secondary level curriculum of Nepal has focused on various research-based activities such as project work, survey, field study, report writing, and case analysis. Teachers' skills in academic writing can enable them to facilitate their students in a better way. Moreover, developing academic skills support their professional development and make them proficient and dynamic teachers.

There has been a paradigm shift in education from knowledge transformation to knowledge creation. Since English language teachers have important roles in developing their schools and improving the academic activities of their schools. It was found that a few of them were familiar with academic writing skills in the context of the Lamjung district. With a motto 'teachers' professional development through academic writing', NELTA Lamjung conducted a Three Day Training cum Workshop on Academic Writing from 22 – 24 Kartik, 2078 (8-10 November 2021) in collaboration with all the municipalities and rural municipalities of Lamjung and the Research Management Cell (RMC) of Marsyangdi Multiple Campus, Besishahar.

The prime objective of the training cum workshop was to develop the academic writing skill of English language teachers of different local levels of the Lamjung district and make them able to link research in their classrooms. The workshop might become a milestone to involve the participants in various academic writing activities and associate research-based activities in their classroom activities.

Objectives of the Training cum Workshop

The Training cum Workshop had the following objectives:

i. To develop the academic writing skills of the English language teachers of Lamjung.
ii. To make them able to link research in their classroom activities
iii. To develop the professionalism of the English language teachers through academic writing.

Participants Involved in Training cum Workshop

25 English language teachers from different municipalities and rural municipalities of Lamjung district attended the training cum workshop for three days. The participants, mostly the secondary teachers with master's degree in English were selected by NELTA Lamjung in

collaboration with the local municipalities/ rural municipalities. There was the participation of the teachers from 8 local levels of the district.

Schedule of a Three Day Training cum Workshop on Academic Writing

Day One: 22 Kartik						
10-10.30 am	10.30-12 pm (1st Session)	12 – 12. 10 pm	12.10–1.40pm (2nd Session)	1.40–2.20 pm	2.20–3.50 pm (3rd Session)	3.50–4.00 pm
Registration & Opening Program	Basics of Academic Writing (Dr. Neupane)	Short Break	How does the Title Mean in an Article? (Dr. Neupane)	Snack Break	Research Articles: Why, What and How? (Dr.Neupane)	Reflection & Vote of Thanks
Day Two: 23 Kartik						
10–10.10am	10.10-11.40 am	11.40-11.50am	11.50-1.20 pm	1.20-2.00 pm	2.00-3.50 pm	3.50-4.00 pm
Reporting of the previous day	Workshop on Components of Research Articles (Workshop) (Dr. Neupane)	Short Break	Identifying Research Issue & Developing Research Questions (Dr. Rana)	Snack Break	Developing Research Context (Workshop) (Dr. Rana)	Reflection & Vote of Thanks
Day Three: 24 Kartik						
10-10.10 am	10.10-11.30 am	11.30-11.40 am	11.40-1.30 pm	1.30-2.00 pm	2.00–3.00 pm	3.30-4 pm
Reporting of the previous day	Literature Review (Workshop) (Dr. Rana)	Short Break	Developing Results and Discussion (Workshop) (Dr. Rana)	Snack Break	Presentation by Bishow Gautam, RELO US Embassy	Closing

Facilitator

There were two facilitators from two universities in Nepal.

i. Dr. Nabaraj Neupane, Associate Professor of English, Tribhuvan University and President, NELTA Gandaki Province
ii. Dr. Karna Rana, Course Coordinator of M.Phil. in English, Nepal Open University

Performed activities

Opening Programme:

As per the schedule, the training cum workshop formally begins with a brief opening programme chaired by Mr. Binod Neupane, chair, NELTA Lamjung. Mr. Guman Singh Aryal, The Mayor of Besishahar Municipality was the chief guest of the programme. Similarly, Dr. Nabaraj Neupane, facilitator and Mr. Tirth Raj Neupane, President, Nepal Teacher Confederation Lamjung were the special guests of the programme. Mr. Sashi Raj Ghimire, an executive member of D Lamjung welcomed the guests and participants and highlighted the rationale of the workshop. The chief guest inspired the contribution of NELTA Lamjung for education reform and teachers development. The chief Guests expressed their felicitation for the success of the workshop. The chair of the programme expressed sincere gratitude to all the supporting hands and the participants. The opening program was facilitated by Mr. Uddhab Ghimire, secretary of the Lamjung NELTA branch.

Training cum Workshop:

Dr. Nabaraj Neupane and Dr. Karna Rana facilitated the training cum workshop for three days. Dr. Neupane facilitated the first four sessions, and Dr. Rana facilitated the rest of the sessions. The focused areas in the training cum workshop sessions were:

- Basics of Academic Writing
- How does the Title Mean in an Article?
- Research Articles: Why, What and How?
- Workshop on Components of Research Articles
- Identifying Research Issue & Developing Research Questions
- Developing Research Context
- Literature Review
- Developing Results and Discussion

Besides this, Bishow Gautam, the RELO Officer from US Embassy had an interaction with participants and NELTA Lamjung about possible teachers' development and the ways to improve

English language teaching in Lamjung in the future and how US Embassy could support the programme in the future.

Closing Programme:

The training cum workshop was ended with a brief formal closing programme with the presence of Mr. Hari Babu Thapa, Campus Chief of Marsyangdi Multiple Campus as the Chief Guest of the programme. The participants were offered certificates of participation.

Outcomes of Training cum Workshop

The three days training cum workshops remained fruitful with the following outcomes:

i. Teachers learned various academic writing skills practically.
ii. Teachers acquired basic knowledge on research methodology and academic writing.
iii. Teachers were familiar with various research-based activities and the ways to link these activities in classroom teaching.
iv. The workshop remained a milestone for English teachers in the field of education research.
v. Teachers developed ICT skills that can support them while doing various research-based activities.
vi. The program remained an avenue as it linked the connection of NELTA with the municipalities and rural municipalities of the district.

Appendix 1: Name List of the Participants

1. Binod Neupane, Marsyangdi Multiple Campus, Besishahar Lamjung
2. Sashi Raj Ghimire, Kusumakar Secondary School, Karaputar Lamjung
3. Manahari Ghimire, Janakalyan Secondary School, Chiti Lamjung
4. Anil Adhikari, Suryodaya Secondary School, Bharte Lamjung
5. Basanta Dura, Suryodaya Secondary School, Ghamrang Lamjung
6. Dil Bahadur Gurung, Banasthali Secondary School, Charagaun Lamjung
7. Arjun Kumar Bhandari, Himchuli Secondary School, Khudi Lamjung
8. Ram Chandra Bhandari, Himchuli Secondary School, Khudi Lamjung
9. Hari Krishna Koirala, Kalika Milan Secondary School, Chisapani Lamjung
10. Uttam Basel, Shanti Secondary School, Kunchha Lamjung
11. Dipak Bhatta, Janta Secondary School, Rainas Lamjung
12. Harischandra Lamsal, Bhairabkali Secondary School, Ramgha Lamjung
13. Achyut Babu Ghimire, Gyanodaya Secondary School, Rainas Lamjung
14. Madhab Khalal, Phaleni Secondari School, Dordi
15. Prithvi Lal Gurung, Kallabari Secondary School, Dudhpokhari
16. Huma Nath Dawadi, Kallabari Secondary School, Dudhpokhari
17. Eta Raj Gurung, Kallabari Secondary School, Dudhpokhari
18. Sitaram Rimal, Balkalyan Secondary School, Bhakunde
19. Krishna Murari Paudel, Mangala Secondary School, Sotipasal
20. Sanjib Raj Adhikari, Sharada Secondary School, Maling
21. Hira Bahadur Karki, Bhakti Aadarsha M. Campus, Bhoteodar, Lamjung
22. Raju Adhikari, Vidya Jyoti Secondary Secondary, Khahare Lamjung
23. Uddhab Ghimire, Earthly Secondary School, Besishahar Lamjung
24. Shishir Ghimire, Kalika Basic School, Rainas Lamjung
25. Bharat Bhandari, Marsyangdi Multiple Campus, Besishahar Lamjung
26. Ram Chandra Devkota, Vidhya Bikas Secondary School, Besishahar Lamjung

Appendix 2: Photos of the Training cum Workshop











