

# SPS Newsletter

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Netaji Subhas open University,
India



#### From the Desk of Vice-Chancellor

It is a great pleasure to bring out the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the Newsletter of the School of Professional Studies of Netaji Subahs Open University. The quarterly "SPS Newsletter" shall contain information of the activities of the School of Professional Studies (SPS). The newsletter is meant for all learners and other stakeholders, who are interested in. The main objectives of publishing the "SPS Newsletter" are to disseminate the information and activities carried out through out the academic session and also to bridge the gap between the university and its learners of BLIS, MLIS, MSW, M.Com., B.Com (ECO) and Bachelor of Economics (EEC).

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the members of the School in general and Professor Anirban Ghosh, Director, SPS in particular whose untiring effort help in achieving the success of the School.

I wish all the learners of the University a success in their life.

(Professor S.S. Sarkar)

Vice-Chancellor

Netaji Subhas Open University



## From the Desk of the Director

We welcome you most cordially to the University and wish you a smooth journey in to the academic programme of our University.

You might be knowing that **NSOU** has been conferred upon the international Award 'Excellence in Distance Education Award (EDEA) for Institutional Achievement' by the Commonwealth of Learning in 2006. Your University is also the recipient of "Best Innovative Award 2016" from DNA and Stars Group, India. Here we follow the methodology of Distance Education and the philosophy of Open Learning which are innovations in the scenario of higher education of the country. Naturally, the method you are going to adopt is unlike the conventional classroom study you are familiar with.

We will try to update the learners regarding their study, submission of assignment etc. through this quarterly newsletter. We hope this newsletter will definitely help our learners in completing the course successfully in time.

Last but not the least, we shall be very happy if you contact us for any problem of yours rather than anyone else on your behalf. Please note that for us your identity as a learner of NSOU is the sole matter of importance.

(Professor Anirban Ghosh)

Director

School of Professional Studies



## **Counseling session/ Personal Contact Programmes**

You will be getting the Study materials through your study centres where you have taken admission. Study Materials are dispatched to the Study Centres from the Headquarters of the University after admission is over. You have to collect the Study materials from your study Centre. You are supposed to read the Study Materials yourself as your teachers are inbuilt there since these are Self – Learning Materials (SLMs). The teacher talks and lectures to you through the Study materials. Your doubts are clarified at the counseling sessions during the Personal Contact Programmes (PCPs). Your Study begins from the time of beginning of counseling sessions. Counselling is a learner—centered activity where your queries are handled by the academic counselors/ teachers. So make it a point to read the study materials before attending these sessions. Your attendance in the sessions will enrich you and you will get the opportunity of interaction with your academic counsellors as well as with your peer group who stay scattered. Apart from the face to face counseling the learners of PG level may also take the benefit of Audiovisual lectures (AVL) available on the dedicated LMS (www.nsouict.ac.in).

The learners of ECO & EEC are required to attend the counselling sessions at their respective study centres.





Printed Study Materials (Available from Study Centres)



Digital resources (A/V lectures, Digitised SLMs, Lab-based Practice)



Search for Educational Resources



ICT enabled Student Support Services



NSOU Audio Visual Programmes



NSOU OER Repository

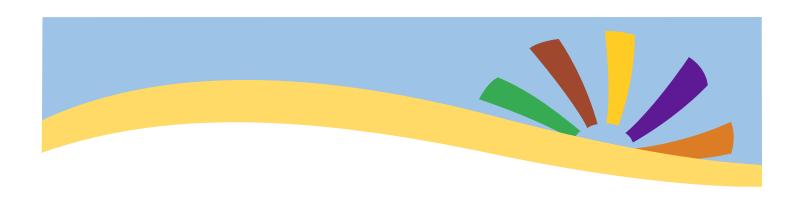


## **Assignment / Internal Assessment**

Your assignments / internal assessment, a prerequisite for appearing in the Term-End Examination, must be submitted on time. So collect the assignment question paper from your Study Centre/ website and submit the assignment response (answer) scripts to the same Study Centre. This carries weight age. You are also advised to keep a photocopy of the submitted assignments with you. You are also advised to keep contact with your Study Centre regarding filling up of examination form, examination schedule etc. You may log on the university website in regular intervals for latest information relating to your study. Generally, the Term-end examinations are held in June-July every year.

The aim of the School is to deal with Students, teachers and the general public in an equitable and fair manner. We are here to offer quality service. All the staff members of the School are committed to constantly improving the services.

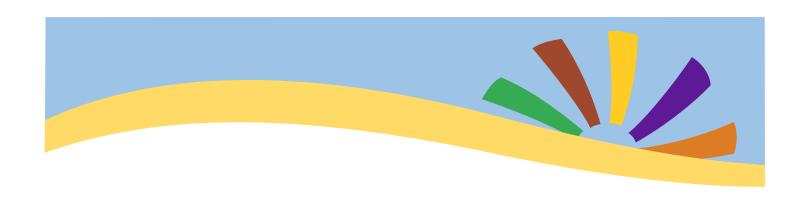
To facilitate any where any time learning, the School has already developed some video lectures (PG Level) on different subjects which are available on the University website. You may access the e-SLMs available on the LMS and OER Repository (http://nsouoer.krc.net.in). The School is taking initiatives to upload more e-SLMs on university web portal soon to facilitate any where any time learning.



## **Centres for Personal Contact Programme (PCP)**

The learners may attend the PCP at the following designated study centres during 2018-19 session until further notice. The Learners may follow the notice for allotment of study centres which is available on the University website.

For BLIS	For MSW (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)
Burdwan Raj College, Bardhaman	Burdwan Raj College, Bardhaman
Kalyani Regional Centre, Nadia	Raja N. L. Khan College, Paschim Medinipur
Raja N. L. Khan College, Paschim Medinipur	AC College, Jalpaiguri
AC College, Jalpaiguri	Bhairab Ganguli College, Belghoria
Gurudas College, Kolkata	Women Christian College, Kolkata
Malda College, Malda	Bankura Christian College, Bankura
MLIS	M.Com -1 <sup>st</sup> year & 2 <sup>nd</sup> year
Maharaja Manindra Ch. College, Kolkata	Maharaja Manindra Ch. College, Kolkata



#### MOOCs/ SWAYAM

The UGC has 'approved in principle' the proposal of Professor Anirban Ghosh (Course Coordinator) to develop MOOCs on 4-credit course of *Corporate Tax Planning* (PG-Commerce) which may be made available on Study Webs of Active-learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM) platform shortly ( <a href="https://swayam.gov.in">https://swayam.gov.in</a>). The learners may log on the link for online learning experience and advancement of knowledge in the respective domain.



#### **Publications**

The School publishes the peer reviewed multidisciplinary online journal "NSOU OPEN JOURNAL" (ISSN: 2581 5415). Research papers are invited from the students and teachers for possible publication in the next issue of the journal. For details, you may log on: <a href="http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/openjournals/index.shtml">http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/openjournals/index.shtml</a>



#### **Success Stories**

I believe that a success could not have a meaning until happiness touches people, who embedded with me. My parents taught me for walking but School of Professional Studies, NSOU faculty members taught me how to run towards my expecting goal with perfection. The STP course gives me the wings and opportunity to reshape my knowledge about Library and Information Science and for this I could across very first hurdle of my profession as UGC NET in 2018. Thanking you!

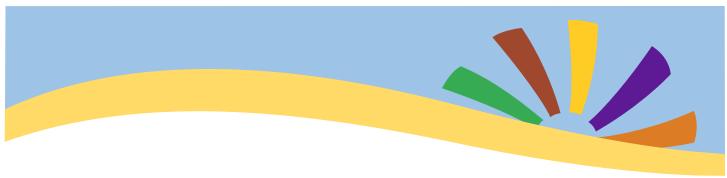


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Many students are of the opinion that no higher degree can be achieved without leaving a regular University, but I have mastered in Library Science (MLIS) from Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU) and after passing the NET [NOV 2017), I have qualified for the post of Assistant Professor. That's why my appeal to all my friends to try to get a higher degree in this University,



Prosenjit Ghosh



## **Short-term Training Programme (STP)**

The School regularly conducts the following Short-term training programmes to equip the trainees in the respective domain.

- Library Information Technology
- Library Automation and Networking
- Child Rights and Protection
- Women Studies
- E-Accounting and Taxation with GST

All the programmes have been designed with the objective of getting the participants job ready by meeting the skillset needs of prospective employers in different areas. After successful completion of such training programmes one may get an edge over other candidates during the interview and/or at the work place. All the training programmes involve intensive hands-on training and face to face counselling i.e. blended approach is followed for such programmes. The STPs are imparted through Centre for Lifelong Learning of the University. Classes are held in the *'State of the Art'* computer laboratory at Kalyani Campus. For details, you may log on:

http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student zone/courses/ school of professional studies/training programme/STP Prospectus.pdf



All the faculty members are actively involved in improving the course delivery system of the School. Apart from the Personal Contact Programmes (PCPs), you may meet our faculty members with prior appointment through e-mail at Kalynai Campus. The faculties are also invited from other Institutions/ organizations as Resource Person/ Keynote Speakers etc..

<u>Professor Anirban Ghosh:</u> Acted as Resource Person in the Workshop of Syllabus of B.Com and M.Com under Coochbehar Panchanan Barma University on 17-18 July 2018. Professor Ghosh was invited as an Expert for Development of script for Video Film on awareness about Green Jobs at Pandit Sundarlal Sharma Institute of Vocational Education, MHRD, Bhopal on 27-31 August 2018. Professor Ghosh was invited to attend the 2-day Orientation on Development of MMOCs at IIMB, Bangalore organized by the UGC for Course Coordinators of SWAYAM on 15-16 October, 2018. He contributed Unit 2 & 3 of Company Accounts & Audit and Unit 5 & 8 of Corporate Financial Reporting in the Work Book of Institute of Cost Accountants of India.

<u>Smt. Barnali Roy Choudhury</u>: Invited as Resource Person for the Workshop on "Blended Learning for Higher Education" on 1-2 September 2018 organised by Bilaspur University in collaboration with Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi.

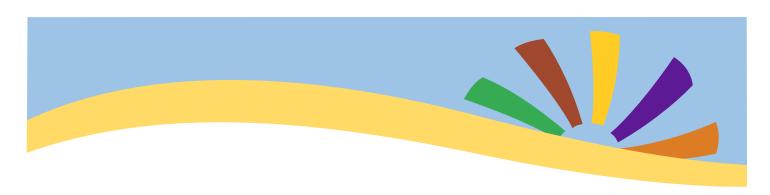
<u>Smt. Kasturi Sinha Ghosh:</u> Invited as an Expert for the National Consultation on "Inclusive Social Work Education in India -understanding Disability and Social Work' by the School of Social Work, IGNOU held on 27-28 September 2018.



#### **Dissertation Guide**

The eligible candidates who are interested to become dissertation guide of MLIS and MSW students may send their CV with all credentials to the *Director, School of Professional Studies, DD-26, Sector-I, Salt lake, Kolkata-64*. The CV may be placed before the Board of Studies for consideration. The eligibility criteria for dissertation guides are as follows:

Eligibility of Guide for MLIS disser-	Eligibility of Guide For MSW
tation	dissertation
<ul> <li>University Teachers of LIS</li> <li>University/ College Librarian</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>University/ College teachers of Sociol- ogy, Anthropology, Economics, Public Administration, Pol. Science, History,</li> </ul>
Ph.D. Degree in LIS	<ul><li>Philosophy</li><li>Ph.D. / M.Phil. in the above subjects</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>Professionals working in NGOs/ NPOs</li> </ul>

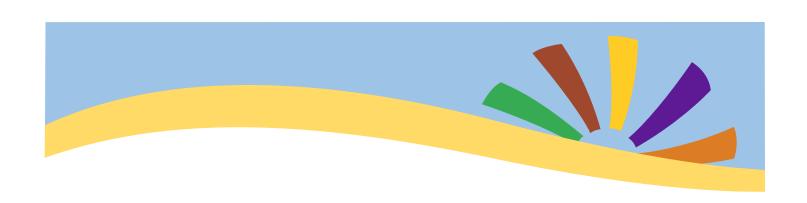


#### **Placement Facilitation Service**

The University is providing online "Placement facilitation Service" for its vocational students free of cost. However, other learners may also register their names with nominal registration fess payable online. Through this online platform the learners may upload their CV. They may also take up skill enhancement course to make them job ready (<a href="http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/#openModal">http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/#openModal</a>)

## **Upcoming Events**

- Workshop for MLIS/ MSW dissertation Guide: The provision of dissertation guide has been introduced w.e.f 2016 session for the MLIS and MSW-2<sup>nd</sup> year course. The workshop for the empaneled guide of MSW/ MLIS is scheduled to be held in North Bengal in the month of November-December 2018
- National Seminar on Demonetization and Digitization of Indian Economy (tentative): The National Seminar may be held in the month of January 2019.
   You may follow the notification for "call for paper" on our website.



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