

# ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18



**NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
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## 1. ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Established in 1997 by West Bengal State Legislature Act XIX (1997) as the State Open University that was to impart education in the Distance mode, Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU) has made an indelible mark in the education scenario with its avowed mission of “Reaching the Unreached”. With the recognition of apex bodies like the UGC, the former Distance Education Council, the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), the NCTE and now the UGC-DEB, NSOU has emerged as a force to reckon with in terms of empowering a wide cross section of society through education with its multiple options.

The essence of an Open University lies in upholding academic standards at par with the best in the industry, both in curricular patterns and research endeavours, which shall however be devoid of the rigours of fixed hours. Additionally, the employability factor is a prime consideration in the designing of courses. At NSOU over the years, we have been catering to a very heterogeneous learner base both in terms of age group and socio-economic backgrounds. Given all these factors, the matrix of our operations includes both conventional academic areas as also vocational courses that are aimed at skill specific development of human resources. As an Open University, NSOU operates through its network of Study Centres which, in 2017-18 had new LSCs numbering 90 for UG and 120 for PG courses, 11 for B.Ed. Spl. course and 29 for Vocational courses respectively. The details of new centres may be found in the relevant sections of the report subsequently. Through a total of 160 centres that are spread across the state of West Bengal, the University reaches out to its huge learner base that has now crossed the 4.5 lakh mark. In terms of administrative infrastructure, we have in this short period of time, made certain very major strides that have augmented our capacity to sustain the mega reach-out that has with time become both our responsibility and our commitment.

This Annual Report for 2017-18 is conceived as a balance sheet wherein the aim has been to attempt a realistic appraisal of our challenges and achievements during the period.

### RECOGNITION

- **Regulatory Authorities**

All the Degree courses are duly approved by the respective regulatory authorities like Distance Education Bureau (DEB) of UGC & RCI - GoI & Statutory Committees of the University.

- **Government of West Bengal**

The University is recognized by Govt. of West Bengal vide letter No.316-SE(Appt.) dated 21 March 2000 and 501-SE(A)/10M-51/99 dated 15 May 2000.

### MEMBERSHIP

- Association of Indian Universities (AIU)
- Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Canada
- Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU)

## 2. UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

### **Headquarters of all administrative activities**

Netaji Subhas Open University, DD-26, Sector-I, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 064,  
Phone: +91 33 4066 3220, Fax: +91 33 4066 3224.

### **Netaji Subhas Open University, Kalyani Campus**

Kalyani Ghosh para, Dist: Nadia. All Schools of Studies operate from the Green Campus. Phone : +91 33 2502 5066

### **School of Sciences & Publication Department**

Netaji Subhas Open University, 1st Floor, K2, Bidhannagar Fire Station, Sector-V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091. Phone:+913323572947, 23577644

### **School of Education**

CF-162 (1st and 2nd Floors), Sector – 1, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700064.  
Phone : +91 33 4004 7569/70

### **Office of the Controller of Examinations**

Netaji Subhas Open University, 2nd Floor, 134/1, Meghnad Saha Sarani, Kolkata - 700 029, Phone: +91 33 2463 0292, Fax: +91 33 2465 6936

### **Stores for Study Materials**

Netaji Subhas Open University, Kalyani Campus, Kalyani Ghoshpara, Dist – Nadia.

### **General Stores Department**

Netaji Subhas Open University, DD – 26, Sector 1, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700064

### **University Library**

Library Building, Kalyani campus, Kalyani Ghoshpara, Dist – Nadia

### 3. HEADQUARTERS AND REGIONAL CENTRES

The headquarters of the University is at DD-26, Sector-I, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, West Bengal, and the administrative building is a G+6 storied with a built up area of 30,175 (sq. ft. wise) accommodates Office of Vice-Chancellor Secretariat, Office of Registrar, Office of Finance, IT Section, Study Centre Department, Offices of Schools of Studies, AV Studios, Seminar Room, Board Room, Student Support Service Centre, Darwans' Room etc.

*NSOU has three Regional Centres, namely, Kalyani R.C, Durgapur R.C and Jalpaiguri R.C.*

The Kalyani Regional Centre and Green Campus has an Administrative Building(2storied) with Chamber of Director, RC and Office; Studio; Server Room; Student facilitation Centre etc. The School of Professional Studies building (2 Storied) with Smart Class rooms, Exam Halls, Lecture Halls, Comp. Labs, Seminar Library, Faculty rooms are located here.

There is a Library Building (3 storied) for storage of SLMs, exam related papers & documents etc. The entire building has ramps. There is an Academic and Administrative building and another Academic building, all have a provision of Smart class rooms, Studio, Science, Language and Computer labs, Lecture halls, Examination halls, Seminar Library, Faculty rooms, Ramp etc. Students Amenity centres are being set up in the campus having a provision of Canteen, Rooms for Indoor Games, Auditorium, Conference Room, Seminar Room and Common Room.

Two more Regional Centres are functioning at Durgapur and Jalpaiguri each having an Administrative building, Academic building and Guest house facilities. All administrative buildings have Chamber of Director, RC, Offices and Student Facilitation Centres. All Academic buildings have Smart Class rooms, Examination Halls, Lecture Halls, Computer Labs, Language Labs & Studio, Seminar Library, etc.

NSOU has its Examination Department in a Govt. allotted property on 2nd Floor, 1 34/1, Meghnad Saha Sarani, Kolkata, with infrastructural facilities such as Office rooms, Meeting rooms, Data processing room etc. There is also a School of Science, Publication Department at Salt Lake with Office rooms, Faculty rooms, Meeting rooms etc. Separate campus is there for School of Education as well, at Salt Lake with Office rooms, Faculty rooms, Meeting rooms, Seminar room, A/V room, Library etc.

## **The details of the Regional Centres:**

### **Kalyani Regional Centre**

(University's first eco-friendly green campus), Kalyani Ghosh para, Kalyani - 741 235. Phone: +91 33 2502 5066

### **Durgapur Regional Centre**

(Adjacent to Durgapur Govt. College Campus) Jawahar Lal Nehru Road, Durgapur, Dist- Paschim Burdwan, Pin-713214, Phone : +91 34 3250 0418 / +91 34 3250 4419

### **Jalpaiguri Regional Centre**

(Adjacent to Jalpaiguri Engineering College Campus), Pat Kata, Dist-Jalpaiguri, Pin-735101. Phone : +91 35 6125 7012

## **NSOU OPEN CAMPUS (PROPOSED):**

A piece of three (3) acres of land has been allotted by the State Govt. at Newtown, Rajarhat–Kolkata for setting up of an integrated campus. Academic Building (5 storied with foundation of 10 storied building) having provision for Smart Classrooms, Examination Halls, Lecture Halls, Computer Labs, Language Labs & Studio, Seminar Library is under construction and is expected to be operational by next two years.



## 4. STUDY CENTRES DEPARTMENT

For an Open University, the Department of Study Centres bears the nodal responsibility of controlling and supervising activities related to administrative, academic and financial matters of the Study Centres / Learner Support Centres which in turn are the most important conduit for the University's outreach and its mission of “Reaching the Unreached”.

### STUDY CENTRES OR LEARNER SUPPORT CENTRES

The Learner Support Centres (LSC), or Study Centres, are all located at Govt. and Govt-aided Colleges which themselves are affiliated to the conventional Universities of the State. The LSCs are the most important components of an open University because they physically connect the University with its stakeholders, namely, the learners. The University provides all possible support to its learners through these centres and, conversely, the learners routinely visit the centres for their needs such as self - learning materials (SLMs), counselling, assignments, examination and also grievances (if any).

The infrastructure/ services available in LSC, which is established through a MoU executed between the parent college (also called the Host Institution) and the University, are as follows:

- MoU guarantees that the Host Institution will provide all possible help-academic as well as administrative - to the LSC established there.
- A space measuring roughly 1000-1200sq.ft.is provided for each study centre to set up an office as well as store-room for SLMs. The University provides some lump sum fund in this regard.
- Classes for counselling sessions/ personal contact programmes are made available as and when necessary. Similarly, in case of science subjects under BDP, laboratories of the Host Institutions are made available for conducting practical classes.
- Each study centre maintains a subject-wise list of counsellors for Bachelor Degree Programme (BDP) while in case of Post Graduate (PG) Programme, this list is prepared by the University through its respective Board of Studies.
- Library facility is one of the important services offered to the learners. How ever, the Library Department of the University is located at the Regional Centre, Kalyani. In some cases, the library and reading-room facility of the Host Institutions are made available to the learners of the study centres. Initially, the University provided funds to set up a small library in the study centre itself. Now, the network of Public Libraries of the state is being utilised to help the learners by by creating specified NSOU Study Corners in these libraries where SLMs are being stored for use by the learners of the University.

- There are smart classes available in all the LSCs now-a-days. Some of the centres also have wi-fi facilities.
- The LSCs are also provided with telephones, computers and broad-band facilities for better connectivity with the learners.
- Before the start of each admission process, pre-admission counselling is conducted at each study centre to help the prospective learners .
- Induction meetings are also held at the LSCs to acquaint the newly admitted learners with the ODL system

The Department of Study Centres of the University bears the responsibility of controlling and supervising the activities related to administrative, academic and financial matters of the Study Centres, which are the most important conduit for the University's outreach and its mission of Reaching the unreached. Study Centres of the University are scattered throughout the state from the Himalayas in the north to the Bay of Bengal in the south. They cover all the districts of the state. In the current year, 9 new study centres have been added to the existing list of study centres. This takes the total number of study centres to 122 which offer usual undergraduate and post- graduate courses, in arts, commerce as well as science. In addition, there are study centres which take care of vocational courses.

Maintenance Grants are routinely sanctioned to the study centres offering BDP courses under three broad heads:- (a) Remuneration, (b) Counselling and (c) Contingency. These grants are regularly revised as per availability of funds. Similarly, the study centre for PG are being provided with sharing part to which they are entitled as per rule of the University. These centres are being run with this sharing money only. The audited utilization certificates received from the study centres are scrutinized by the Finance Department for necessary actions.

The Study Centres are free to select their own staff pattern within the allotted budget of the University while each centre shall have to engage one coordinator, the other staff may be decided according to requirement of each centre. In this regard, the necessary approval of the Governing Body of the respective college is essential.

Counsellors are appointed in different subjects by the college authority following the University Guidelines, the intimation of which is given to the University for record.

**Feedback Mechanism:** The success of functioning of Study Centres and improvements thereof can only be achieved by the cooperation of all Study Centres concerned. The University has evolved a feedback mechanism to collect regular reports from the centres. The broad heads for this report include counsellor approval, maintenance of asset register, lifting of obsolete and damaged study materials from the Study Centres along with its records, maintenance of Stock Register of Study Materials etc. This mechanism has significantly improved the

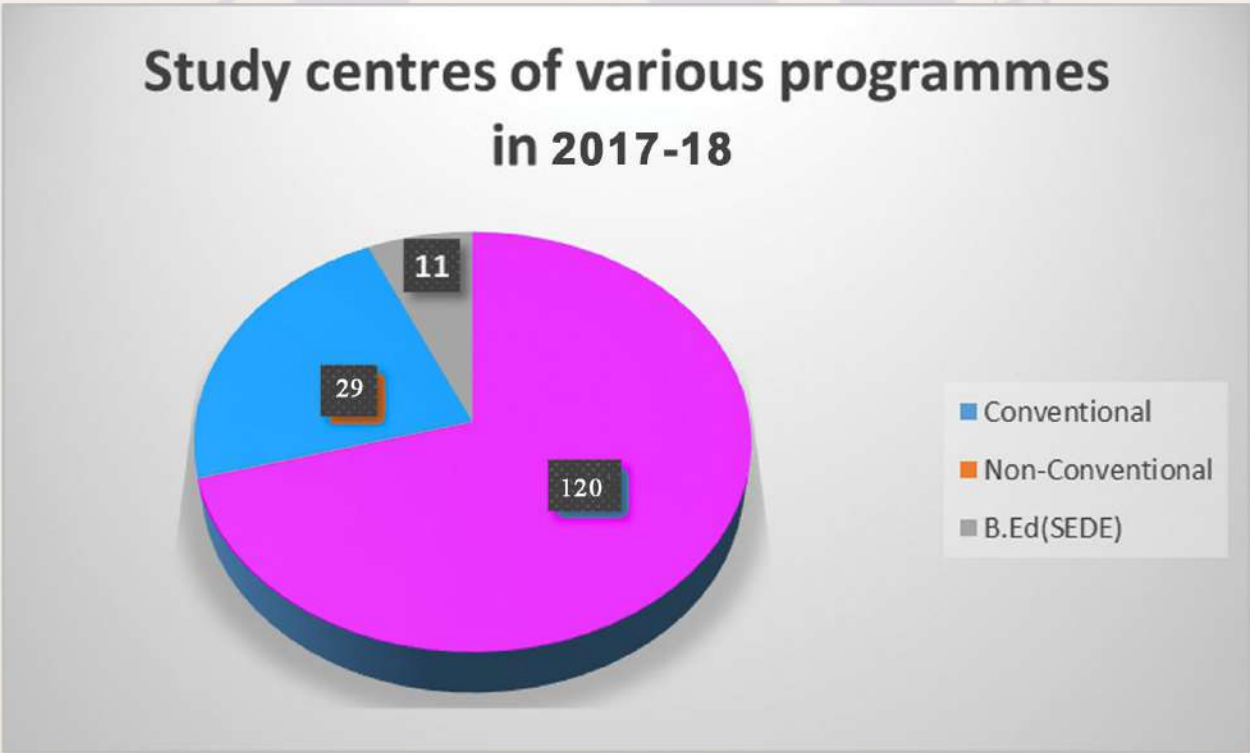
students support services being offered by the study centres.

Grants sanctioned by the Study Centre Department on different heads during 2017-2018 :-

- (a) PG PCP Grant - Rs. 5864950
- (b) Laboratory Counselling Grant (including advance and final payment) – Rs. 10263000
- (c) Computer Training Programme for PGMT and EMT-16 (including advance and final payment) : EMT-16 = Rs.147000, PGMT =Rs. 87000
- (d) PG and BLIS Sharing- Rs. 12246000.
- e.Infrastructure Development Grant to newly opened study centres – Rs. 650000.

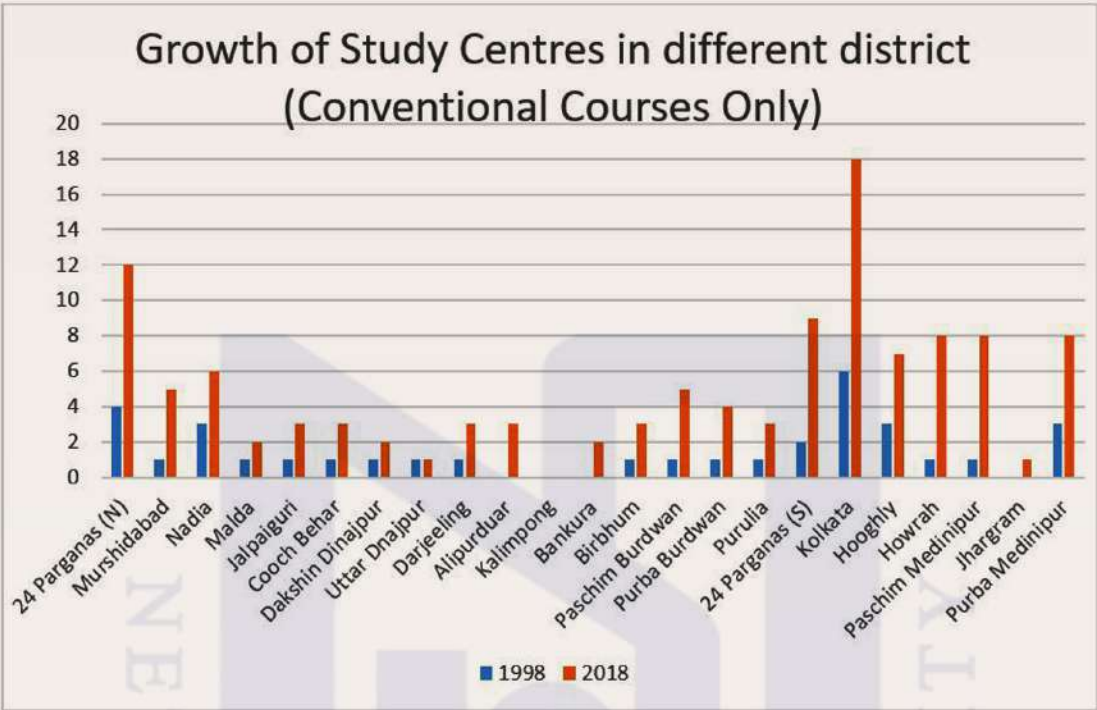
**NUMBER OF STUDY CENTRES (PROGRAMME-WISE)**

Given below are two diagrammatic representations – the first one is of different categories of Study Centres that are geographically scattered throughout the state from the Himalayas in the north to the Bay of Bengal in the south; while the second charts NSOU's growth story in terms of its reach out through these Study Centres:



# DISTRIBUTION OF STUDY CENTRES IN DIFFERENT DISTRICTS

(For SC of Conventional Courses Only):  
The NSOU growth story 1998 - 2018



## New Study Centres for Conventional Courses opened during 2017-2018

SL. No	Name of the Study Centre	Districts	Year of inception
1	Sadan Chandra Mahavidyalaya	24 PGS (S)	2017
2	Balagarh Bijoy Krishna mahavidyalaya	Hooghly	2017
3	Mrinalini Datta Mahavidyalaya	Kolkata	2017
4	Trivenidevi Bhalotia College	Burdwan	2017
5	S.B.S Government College	Dakshin Dinajpur	2017
6	Maynaguri College	Jalpaiguri	2017
7	Parimal Mitra Smriti Mahavidyalaya	Jalpaiguri	2017
8	Tufanganj Mahavidyalaya	Coochbehar	2017
9	Michael Madhusudan Memorial College	Burdwan	2017

## 5. ADMINISTRATION

### • Human Resource Planning

#### Administrative Initiatives Taken

• The most significant initiative perused and executed successfully in this span of time, has been the recruitment drive for inducting officers and non teaching staff. In all, the following recruitments have been accomplished so far; the recruitment process is ongoing.

Officers	04
Non-Teaching Staff	01

• NSOU has successfully implemented CAS/Promotion of Teachers and Non-Teaching staff (if applicable) as per existing guidelines in terms of the provision of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) of government in this span of time. Accordingly, the following promotions have been effected

- Associate Professor Placed in PB of Rs.37400-67000/- with AGP of Rs.9000/-from Assistant Professor (Stage-III) with AGP of Rs. 8000/- :1
- Professor Placed in PB of Rs. 37400-67000/- with AGP of Rs.10000/- : 1

• The following structures have been effective in the administrative hierarchy of the School of Studies:

• School of Sciences headed by Prof. Kajal De, Director & Professor of Mathematics; School of Education headed by Prof. Atindranath De, Director; School of Social Sciences headed by Prof. Chandan Basu , Director & Professor of History; School of Humanities headed by Prof. Manan Kumar Mandal, Officer Incharge, Director (w.e.f 08.03.2018) & Professor of Bengali; School of Professional Studies and School of Vocational Science headed by Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Officer Incharge, Director (w.e.f 31.04.2018) & Professor of Commerce.

• Academic support services for ICT enabled courses to cater to an expected number of nearly 20,032 Learners of NSOU have been launched.

• Institutional OER Policy adapted for courses under ICT support, i.e. courses of the School of Professional Studies, School of Education and School of Vocational Studies.

• Collaborative partnership between School of Education and TESS India, Google Web-rangers free of cost.

• Unique Public Library Networking with the support of Higher Education Dept. & Dept. of Library and Information Services, Govt. of West Bengal. Under this project NSOU Corners have been opened at District Public Libraries where SLM's and syllabus based text/reference books are made available to NSOU learners residing in far-flung areas for easy access of reading material.

### • **Infrastructural Facilities**

The year 2017-2018 has witnessed the Regional Centres of Durgapur and Jalpaiguri completed. Be it noted that new posts of Officers and Non-Teaching staff has been created by the HE Deptt, for the Jalpaiguri RC and the Durgapur RC. Some of these posts have already been advertised after due approval of ROA by the BCW Dept, GoWB and process of recruitment is ongoing. To meet extreme scarcity of space at Kolkata, nearly three (3) acres of land at Newtown, Kolkata was purchased on leasehold basis from WBHIDCO in order to establish an Integrated Open Campus of NSOU under the Principal Head “Education”. The university is already in receipt of Rs. 1.48 crore of construction of boundary wall from the H.E. Deptt., GoWB and the process of construction of the same is now going on by the PWD, GoWB. Simultaneously, in the first phase the University has proposed build up a G+5 storied building with total built up area of 12,336 sq.m. and this project would be implemented by PWD, GoWB. Accordingly, the rough cost estimate has been sent to the Higher Education Deptt. for issuance of Administrative Approval for the project. On receipt of necessary administrative approval and allotment of necessary fund as per the total projected cost, the construction of a G+5 storied building in the first Phase with essential supporting structure and allied works can be undertaken so that academic activities in the Campus may be initiated as soon as practicable.

### **The following infrastructural facilities are common for most of the campuses:**

- Buildings are constructed along with elevator(s) and ramp keeping in mind the needs of specially abled learners,
- Eco friendly/ Green generators are installed in most of the campuses, Measures for fire safety in most of the campuses have been implemented,
- Most of the campuses are under CCTV surveillance,
- Most of the campuses are well equipped with A/V studios capable of Live Streaming for Webinars, Interactive sessions with the learners. Smart Class Rooms and Laboratories for the benefit of the learners have been setup in most of the campuses of NSOU,
- All the Schools are sufficiently equipped with ICT facilities including Computers, Photocopiers, Scanning Machines, Printers, Telephone Connections, etc. for teaching/learning purposes.
- Special attention has been given to green spaces in all the campuses,
- Adequate measures are taken for termite, pest control including mosquito control and also against vector borne diseases,
- The campuses are “Plastic Free Zones”.

### • **ICT Initiatives**

Every year thousands of students take admission in various programmes of the University. All the services are made available to the learners through a network of Study centres and Regional centres of NSOU. The University takes all possible

possible steps to reach its thousands of learners through Information and Communication Technology (ICT). The University has established ICT based Student Support Cell which addresses the issues raised by the students either through mail or SMS. Learners are advised to follow the website at regular interval for latest notice/ information etc. The students may take full advantages from the following services as provided by the University towards the completion of their course successfully.

**Online support services:** The University has developed a mechanism for SMS alert to communicate the registered students with all information/ notice etc. A dedicated Student Support Cell has been established to receive phone calls and redress the grievance of the students within two working days. Automatic ticket generation for each call is maintained. Call at: 033-4058 5127 / 3924 9489; e-mail: admin@nsouict.ac.in

**Learning Management System (LMS):** We have dedicated a web portal to host LMS. Presently the PG students of the following courses can access academic content with their user ID and password through this dedicated LMS. Academic content that includes course materials and audio-visual lectures are available to facilitate anytime anywhere learning. (<http://www.nsouict.ac.in>)

School of Professional Studies	School of Education	School of Humanities	School of Social Sciences	School of Vocational Studies
M.Com, MSW, MLIS, BLIS	Education, B.Ed (Spl. Ed)	Bengali, English, ELT	History, Political Science	All courses under the School

**NSOU OER Repository:** NSOU is the only state aided university in West Bengal having the OER repository. The course materials and audio-visual lectures with appropriate open license (Open Educational Recourses, OER) will be made available through this repository free of cost. Students of any university may access / get these academic resources online. (<http://nsouoer.krc.net.in>)

**A/V lectures:** To supplement face to face counselling, the University has taken initiatives to develop audio visual lectures delivered by eminent teachers/experts. The A/V lectures are made available through LMS and OER Repository. This is very helpful for the students who desperately need good teachers at rural areas. The students may have a new learning experience through [www.nsouict.ac.in](http://www.nsouict.ac.in)

**M-learning:** The LMS is made compatible with the android application so that the students can get all the academic content through their mobile devices.

**Placement Facilitation Service:** The University is providing online “placement facilitation service” for its vocational students free of cost. Other students may also register their name with nominal registration fees payable online. Through this online platform the students may upload their CV which may be accessed by the employer available online. The employer may call suitable candidates for personal interview.([www.wbnsou.ac.in](http://www.wbnsou.ac.in)).

**SMS:** SMS are sent to the students and co-ordinators to communicate the information.

### • Visit by Dignitaries

Following dignitaries visited the University during the year on different occasions:

- Padma Shri Professor Ajoy Kumar Ray, Former Director, IEST, Shibpur.
- Professor Sudipta Kaviraj, Professor of Indian Politics and Intellectual History, Columbia University, USA.
- Professor Nageswar Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Uttarakhand Open University.
- Professor Basab Chaudhury, Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal State University.
- Professor Paula Banerjee, Vice-Chancellor, the Sanskrit College and University.
- Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Director General, RRRLF and Director General, The National Library.
- Dr. C.K. Ghosh, Former Director, National Centre for Innovations in Distance Education, IGNOU.



## 6. CENTRE FOR INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE (CIQA)

The “Centre for Internal Quality Assurance” of Netaji Subhas Open University was established in accordance with the UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 and a Notification Memo No. Reg/1002 dated 21/8/17 in pursuance to the resolution No.14 of the 72nd Executive Council meeting. Keeping in view the growth and multifarious activities of the University, directive of the University Grants Commission through the ODL regulations 2017, the University established the CIQA with the primary focus to shoulder the responsibilities of generating and promoting awareness for quality assurance in academic and administrative areas and to work out the procedural details. The CIQA directly reports to the Vice Chancellor, NSOU.

### **The key objectives of CIQA are as follows:**

- 1) To act as a coordinating unit for seeking recognition/ approvals from various apex bodies in the country;
- 2) To ensure compliance of norms and guidelines prescribed by the Apex/Regulatory bodies;
- 3) To act as a coordinating unit for seeking assessment and accreditation from a designated body for accreditation like NAAC etc;
- 4) To develop quality benchmarks/parameters for the various academic and administrative activities of the University;
- 5) To identify the gaps in the existing services offered and suggest measures for qualitative improvement;
- 6) To devise mechanisms for interaction and obtaining feedback from various schools/divisions/units/centres of the University and students, employers and stakeholders as inputs for quality improvement;
- 7) To create mechanism of programme evaluation; and
- 8) To ensure continuous improvement in the operations of the University.

### **Members of CIQA**

- Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar, Vice-Chancellor, NSOU-Chairperson of CIQA.
- Shri Mohan Kr. Chattopadhyay, Registrar-Convener of CIQA.
- Professor Kajal De, Director School of Sciences.
- Professor Chandan Basu, Director, School of Social Sciences.
- Professor Manan Kumar Mandal, Director, School of Humanities.
- Professor Anirban Ghosh, Director, School of Professional Studies & School of Vocational Studies.
- Dr. Atin De, Director, School of Education.

## 7. ACADEMICS: SCHOOL OF STUDIES

### ♦ School of Humanities

**School Profile including achievements, awards, new ventures and initiatives undertaken by the School:**

NSOU as an open university has three regional centres in Kalyani, Durgapur and Jalpaiguri. The Kalyani Regional Centre has started functioning in its full capacity. The SoH has its own office facilities, cubicles for members of the faculty, two class rooms (including a smart class room with state-of-the-art facilities) for Post-Graduate PCPs, and a Language Laboratory which is being utilised by the learners. Besides, audio-visual lectures are recorded in the studio at the Centre. Post-Graduate PCP sessions in Bengali and ELT have been held at the Centre. New faculty members have also joined the Durgapur Regional Centre. New buildings are now ready with office rooms, staff rooms for teachers and class rooms for holding Post-Graduate PCP classes. Amenities for proper teaching-learning environment have been provided at the Durgapur campus. Academic programmes will commence at this Centre shortly.

Another important activity of CLTCS is its collaborative project with the English Discipline of Khulna University, Bangladesh. The project is on “Mapping Partition Memory, Amnesia and Literature in Middle and Southern Bengal: An Indo-Bangladesh Perspective.” The Centre signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with its counterpart in Bangladesh on 20th September 2017.

The second seminar-cum-Workshop “Locating Post-Partition Amnesia in Memory and Literature: An Indo-Bangladesh Perspective” was organised by the English Discipline of Khulna University at their campus on 15-16 March, 2017. The main speakers were Dipa Bandyopadhyay and Professor Manan Kumar Mandal. The seminar generated much enthusiasm among students and teachers.

12th Colloquium on "Indian Literature in Bengali: Open and Distance Praxis" under SoH Research Project was held on 12th April 2017.

Workshop on "The Art of Documentary", organized by School of Humanities, NSOU, on 15th May, 2017.

One Day Workshop on "Professional Development in Language Teaching", organised by School of Humanities, NSOU, Kalyani, in Collaboration with University Grants Commission (Distance Education Bureau), on 18th May, 2017.

One-Day Orientation Programme on BDP Bengali Counselling in ODL System was organized by School of Humanities, NSOU on 17th August, 2017. It was sponsored by UGC-DEB.

On the 16th of September 2017, the School of Humanities of Netaji Subhas Open University organized an Orientation Programme on BDP English Counselling in ODL System at NSOU Salt Lake City Campus Conference Hall. Counsellors

engaged in reading and writing of graduate-level Bangla language and literature in various study centres of the university. The central theme of the workshop was the teaching methodology in the undergraduate English curriculum on Open and Distance Learning Mode. A Workshop on "Importance of Communicative Skill in Technical World", organized by Centre for Language Translation & Cultural Studies and Bengal College of Engineering Department of Humanities, SoH, NSOU.

Centre for Language, Translation & Cultural Studies (CLTCS), School of Humanities, Netaji Subhas Open University organized an International Seminar and Workshop on “Memories of Partition and the Liberation War: Remembrance and Amnesia” during 13th to 14th January 2018. The venue of this conference was in the seminar hall, 1st floor, NSOU, Sector-1, DD-26, Kolkata 700064 at the University main campus. This International Conference is part of a collaborative research project taken up between Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, India and Khulna University, Khulna, Bangladesh.

Innovative initiatives were taken to develop field-work based short documentaries to create a digital corpus for the learners of JMC. The curriculum of PGDJMC at NSOU aims at creating the independent documentary filmmaker. Through intensive practical and theoretical work, each student learns how to adapt the narrative tools of drama to tell truthful stories about the real world that simultaneously entertain, educate, and inspire audiences. The course is designed to develop professional –level production and post production skills. Students in the documentary program are immersed in an extremely rigorous production program shooting documentary pieces each year. So far, during this span of time four documentaries have been shot by the 2017-2018 batches. The name of the documentary as follows: Burdwan r Sthapatta o Bhaskharjo (Run Time: 14:04 Minutes).

### Faculty Members

Name	Designation
Professor Manan Kumar Mandal	Professor of Bengali & Director, School of Humanities
Dr. Srideep Mukherjee	Associate Professor of English
Dr. Anamika Das	Assistant Professor of Bengali
Dr. Sumana Bandopadhyay	Assistant Professor of English Language Teaching
Shri Arijit Ghosh	Lecturer in Journalism & Mass Communication

## □ Academic Achievements of the Faculty Members

### **Dr. Manan Kumar Mandal**

Professor of Bengali & Director, School of Humanities

#### **Publications:**

1. “Khuje Berai Jemon Manush” Shila-Lipi Mala; A Memoirs Collection Dedicated to Late Prof. Shila Basak. Edited by: Anisuzzaman, Pabitra Sarkar, Pallab Sengupta Pustak Bipani, Kolkata, May, 2017, p 111-115 ISBN: 978-93-82663-69-0
2. “Sampratikata O Bangla Partition Sahitya” Rajshahi University ২০১৭ পৃঃ ৪৫৩-৪৭৪
3. “Ek Nirjan Sampadaker Patrika Bhabna: Phire Dekha” Anubad Patrika, 45 Yrs, September-October Issue 2017, Kolkata; p ISSN: 2455-9628
4. “Jagadish Gupter Galpo Bishaye Kichu Bhabna” ,Ujagar , Kolkata ২০১৭ পৃঃ ৪৫৩-৪৭৪
5. “Augmenting Learning Space in Post Graduate Courses in Literature Studies through ODEL: A Critical Overview of NSOU Learning Praxis” (December, 2017) International Journal of Open & Distance Learning Manila, Philippines, (ISSN2467-7469), Vol 3, No. 2
6. “Adhunik Bharatiya Sahitya Prasange Vol 3. (2017) Ed & introduction by Manan Kumar Mandal Netaji Subhas Open University, kolkata ISSN: 978-93-82112-31-0

### **Dr. Srideep Mukherjee**

Associate Professor of English

#### **Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

RC in Comparative Literature at Patna University 17.08.17 to 06.09.2017.

#### **Publications :**

“Walls or Wings”: Contextualising Ecriture Feminine in Select Indian English Poetry”. Interdisciplinary Journal of Literature and Language. 4.1. Peer reviewed. ISSN 2278 9170.

### **Dr. Anamika Das**

Assistant Professor of Bengali

#### **Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

1. Orientation Programme organised by the University of Burdwan under UGC-HRDC from 07.11.2017 to 04.12.2017.
2. Paper titled ‘ডি-লা গ্রাণ্ডি মেফিস্টোফেলিস ইয়াক ইয়াক’ at One day International Seminar on ‘শতবর্ষে নারায়ণ গঙ্গোপাধ্যায়: জীবন ও সাহিত্য’ organized by the Department of Bengali, Maharaja Srischandra College on 10th March 2018.
3. Lecture given in BDP Bengali workshop organized by NSOU, School of Humanities on 18.08.2017

#### **Publications :**

Paper titled ‘ব্যোমকেশ ইতিহাসে ব্যোমকেশ’ at Third Annual International Conference 2017 jointly sponsored by Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanakriti Charcha

Kendra and Bidhannagar College on 1st& 2nd July, 2017, ISSN - 2394-5737.

**Dr. Sumana Bandyopadhyay**

Assistant Professor of English Language Teaching

**Conference/Seminar/Workshop:**

One Day Workshop English Language Teaching Workshop on ‘Continuous Professional Development’, 18 May 2017.

Workshop on ‘Importance of Communication Skills in the Technical World’, in collaboration with Department of Humanities, Bengal College of Engineering, Durgapur, Burdwan, 12 September 2017.

**Research Project undertaken**

Learning Strategies in ELT

**Arjit Ghosh**

Lecturer in Journalism & Mass Communication

**Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

1. Three –day Workshop on e-Content Development & Online Facilitation for Teachers organised by the School of Vocational Studies, NSOU in association with Commonwealth of Learning- Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (COL- CEMCA) on October 30-31 & November, 2017

**Conference/Seminar/Workshop conducted:**

One-Day UGC-DEB Workshop on “The Art of Documentary” on 15th May 2017.

□ **Major Academic Events (Seminar, Workshop etc.) organized by the School**

**18/08/  
2017**

One-Day Orientation Programme on BDP Bengali Counselling in ODL System.Organized by School of Humanities, NSOU.

**Target Audience:** Faculty Members and Counsellors

**Organisational Details:** A One-Day Orientation Programme on BDP Bengali Counselling in ODL System was organized by the School on 18th August, 2017. Like all regular and continuing orientation programmes of the University this Orientation programme sought to engage in discussions to devise a concrete methodology to ensure the proper teaching and dissemination of the syllabus, in keeping with the spirit of ODL systems. Honourable Vice Chancellor was preside over the inaugural session.

**Outcome:** Mainly it discussed the issues related teaching methodology, using of SLMs and open educational resources. In this context, counsellors have got the basic idea of teaching literature in ODL system.

12/09/  
2017

A Workshop on "Importance of Communicative Skill in Technical World", organized by Center for Language Translation & Cultural Studies and Bengal College of Engineering Department of Humanities, SoH, NSOU.

**Target Audience:** Researchers, Faculty Members and Students

**Organisational Details:** Developing Communication Skills and Professional Competence was the theme of a one-day seminar, held on 12th September 2017. This was jointly organized by English Department of Bengal College of Engineering and Center for Language, Culture and Translation Studies, School of Humanities, Netaji Subhas Open University. The seminar was held at the Bengal College of Engineering, Bidhannagar, Durgapur, West Bengal.

The seminar was for the first second and fourth semester B. Tech students from three Engineering disciplines of the College, namely, Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, and Electrical Engineering. The resource persons from the University were greeted with bouquets at the Conference hall of the College. After a formal meeting with the dignitaries, Prof. Sanchita Bandyopadhyay, the Principal of the College, Prof. S. Bramhacharya, Dean, Bengal College of Engineering and Technology and Prof. Dr. Alok Kumar Bharadwaj, Principal, Bengal College of Engineering and Technology, and Prof. R. R. Pandey, Principal Bengal College of Polytechnic, the introductory session began with a welcome address by the Principal of the College. The theme and the activities for the day were introduced by Dr Sumana Bandyopadhyay.

**Outcome:** Mr Srideep Mukherjee introduced Communicative English to the learners and discussed its various features. Dr Bandyopadhyay spoke on the basics of communication skills, soft skills and professional competence. After introducing the theoretical aspects, the students participated in activities based on theory. Out of the one hundred and sixty students, majority were girls. Also maximum responses came from the girl students. The different areas for the 'Activity based on theory' were Language, Communication, Interview, and Writing.

16/09/  
2017

UGC-DEB sponsored Orientation Programme on BDP-English Counselling in the Open and Distance Learning Mode, organized by School of Humanities, NSOU.

**Target Audience:** Faculty Members and Counsellors

**Organisational Details:** In the first phase, Dr Srideep Mukherjee, Coordinator of the Orientation Programme, discussed the scope of the Orientation Program and problems and prospects of Orientation Program and problems and prospects of Teaching in ODL method. The discussion proceeded, considering the advantages and disadvantages of the student's specific understanding for each unit of our UG syllabus. In the next phase, two technical sessions were organized by the selected counsellors and NSOU faculty members. Dr Susanta

Kr. Bardhan, Associate Professor of Suri Vidyasagar College, discussed on Strategies for Teaching Language Aspects of EEG-I. Dr Srideep Mukherjee, Assistant Professor of English, NSOU presented on Strategies of BDP – EEG Counselling on Literature and Literary Theory of the Romantic Period (EEG-V and Dr Oindrilla Ghosh, Assistant Professor of English, NSOU presented on Mapping Diversities in Victorian Literature: The New SLM of paper six as a Teaching-Learning tool.

**Outcome:** The orientation Programme is primarily intended to facilitate interactions between planning and delivery levels of the BDP English Course. The main discussion of this event is to understand the logic of assignments and term end question papers and discussion on marking schemes. The general feedback is taken from the counsellors.

13-14/01  
2018

Collaborative Research Project on "Partition and the Liberal War of Bangladesh". (International Seminar and Workshop-1)

**Target Audience:** Researchers, Faculty Members and Students

**Organisational Details:** The central focal theme of this seminar is to introduce the various perspectives of partition memory across generations and the historical significance of Bengal Partition and the liberation war of Bangladesh. In the debut session, Srideep Mukherjee, Assistant Coordinator, CLTCS, NSOU, welcomed every one of the members, researchers and dignitaries. Dr. Manan Kr Mandal, Coordinator, CLTCS, NSOU and Professor Sabiha Huq, Head, English Discipline, Khulna University discussed the Collaborative Research Project on Partition and the Liberation War of Bangladesh in detail. The conference began with opening remarks by Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of NSOU. Dr. Sumana Bandyopadhyay, Member of CLTCS, extended the vote of thanks. Many Eminent Scholar and Professors like Professor Himadri Lahiri, Formerly Professor of English, University of Burdwan, Professor Ahmed Ahsanuzzaman, Professor of English, Khulna University, Professor Mizanur Rahman, University of Rajshahi, Sadhan Chattopadhyay, and Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua, Rabindra Bharati University were presented paper during the seminar. Apart from that, more than twenty paper presentation is done from the selected abstracts around the nation. A special technical session was organized by the researcher group of the project where experiences of migrations from villages and semi-urban areas (District level representation) audio-visual interviews are screened along with discussion. The present conference highlighted issues like the relevance and practicability of preserving memories of the Partition of 1947 and the Independence of India Efforts at preserving partition memory.

**Outcome:** The project intended to publish and document those unpublished diaries and letters related to experiences of migration and Liberation War. Lost/forgotten partition memoirs and literature (fictional and non-fictional) were one of the critical issues of this seminar. The main debatable issues of this

seminar were the emerging notion of Bengali Nationalism in both East and West Bengal irrespective of the limitation of border margins.



## ♦ School of Social Sciences

**School Profile including achievements, awards, new ventures and initiatives undertaken by the School:**

The School of Social Sciences, NSOU is entrusted to conduct the teaching-learning process of the social sciences at NSOU. It teaches History, Political Science, Public Administration and Sociology at the BDP level and History, Political Science and Public Administration at the PG level. The school regularly conducts the Personal Conduct Programme (PCP) at the PG level directly and the study centres conduct the same for the BDP level at different study centres. The School organized the Sixth Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Lecture. The Sixth Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Lecture was delivered by Professor Sudipta Kaviraj, Columbia University, USA, delivered the Seventh Lecture on December 26, 2017. Title of the Lecture: ‘Are We a Nation?’

### Faculty Members

Name	Designation
Professor Chandan Basu	Professor of History & Director, School of Social Sciences
Dr. Barnana Guha Thakurta (Banerjee)	Associate Professor of Political Science
Dr. Monosanta Biswas	Assistant Professor of History
Shri Manoj Kumar Halder	Assistant Professor of Political Science
Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri	Assistant Professor of Sociology

### □ Academic Achievements of the Faculty Members

#### **Dr Barnana Guha Thakurta (Banerjee)**

Associate Professor of Political Science

#### **Publications :**

‘Debating Open and Distance Learning: A Feminist Perspective’ in Modak D & C. Basu ed. Teaching Social Sciences through Open and Distance Learning: A 21st century perspective, NSOU Publication, Kolkata, , ISBN: 978-93-82112-59-5, Sept. 2017

#### **Dr. Manosanta Biswas**

Assistant Professor of History

#### **Publications :**

1. “Caste and Remaking Nationalism: Jotirao Phule’s Alternative National Discourse and Social Justice”, NSOU Journals\_School of Social Sciences, Vol.I, No.I, March 2017.
2. Counselling Culture in ODL: Importance of Quality Assurance in Personal Contract Programmes”, in ‘Teaching Social Sciences through Open and Distance Learning : A Twenty First Century Perspective’ edited by Debnarayan Modak

and Chandan Basu, September, 2017, Netaji Subhas Open University, ISBN: 978-93-82112-59-4

3. “Kagoj Kalam Nirmito Jibon Cholor Path” in ‘Satobarshaye Sri Sri Harililamrita edited by Santosh Kumar Barui, Gurgapur, September 2017

### **Manoj Kumar Haldar**

Assistant Professor of Political Science

#### **Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

1. Presented a Paper on “Indo-Bangladesh Relationship: Response To Some Issues of Democratization Process and Islamic Elements in Bangladesh In The 21st Century” in the International Conference on Indo-Bangladesh Relations in the 21st Century, organized by Dept. of Political Science, University of Kalyani, Nadia, on 8 November, 2017.

2. Presented a Paper on “Development and Corruption: Challenges of Developing India in the 21th century.” in the national seminar on India as an Emerging power: Myths and Reality, organized by Dept. of Political Science, Kanchrapara College, 24 Paraganas (N) on 11 November, 2017.

3. Presented a poster on ‘Environment and Governmental initiatives in the 21st century India.’ in the State level seminar on Biological Sciences in the New Era; Current Progress and Challenges Ahead, organized by Government General Degree College at Kaliganj, Nadia on 30 January, 2018.

4. Presented a paper on “Panchayat and Political participation among the Women of Scheduled Caste Community in the District of Nadia: A case study of Krishnagar Sadar Sub Division” in the State level seminar on Panchayat and Rural Development: The Recent Experience in W.B, organized by Centre for Studies in Decentralization and Rural Reconstruction, RBU on 7 February 2018.

5. Delivered a special Lecture on “Recent Trends of Dalit History Writings” in Department of History, Barrackpre Rastraguru Surendranath College, Barrackpore on 23 April, 2018.

#### **Publications :**

1. A chapter entitled “Open Educational Resources in Social Science: Prospects in the 21st Century”. Published in an edited volume ‘Teaching Social Sciences Through Open and Distance Learning: A Twenty first century Perspective’ Sept, 2017 by The Registrar, NSOU, 978-93-82112-59-4.

2. A chapter entitled ‘Rastra Chinta Nayok Vivekananda’ published in a book ‘Chiranton Vivekananda’, January, 2018, ISBN: 81-87098-62-7.

### **Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri**

Assistant Professor of Sociology

#### **Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

3-day workshop on "e-Content development and on-line facilitation for Teachers" on 30-31 October and 1 Nov 2017 Organized by Netaji Subhas Open University in collaboration with Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and Commonwealth

Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi.

### **Publications :**

1. Caste, Gender and Media: Significant Sociological Trends in India – An Open Distance Paradigm (2017), edited by Srabanti Choudhuri and Chandan Basu, Netaji Subhas Open University, ISBN:978-93-82112-57-0.
2. Chapter“Analysing the Mediated Achievements of Ratan Thiyam: Looking at his Penchant for Instilling Soft Power to Embolden the Tribal Artists”, ‘Workshop for syllabus restructuring of B.D.P Sociology: an academic enterprise in generating an open form of discourse’. The Registrar, Netaji Subhas Open University.
3. Edited Book. and Media: Significant Sociological Trends in India – An Open Distance Paradigm (2017)ISBN:978-93-82112-57-0. The Registrar, Netaji Subhas Open University.

### **Major Academic Events (Seminar, Workshop etc.) organized by the School**

**26/12/  
2017**

The Sixth Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Lecture was delivered by Professor Sudipta Kaviraj, Columbia University, USA, delivered the Seventh Lecture on December 26, 2017.

**Title of the Lecture:** ‘Are We a Nation?’ (in Bengali)

**Target Audience:** Learners, Research Scholars and Teachers of different disciplines of Social Sciences

**Organisational Details:** The School of Social Sciences is entrusted to organize the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Lecture. Professor Sudipta Kaviraj, Columbia University, USA, Kolkata) on 26.12.2017 delivered the Lecture

**Outcome:** The School took a long interview of Professor Sudipta Kaviraj and uploaded in the University Website ([www.wbnsou.ac.in](http://www.wbnsou.ac.in)).



#### ♦ School of Sciences

**School Profile including achievements, awards, new ventures and initiatives undertaken by the School:**

The school is also engaged various academic activities and the faculties of the school are engaged in organizing diverse events, lectures, workshops, seminars, conferences along with their professional development and day to day activities. Some of the important academic events are mentioned here:

- a. The Laboratory Counselling Cum Evaluation Session (LCES) of the six science subjects of under graduate courses has been successfully conducted in 23 study centres of about 11443 students of Elective and subsidiary courses.
- b. The Laboratory Counselling Cum Evaluation Session (LCES) of Chemistry and Mathematics of Under Graduate courses was successfully conducted at the Kalyani Regional Centres.
- c. The respective faculties were engaged in conducting the Laboratory Counselling Cum Evaluation Session (LCES) and they are also engaged in taking the PCPs during the LCES in the respective study centres along with the monitoring of study centres.
- d. Most of the internal faculty of the school were engaged in the visits which were arranged during the Laboratory Counselling Cum Evaluation Session (LCES) in different study centres distributed in different districts of West Bengal.
- e. The existing laboratory facility was enhanced Mathematics and Geography for Post Graduate courses in the Kalyani Regional Centres.
- f. Regular Personal Contact Programme (PCP) of Post Graduate Geography and Zoology courses was conducted in the Kalyani Regional Centres.
- g. Computer training was successfully conducted in the three centres of about 1112 students of Post Graduate Mathematics PGMT course.
- h. Some departmental books were purchased and stored in the Central library to enhance the students support services in the Kalyani Regional Centres.
- i. The school successfully arranged the admission session and counselling for the Post Graduate courses of Zoology and Geography.
- j. The two geography faculty of the geography department of School of Sciences are engaged to supervise the educational excursion and guided the preparation of field report on Chennai & Puducherry, and Shimla, Himachal Pradesh with about 95 Post Graduate Geography students of four different study centres.
- k. The School of Sciences published a Book (Edited Volume-I, NSOU, ISBN: 978-93-82112-63-1) in the year 2017 titled ‘West Bengal: Geoinformatics for Sustainable Environment Management’ (Editor: Dr. Biraj Kanti Mondal, Assistant Professor of Geography).

## Faculty Memebbers

Name	Designation
Professor Kajal De	Professor of Mathematics & Director, School of Sciences
Professor Nanda Dulal Paria	Professor of Botany
Dr. Bibhas Guha	Assistant Professor of Zoology
Smt. Tinki Kar Bhattacharya	Assistant Professor of Geography
Dr. Biraj Kanti Mandal	Assistant Professor of Geography
Dr. Sintu Ganai	Assistant Professor of Chemistry
Dr. Gahul Amin	Assistant Professor of Physics
Shri Mrinal Nath	Assistant Professor of Computer Science
Dr. Sanjoy Ghosal	Assistant Professor of Mathematics

### □ Academic Achievements of the Faculty Members

#### Dr. Kajal De

Professor of Mathematics & Director, School of Sciences

#### Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :

1. Chaired a Technical session in 3-Day In-Service Training and Sensitization Programme held during 10-12 May, 2018 at Deshbandhu Girls' College organized by School of Education, NSOU.
2. Chaired a Technical session in the International Conference on 'Geometry and Mathematical Models in complex Phenomena' held on 05-07 December, 2017 at Calcutta Mathematical Society, Kolkata.
3. National Conference titled 'Distance Education and its Obscurities: Addressing the "Inaccessibility" Conundrum in Mathematics and other Disciplines', on 09.06.2018.

#### Publications :

'Education as a Life Long Activity: Empowering the Elderly Indians through Open Distance Learning', K.De & S.Goswami, Conference Proceedings of the International Conference on Developmental Interventions and Open Learning for Empowering and Transforming Societies, K.K Handiqui State Open University, ISBN:978-81-934669-0-2.

#### Conference/Seminar/Workshop:

National Seminar on "Environmental Management with the Application of GIS and Geoinformatics", on 09.09.2017

#### Dr. Nanda Dulal Paria

Professor of Botany

#### Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :

Participation and Chairing in International Symposium in the Department of Botany, Dhaka University during 03-04th Feb. 2018.

**Publications :**

(Manuscript-2 Books-1).

1. Bose, Animesh. Das, Poushali. and Paria, N. D. 2017. Taxonomic treatment of some Indian Magnolia L. in respect to Seedling Morphology. Feddes Repertorium 128 (1-2): 9 – 16.
2. Paria, N. D. and Bose, Animesh. 2017. Seedling morphology and its potential in Taxonomic Studies in Indian Flora. Journal of the Indian Botanical Society 96(3&4): 233-242.
3. Books:N. D. Paria (Editor) 2017. Medicinal Plant of South West Bengal. Published by Directorate of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal, Kolkata.

**Dr. Bibhas Guha**

Assistant Professor of Zoology

**Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

Short term course on “Gender Sanitization” Organized by Academic Staff College, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar 15 days (11-21 September, 2017)

**Tinki Kar Bhattacharya**

Assistant Professor of Geography

**Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

Three Day Workshop on ‘E- Content Development and Online facilitation for teachers’ on 30-31 November and November 1, 2017.

**Dr. Biraj Kanti Mondal**

Assistant Professor of Geography

**Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

1. Paper presented in the National Seminar on ‘Environmental Management with the Application of GIS and Geoinformatics’, NSOU on September 9, 2017.
2. Paper presented in the International Conference on ‘Developmental Interventions and Open Learning for Empowering and Transforming Society’, KKHSOU on 16-17 December, 2017.
3. Paper presented in the International Conference (12th World Congress) on ‘Spatial Integration, Regional Development and Sustainability’, RSAI, May 29 to June 01, 2018.
4. Participated in the National Conference on ‘Distance Education and its Obscurities: Addressing the “Inaccessibility” Conundrum in Mathematics and Other Disciplines’, School of Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open University, June 9, 2018.

**Publications:**

1. Edited book (Volume-I), named ‘West Bengal: Geoinformatics for Sustainable Environment Management’ (ISBN-9789382112631) published by NSOU.

2. 'Implication of Geoinformatics and GIS to Identify the Change Detection of East Kolkata Wetlands', Edited Volume-I, NSOU, 'West Bengal: Geoinformatics for Sustainable Environment Management', ISBN-9789382112631.
3. 'The Emerging Issue of Forest Degradation in Purulia District', Mondal, B.K., Manna, M., Edited Volume-I, NSOU, 'West Bengal: Geoinformatics for Sustainable Environment Management', ISBN-978938211263.
4. 'Exploration of Educational Enhancement and Reflective Observation on Distance Education System through NSOU', Proceedings of National Seminar at KKHSOU, Guwahati, ISBN-9788193466902.

#### **Conference/Seminar/Workshop:**

1. Organising Secretary of the National Seminar on 'Environmental Management with the Application of GIS and Geoinformatics', organized by School of Sciences, NSOU on September 9, 2017.

#### **Dr. Sintu Ganai**

Assistant Professor of Chemistry

#### **Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

1. Presented Paper in the International seminar on "Science: Past, Present & Future", Syamsundar College & ICS, 12th December, 2017
2. Presented Paper in the International Conference on "Developmental Interventions and Open Learning for Empowering and Transforming Society", KKHSOU, 16-17th December, 2017.
3. Participated in the National Conference on "Distance Education and its obscurities: Addressing the Inaccessibility conundrum in Mathematics and other disciplines", NSOU, 9th June, 2018.

#### **Publications:**

1. Swarup Roy, Raj Kumar Nandi, Sintu Ganai, K.C. Majumdar, Tapan K. Das, Journal of Pharmaceutical Analysis, 2017, 7, 19-26
2. Paper published on International conference at KKHSOU Title: "Opportunities and.....Through ODL Mode: NSOU's Experience", 2017, Page No: 123-136, ISBN: 978-81-934669-0-2, Weblink: <http://dlkkhsou.inflibnet.ac.in:8080/jspui/handle/123456789/179?offset=20>

#### **Dr Gahul Amin**

Assistant Professor of Physics

#### **Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

1. Emerging trends of Physical Sciences-Education & Research. Dukhulal Nibaran Chandra College. Invited Speaker, on 15.03.2018.
2. Higher Education in the Present Context: Role of Library and Teaching Aids. NSOU 30, 31st March 2018.
3. Progresses in Bioengineering and Environmental Management (NCPBEM) Chairperson. 11-12th May 2018.

**Publications:**

1. Seasonal pattern of heavy metals levels in vegetable and fish species collected from East Kolkata Wetlands (EKW), International Journal For Innovative Research in Multidisciplinary Field by Joystu Dutta, Gahul Amin, Sufia Zaman, Abhijit Mitra.
2. Response of mangroves to climate change: A case study from the World Heritage Site of Indian Sundarbans, International Journal For Innovative Research in Multidisciplinary Field by Arpita Saha, Nabonita Pal, Gahul Amin, Sufia Zaman, Abhijit Mitra.

**Mrinal Nath**

Assistant Professor of Computer Application

**Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

Participated in the National workshop on “Environmental Management with the Application of GIS”, NSOU, 9th September, 2017.

**Publications:**

Title “Students retention in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) System: Some Mathematical and Computational Model to Analyze and Predict the Potential Risk of being Dropout” in Edited Volume of the national level conference “Distance Education and its Obscurities: Addressing the “Inaccessibility” Organised by NSOU.

**Dr. Sanjay Kr. Ghosal**

Assistant Professor of Mathematics

**Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

National Seminar on “Environmental Management with the Application of GIS and Geoinformatics”, on 09.09.2017.

**Publications:**

1. Pratulananda Das, Sumit Som, Sanjoy Ghosal and Vatan Karakaya, ‘A notion of  $\alpha\beta$ -statistical convergence of order  $\gamma$  in probability’ Kragujevac Journal of Mathematics, 42 (1) (2018) 51-57.
2. Pratulananda Das, Sanjoy Ghosal, Avishek Ghosh and Sumit Som, ‘Characterization of rough weighted statistical limit set’, Mathematica Slovaca 68 (4) (2018) 881-896.

**Research Project undertaken**

Supervised two students Sumit Som (Registration Number: D-7/SC/1192/13, dated 18.09.2013) & Avishek Ghosh (Registration Number: D-7/SC/359/16, dated 11.04.2016) for Ph.D. and both of them are awarded by the doctorate degree from Jadavpur University.

## □ Major Academic Events (Seminar, Workshop etc.) organized by the School

09/09/  
2017

National Seminar on “Environmental Management with the Application of GIS and Geoinformatics”.

**Target Audience:** Faculties, Researchers, Students of Geography, Environmental Studies and allied subjects.

**Organisational Details:** A UGC-DEB-Sponsored one day National Seminar on “Environmental Management with the Application of GIS and Geoinformatics” held on September 9, 2017 was organized by the School of Sciences at the NSOU Head Quarters. The welcome address delivered by Prof. N. D. Paria, former Vice Chancellor, Vidyasagar University The Chief Guest, Dr. Amal Kar, former Principal Scientist and Head, Central Arid Zone Institute, Jodhpur delivered his address on “Role of Geoinformatics in Changing Concept of Land Degradation Assessment” which was much impressive. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Sunando Bandyopadhyay, Department of Geography, University of Calcutta, on “The Indian Sundarban: Issues and Challenges in a Warming World”. Dr. Partha Sarathi Chakraborty, the Guest of Honour, spoke on the “Geoinformatics: Science and Technology for Environmental Management” which was appreciated by all. There were four invited lectures delivered by eminent experts. Altogether more than 66 papers were included in the Abstract volume of which 30 participants presented their papers. Prof. S. S. Sarkar, the Vice Chancellor, NSOU, released the AV Lectures CDs and made some significant comments. Dr. Biraj Kanti Mondal, Asstt. Professor of Geography, NSOU was the Organising Secretary of the Seminar.

**Outcome:** Very successful with nearly 120 participants.



### ♦ School of Education

#### School Profile including achievements, awards, new ventures and initiatives undertaken by the School

SoE was established in 2013 with a view to offer quality effort in Education as a liberal discipline and Teacher Education in particular to pre and in-service teacher and development of academic output in education and Special Education. The SoE has provided quality teacher education to a large number of in-service teachers to fulfil the mandate of RTE Act, 2009 within 2015. The School conduct National Seminars, Conferences, Workshop and Observing important National/International days at regular intervals. This evokes a sagacity of academic preparedness, updating in the respective fields of knowledge in particular and responsible citizen in general. At present the School offers RCI recognised and UGC approved programmes.

#### Existing Programmes:

- B. Ed. Special Education (I.D/H. I/V. I)-ODL
- MA in Education

#### Upcoming Programmes:

- BDP in Education
- M.Ed. in Special Education (H.I/I. D)-ODL
- Ph. D (Education & Special Education)-Regular mode

#### Academic Programmes, 2017-19:

Sl. No	Name of the Programme	Duration
01	B.Ed. Spl Ed (I.D/H.I/V.I)-ODL	2 yr 06 mth
02	M.A Education	2 yr

#### Faculty Members:

Name	Designation
Dr. Atindranath Dey	Professor & Director, School of Education
Prof. Swapan Kr Sarkar	Head of the Department, Associate Professor of Education
Prof. Sumanta Chattaraj	Core Faculty, Professor of Education
Dr. Papiya Upadhyay	Assistant Professor of Education
Dr. Parimal Sarkar	Assistant Professor of Education
Smt. Antara Choudhury	Assistant Professor of Special Education
Sri. Prabir Naskar	Assistant Professor of Special Education
Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi	Coordinator. B.Ed
Smt. Swapna Deb	Faculty Consultant

## □ Academic Achievements of the Faculty Members

### **Prof. Swapan Kumar Sarkar**

HoD, Associate Professor of Education

#### **Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

1. In Service Training & Sensitization Program of Key Functionaries of Central & State Govts, Local Bodies & Other Service Providers. Held at Deshabandhu Girls College, Kolkata during 10-12 May, 2018.
2. In Service Trg & Sensitization Program of Key Functionaries of Central & State Govts, Local Bodies & Other Service Providers. Held at Vidyasagar University, Midnapore West during 18-20 May, 2018.
3. In Service Trg & Sensitization Program of Key Functionaries of Central & State Govts, Local Bodies & Other Service Providers. Held at Bankura Christian College, Bankua during 25-27 May, 2018.
4. In Service Trg & Sensitization Program of Key Functionaries of Central & State Govts, Local Bodies & Other Service Providers. Held at Burdwan University, Burdwan, during 1-3 June, 2018.
5. In Service Trg & Sensitization Program of Key Functionaries of Central & State Govts, Local Bodies & Other Service Providers. Held at Sponsored Teachers' Training College, Purulia held during 8-10, June, 2018.
6. In Service Trg & Sensitization Program of Key Functionaries of Central & State Govts, Local Bodies & Other Service Providers. Held at Sundarlal Das Teachers' Trg. College, Howrah, during 13-15, June, 2018.
7. In Service Trg & Sensitization Program of Key Functionaries of Central & State Govts, Local Bodies & Other Service Providers. Held at Kalyani Campus, NSOU during 21-23 June 2018.
8. In Service Trg & Sensitization Program of Key Functionaries of Central & State Govts, Local Bodies & Other Service Providers. Held at B K M College, Purulia during 30-31 May 21-23 June 2018.

#### **Conference/Seminar/Workshop:**

1. Presented the Theme of the Program and Chaired in two sessions.
2. Presented the Theme of the Program and Chaired in two sessions.
3. Presented the Theme of the Program and Chaired in two sessions.

### **Prof Sumanta Chattaraj**

Professor of Education

#### **Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

1. Chairperson, National Convention on “Emanating Issues and Priorities in Teacher Education”.
2. As a Moderator in the National Meet “Guidelines for Inclusive Pre-service Teacher Education degree programme, NCERT, New Delhi.

3. Convenor : Workshop on “SLM Development on Capacity Building and Professional Development of Teachers and Teacher Educators for successful implementation of inclusiveness”.

**Dr. Papiya Upadhyay**

Assistant Professor of Education

**Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

1. Paper presented in a National Workshop on Disability & Exclusion: Education, Equity & Social justice. organized by Women Christian College & Jadavpur University on March 2018.
2. Paper presented in UGC sponsored National Seminar on “National policy of Education 2016: Focus & Trends in higher Education”, 2017, organized by Dept of Education, Rabindra Bharati University.
3. Paper presented in “National Seminar on Academic Integrity”, 2017 organized by SPS, NSOU.
4. Paper presented in a National Seminar on “Drug Abuse & Drug Addiction: Combat through Education ”, 2017 organized by Dept of Education, West Bengal State University.
5. Paper presented in a National Conference on “OER”, 2017, organized by SPS, NSOU.
6. Paper presented in a National Seminar on “Emanating issues & priorities in Teacher Education”, 2017, organized by SoE, NSOU.
7. Selected & Participated in a National Workshop on “Capacity Building for teachers of ODL institutes”, 2017 organized by COL-CEMCA, New Delhi & SPS, NSOU.
8. Invited & participated in a One day University–level Workshop on “CBCS for Undergraduate Courses” 2018, organized by Ramkrishna Sarada Mission College for Girls & WBSU.
9. Participated in a 3-Day workshop on “SLM Development on Inclusive Education” 2017 as a part of the COL-CEMCA & SoE, NSOU Project titled “Capacity Building & Professional Development of Teachers & Teacher Educators for successful implementation of Inclusiveness.
10. Presented an invited lecture “Globalisation & a new face of Teacher Education: A Challenge & an opportunity” in a National Seminar on Changing Faces of Teacher Education in the era of globalisation & post modernism at I.E.P.W, Chandannagar Govt College, April 2018.

**Conference/Seminar/Workshop:**

1. Completed UGC-HRDC Refresher Course on Teacher Educators, 2017 organized by HRDC, Jadavpur University.
2. Academic Coordinator of COL-CEMCA & SOE, NSOU National project entitled “Capacity Building & Professional Development of Teachers & Teacher Educators for successful implementation of Inclusiveness” 2017-18.

3. Organizing Secretary in a 5-day RCI Sponsored Refresher Programme on Research Methodolgy, 2017

**Dr. Parimal Sarkar**

Assistant Professor in Education

**Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

1. Presented a paper on “Commercialization of Education in India”, UGC-Sponsored International Seminar on ‘Education in the Age of Globalization: Policy, Practice and Perspectives’, Organized by Satyapriya Roy College of Education, Salt Lake on 14th Sept, 2017.
2. Presented a paper on “Human Rights Education in India: Present Status and Future Action”, in the National Conference on ‘Human Rights Education’, Organized by RIE, Bhubaneswar, NCERT, on 7th & 8th Dec, 2017.
3. Presented a paper on “Good Mental Health in School Students: A Key to Sound Successful Adjustment”, in the National Seminar on ‘Mental Health of School Children: Creating an enabling Environment for Student Well Being’, Organized by NERI of Education, NCERT, Umiam, Meghalaya, on 8th & 9th Feb, 2018.
4. Attended on Observing a “Half Day Colloquium on International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3rd Dec)”, Organized by: School of Education, Netaji Subhas Open University. On 06/12/2017.
5. Successfully Completed UGC Sponsored Refresher Course on “Teacher Education”, Organized by Dept. of Education, Jadavpur University (HRDC), Kolkata from 24/10/2017 to 14/11/2017.
6. Chaired 02 Technical Session of the “3 Day In-Service Training and Sensitization of Key Functionaries of Central and State Govt., Local Bodies and Other Service Providers Funded by R.C.I, New Delhi”, Organized by School of Education, NSOU at Kalyani Campus, Kalyani, Nadia on 22th June, 2018.
7. Delivered an Extension Lecture on “Education and Culture” Organized by Department of Education, Panihat Mahavidyalaya, Sodepur, Kolkata, West Bengal on 21st September, 2017.
8. Delivered a Special Lecture on “Pedagogy of Teaching Social Science”, Organized by Department of Disability Studies, Faculty of Arts, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata – 700050 on 11th May, 2018.

**Research Project undertaken:**

Conducted UGC-DEB Sponsored Minor Research Project, on “Perception of ODL Learners towards ODL System” under the aegis of School of Education, NSOU, July 2017.

**Antara Choudhury**

Assistant Professor (M.R), Special Education

**Publications:**

“Effectiveness of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in Teaching- Learning Process” published in Seminar volume by Voice of World & Jadavpur University

on Understanding Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Poverty Alleviation Programme, April, 2018

**Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

1. Paper presented on “Identification, Intervention & Prevention of CWSN” at RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In□Service Training And Sensitization Programme at Ramakrishna Mission Sikshana Mandira, Belur Math on and from 16- 18 March, 2017.
2. Paper presented on “Screening Tools for Identification and Referrals of ID” at RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In□Service Training And Sensitization Programme at North Bengal Handicapped Rehabilitation Society on and from 16th to 18th February, 2017.
3. Paper presented on “Creating Accessible & Barrier Free Environment ( BFE ) for PwDs and Universal Design for Learning” at RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In□Service Training And Sensitization Programme at Assembly Hall, Ramakrishna Mission Blind Boys Academy, Narendrapur, Kolkata-700103 on and from 5th , 6th and 8th January, 2017.
4. Participated in National Convention on “Emanating Issues and Priorities in Teacher Education”.
5. Participate in Workshop on “E- Content Development and Online Facilitation for Teachers”.
6. Paper presented on “Concept of Disability and RPWD Act 2016 & Creating Accessible & Barrier Free Environment (BFE) for PwDs” at RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In□Service Training And Sensitization Programme at Bankura Christian College P.O. –Bankura, Pin-722101, West Bengal on and from 25th to 27th May, 2018.
7. Paper presented on “Causes and Prevention of Disability” at RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In□Service Training And Sensitization Programme at Surendralal Das Teachers Training College, Bally, Howrah on and from 13- 15 June, 2018.

**Conference/Seminar/Workshop:**

1. Programme Coordinator of RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored five (5) day Refresher Programme on Research Methodology from 16- 20 January, 2017.
2. Convener of National Workshop on “THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION THROUGH VARIOUS AVENUES” on 22nd April, 2017
3. Acted as a Programme Coordinator at RCI, New Delhi, Sponsored In□Service Training And Sensitization Programme at Kadambini Ganguly Memorial Hall, 3 rd Floor, Composite Arts Building, Golapbag, Burdwan University on and from 01- 03 June, 2018.

**Research Project undertaken:**

Act as the Principal Investigator for the UGC- DEB sponsored Minor Research Project on “A Study on the Awareness Level of Regular School Teachers Towards Intellectual Disabilities” submitted on 25th July, 2017.

**Prabir Naskar**

Assistant Professor , Special Education (H.I.)

**Publications:**

Enhancement of Communication Skills of Children with Hearing Impairment: Role of Auditory Training One-Day National Seminar on 'Disability and Exclusion: Education, Equality and Social Justice March-2018.

**Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

1. Presented Paper on “Identification, Prevention and Prevention of CWSN.
2. Presented Paper on “Intervention of Teaching Strategies for Hearing Impairment.
3. Presented Paper on “Disability and Inclusion: UDL.
4. Presented a paper on “ Well-being and Quality Life of Adults with Special Needs” Two-Day International Seminar On ‘Peace, Well-being and Education: A pedagogical Discourse Organized By: Dept. of Education, JU & Bhatr College. 28-29 Dec, 2018
5. Sensitization Programme on Disability Issues at Desbandu Girls College, 12th May, 2018.
6. Presented Paper on “Identification, Intervention and Prevention of Hearing Impairment and Deaf-Blind 3-Day RCI Sensitization Programme on Disability Issues at Vidyasagar University 18th May, 2018.
7. Presented Paper on “Diversity and Inclusion: Inclusive Teaching Learning Practices” 3-Day RCI Sensitization Programme on Disability Issues at Burdwan University 3rd June, 2018.
8. Presented Paper on “Identification, Intervention and Prevention of Hearing Impairment and Deaf-Blind 3-Day RCI Sensitization Programme on Disability Issues at Sponsored Teacher Training College, Puruliya 8th June, 2018.
9. Presented Paper on “Creating Accessible & BFE for PwD and UDL” 3-Day RCI Sensitization Programme on Disability Issues at Surendrala Das Teacher Training College, Howrah 14th June, 2018.

**Conference/Seminar/Workshop:**

1. Act as a Programme Coordinator, Three Day RCI Sensitization Programme on Disability Issues at Bankura Christian College, 25-27 May, 2018.
2. Act as a Programme Coordinator, Three Day RCI Sensitization Programme on Disability Issues at NSOU, Kalyani Campus, 15-23 June, 2018.
3. Act as a Programme Coordinator, Two Day RCI Sensitization Programme on Disability Issues at B.K.M College, Purulia 30-31 May, 2018.

**Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi**

Coordinator, B.Ed Special Education

**Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

Self – Management Intervention for Children with ASD , National Seminar “ Adult Independent Leaving ” organized by Dept. of Education Jadavpur University and Arogya Sandhan Charitable Trust ” on 26th December 2017 as Resource person.

**Publications:**

1. Yganayak Swamiji o Swamijir Nibedita Published in Seminar Volume. Bibidha Prasanga: Bishya Ajana Manush Vivekananda Editor -Dr.Bishnupada Nanda, Jadavpur University, Kolkata ISBN No 978-93-83660-31-5, 2017.
2. Case Study of a Child with Autistic Feature and Problem Behaviours Parental Involvement in Education and Rehabilitation of Children with Special Needs ( Seminar Volume ) Editor Dr. Bishnupada Nanda, Jadavpur University ISBN No 978-93-836660-32-2, 2017.

**Swapna Deb**

Consultant, B.Ed. Special Education

**Publications:**

“In-service Teacher Education in ODL: Challenges and Opportunities” an article published in the book “Teacher Education: New Vista- New Challenges” by School of Education, NSOU. ISBN: 978-93-82112-56-3.

**Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :**

1. Participated Three day Workshop on “e-Content Development & Online Facilitation for Teachers” at the Board Room, NSOU, D.D- 26, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, organized by NSOU-SVS in association with COL-CEMCA on 30th& 31st October to 1st November,2017.
2. Delivered Special Lectures on “Orientation of Children with Special Needs” at Vidyasagar University, PaschimMidnapore, “Three Day “In Service Training and Sensitization of Key Functionaries of Central and State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Service Providers on Disability Issues” Under Netaji Subhas Open University West Bengal on 18thMay,2018.
3. Delivered Special Lecture on “Creating Accessible & Barrier Free Environment (BFE) for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and Universal Design for Learning (UDL)” at Kadambini Ganguly Memorial Hall, 3rd Floor, Composite Arts Building, Golapbag, Burdwan University, “Three Day “In Service Training and Sensitization of Key Functionaries of Central and State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Service Providers on Disability Issues” Under Netaji Subhas Open University West Bengal on 2nd June, 2018.
4. Delivered Special Lecture on “Entitlement and Benefits available from Govt. Policies, Schemes (State and Centre) for the PwDs” at Kadambini Ganguly Memorial Hall, 3rd Floor, Composite Arts Building, Golapbag, Burdwan University, “Three Day “In Service Training and Sensitization of Key Functionaries of Central and State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Service Providers on Disability Issues” Under Netaji Subhas Open University West Bengal on 3rdJune, 2018.

**Conference/Seminar/Workshop:**

1. Worked as Program Co-ordinator “Three Day “In Service Training and Sensitization of Key Functionaries of Central and State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Service Providers” on Disability Issues” at Deshbandhu Girls

College, Kolkata. Organized by: School of Education, Netaji Subhas Open University on 10th to 12th May 2018.

2. Worked as Program Co-ordinator “Three Day “In Service Training and Sensitization of Key Functionaries of Central and State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Service Providers” on Disability Issues” at Surendralal Das Teachers training College, Bally, Howrah. Organized by: School of Education, Netaji Subhas Open University on 13th to 15th June, 2018.

#### □ **Major Academic Events (Seminar, Workshop etc.) organized by the School**

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of India have taken the responsibility to create awareness and sensitivity amongst various stakeholders. It was felt that there is an urgent need for in service training of the various stakeholders to create awareness about the rights and entitlements of PwDs, provisions in various schemes, development programmes, and ways and means to access their specific entitlements and those that they are entitled to as equal citizens. Therefore, in order to realize the above objectives, the Govt. of India has made a provision for training and sensitization of key functionaries of Central / State Govt. under the XII Five-year plan through DEPwD, Govt of India. This is envisaged to be achieved by organizing short term training programs through workshop at State/ District / Block level on regular basis amongst public representatives at all level. Accordingly, Department of Empowerment of Person with Disabilities has developed a new central sector plan scheme i.e. “In-Service Training and Sensitization of Central and State Govt., Local Bodies and other Service providers at the national level”. This RCI sponsored program was organized by the School of Education, Netaji Subhas Open University in 2017-18 in the various districts of West Bengal. In our state Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata was entrusted to conduct the programs with 40 participants (college & University teachers) in each sensitization program.

The Participants have been trained and sensitized on the issues of disability, diversity, policies, education and rehabilitation. Hands-on training on specific areas of disability was well taken care of. The intended outcome of such programs was fulfilled as teachers are the greatest disseminators of knowledge & information to the society. The idea of inclusion and inclusive setting gained momentum through such motivated schedule of programs. The feedback from the participants showed us the path of encouragement and adding enthusiasm to conduct such programs.

**Innovative Initiatives:** Five-day Refresher Program (National level) on Research Methodology, funded by RCI, New Delhi was conducted at NSOU Hqs. The Refresher program on ‘Research Methodology/ Research in Disability Rehabilitation’ was designed to impart knowledge for scientific research to integrate qualitative and quantitative approaches in research and orient the young researchers to new advanced techniques for precise, rational and scientific research. Such initiatives as entrusted by the RCI New Delhi opened the research minds in the field of Disability, Rehabilitation & Education vis a vis nurtured equity, ethics

and social justice in the broader spectrum for an inclusive society.

Besides, National Convention on issues related to teacher education & workshops on Intervention strategies' were also convened with students, teachers, researchers other academicians to explore the spirit of teacher education & education of the differently abled. The technicalities dealt were a strong conviction to reorganize the teacher education as proposed by NCTE & agonizing sympathy in the nurturance of differently abled children and providing access to diversified learner groups.

**CDSER:** School has taken initiatives for creating an ecosystem for 'Innovation' by establishing Innovation Centre in the name of "Centre for Disability Studies & Educational Research" in March 2018 under the aegis of SoE in compliance with the RCI and UGC circulars. The vision of the Centre is to develop human resources in the field of Disability and Education as well. Keeping this in view, a 6-month certificate course on "Capacity Building & Professional Development on Inclusive Education" will be offered under this newly formed CDSER to cater to the emerging needs of 'Inclusive Education' very shortly. This is in line with the specific mission of the centre which strengthens the potentialities of teachers and professionals to build competence to the changing society and support thereby.

**Extended Activities:** Faculties at SoE are constantly engaged in preparing & delivering A-V contents for the in vogue Programmes of the school. A-V lectures for the PG Education and B. Ed Spl Ed (I.D/H. I/V. I)-ODL are prepared on the respective Curricular contents (Theory & Practical). In addition, A-V Extension lectures on the curricular areas of the various programmes are also prepared for enrichment of teaching-learning and enhancement of greater knowledge domain of the discipline. All these A-V lectures are available in the LMS platform of the University. In addition to this S.D cards comprising of A-V lectures are also distributed among the enrolled B.Ed Spl Ed learners of all the study centres. The digitized SLMs of the existing programmes are also made available on the LMS platform for better accessibility to our diverse learners.

**06/12/  
2017**

Observing a "Half Day Colloquium on International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3rd Dec)".

**Target Audience:** Rehabilitation Professionals, Students, Teachers and other Stakeholders of NSOU.

**Organisational Details:** Organized by School of Education, NSOU at DD – 26, Sector – 1, Salt Lake.

**Outcome:** Various issues related to disability and importance of observing this day has been discussed.

10-12/05  
2018

'In-service Training and Sensitization Programmes of Key-functionaries of Central and State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Service Providers' were organized in 7 districts of West Bengal.

**Target Audience:** College Teachers and Members of the School Managing Committee of the respective zone in each of the eight districts of W.B.

**Organisational Details:** RCI, New Delhi sponsored 3-day programme was organized at the Deshbandhu Girls' College, Kolkata with their active supports.

**Outcome:** About 40 participants of Kolkata District were actively participated, sensitized and trained on the issue.

18-20/05  
2018

'In-service Training and Sensitization Programmes of Key-functionaries of Central and State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Service Providers' were organized in 7 districts of West Bengal.

**Target Audience:** College Teachers and Members of the School Managing Committee of the respective zone in each of the eight districts of W.B.

**Organisational Details:** RCI, New Delhi sponsored 3-day programme was organized at the Vidyasagar University, Medinipur with their active supports.

**Outcome:** About 40 participants of Paschim Medinipur District were actively participated, sensitized and trained on the issue.

25-27/05  
2018

'In-service Training and Sensitization Programmes of Key-functionaries of Central and State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Service Providers' were organized in 7 districts of West Bengal.

**Target Audience:** College Teachers and Members of the School Managing Committee of the respective zone in each of the eight districts of W.B.

**Organisational Details:** RCI, New Delhi sponsored 3-day programme was organized at the Bankura Christian College with their active supports.

**Outcome:** About 40 participants of Bankura District were actively participated, sensitized and trained on the issue.

01-03/06  
2018

'In-service Training and Sensitization Programmes of Key-functionaries of Central and State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Service Providers' were organized in 7 districts of West Bengal.

**Target Audience:** College Teachers and Members of the School Managing Committee of the respective zone in each of the eight districts of W.B.

**Organisational Details:** RCI, New Delhi sponsored 3-day programme was organized at the Bankura Christian College with their active supports.

**Outcome:** About 40 participants of Bankura District were actively participated, sensitized and trained on the issue.

08-10/06  
2018

'In-service Training and Sensitization Programmes of Key-functionaries of Central and State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Service Providers' were organized in 7 districts of West Bengal.

**Target Audience:** College Teachers and Members of the School Managing

Committee of the respective zone in each of the eight districts of W.B.

**Organisational Details:** RCI, New Delhi sponsored 3-day programme was organized at the Sponsored Teachers' Training College, Purulia with their active supports.

**Outcome:** About 40 participants of Purulia District were actively participated, sensitized and trained on the issue.

**13-15/06  
2018**

'In-service Training and Sensitization Programmes of Key-functionaries of Central and State Governments, Local Bodies and Other Service Providers' were organized in 7 districts of West Bengal.

**Target Audience:** College Teachers and Members of the School Managing Committee of the respective zone in each of the eight districts of W.B.

**Organisational Details:** RCI, New Delhi sponsored 3-day programme was organized at Sundarlal Das Teacher Training College, Howrah with their active supports.

**Outcome:** About 40 participants of Howrah District were actively participated, sensitized and trained on the issue.

**21-23/06  
2018**

Workshop on 'Music and Dance Therapy of Children with Special Needs' 5-Day National Level Refresher Course on Research Methodology in Disability Rehabilitation.

**Target Audience:** All Faculty, Officers and Employees of the NSOU.

**Organisational Details:** RCI, New Delhi sponsored 5-day programme was organized at Sundarlal Das Teacher Training College, Howrah with their active supports.

**Outcome:** About 40 participants of Howrah District were actively participated, sensitized and trained on the issue.



#### ♦ School of Professional Studies

**School Profile including achievements, awards, new ventures and initiatives undertaken by the School:**

The School of Professional Studies was established as a liberal discipline by trifurcating the erstwhile School of Humanities and Social Sciences as per clause 15(1) Netaji Subhas Open University 1st Statute (Revised) 2014 vide Memo No. Reg/1010 dated 5th June 2015 with a view to provide qualitative education to the learners who seek higher education in various professional domains like Commerce, Library and Information Science, Social Work and Economics etc.

The establishment of the School of Professional Studies (SPS) reflects a holistic and pragmatic approach of the University towards the professional education in the modern era. The School has been given the responsibility of conducting the courses on Commerce & Management, Social Work and Library & Information Science.

The syllabi of all the courses have been framed to keep abreast with new developments in each subject in order to, on the one hand, suit the needs of the job market and on the other hand, give a comprehensive coverage. The School helps in preparing individuals with specialized skills relating to management, finance, library and information science and social work with a strong theoretical, practical as well as experimental knowledge in the respective discipline as required by the job market. The School has been established keeping an eye to rejuvenate this academic mission with a difference to develop value added human resources for the tailor made workforce.

The School conducts National Seminars, Conferences, Workshop, and Observing important National/International days at regular intervals. This evokes a sense of academic attentiveness, updating in the respective fields of knowledge in particular and responsible citizen in general.

Our faculty is at the centre of our efforts to provide a high quality and challenging educational experience. They are academically prepared in their respective field and have professional experience in a variety of Work settings. One of their strengths is to integrate their professional experience into classroom teaching-learning system especially in an open and distance learning environment. In this University, the students come from different parts of the State from diverse background. The faculty members are committed to serve the students through ICT facilities available in their hands.

#### **Existing Programmes:**

- BDP in Commerce (B. Com)
- BDP in Economics
- Bachelor in Library and Information Science (BLIS)
- Master in Library and Information Science (MLIS)
- Master of Commerce (M. Com)
- Master of Social Work (MSW)

### Upcoming Programmes:

- Master in Economics
- Ph. D. (Commerce&Management, Library and Information Science)

### Faculty Members:

Name	Designation
Professor Anirban Ghosh	Professor of Commerce & Director, School of Professional Studies
Smt. Anamika Das	Assistant Professor of Library & Information Science
Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhury	Assistant Professor of Library & Information Science
Smt. Kausturi Sinha Ghosh	Assistant Professor of Social Work
Shri Sudarshan Roy	Assistant Professor of Commerce

### □ Academic Achievements of the Faculty Members

#### Dr. Anirban Ghosh

Professor of Commerce & Director, School of Professional Studies

#### Publications:

1. Edited Volume 'Emerging Trends in Corporate and Taxation Laws' –"Effect of GST on Consumers" (NSOU). 2017, ISBN 978-93-82112-61-7.
2. Status of Enrolled Students of NSOU Research Report, ISBN 978-93-82112-34-1.

#### Research Project undertaken:

Increase Access and Improve Institutional Capacity for Sustainable Development through Vocational Education and Training" COL-CEMCA (2017-20)

#### Anamika Das

Assistant Professor of Library and Information Science

#### Publications:

1. 'A study towards developing a tool for evaluating self-instructional materials of LIS education through ODL mode' in Proceedings of International Conference on Library and Information Services in Knowledge Society: Innovative, value Added Services and Best Practices (Mizoram University, Aizawl). 2017, ISBN 978-93-85777-81-3.

#### Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhury

Assistant Professor of Library and Information Science

#### Participation in Conferences/ Workshops/ Orientation Programmes :

Refresher Course in Library & Information Science

#### Publications:

'Application of Digital Rights Management in Protecting Indigenous' in Teaching Social Sciences through Open & Distance Learning (NSOU). 2017, 978-93-82112-59-4.

**Research Project undertaken**

Increase Access and Improve Institutional Capacity for Sustainable Development through Vocational Education and Training” COL-CEMCA (2017-20).

**Kausturi Sinha Ghosh**

Assistant Professor of Social Work

**Publications:**

‘Empowering Rural Women through Communication Technology’ in, “Caste, Gender and Media: significant sociological trends in India, published by The Registrar Netaji subhas Open University Kolkata (2017) ISBN 978-93-82112-57-0.

□ **Major Academic Events (Seminar, Workshop etc.) organized by the School**

<b>11-20/08 2017</b>	National Workshop on GST (BNCCI). <b>Venue:</b> Netaji Subhas Open University.
<b>30-31/03 2018</b>	National Workshop on GST (BNCCI). <b>Venue:</b> Netaji Subhas Open University.



### ♦ School of Vocational Studies

**School Profile including achievements, awards, new ventures and initiatives undertaken by the School:**

To give the due importance to vocational education and training in the State, the University established the School of Vocational Studies (erstwhile Department of Non-Conventional Courses). The School conducts a good number of innovative courses which are employment oriented and vocational in nature. These courses create new job opportunities at the local / rural areas of the State. The objectives of all these course are to develop employability, create job opportunity which will intern generate income at the rural areas. The University plays a key role in enhancing skill of the youth by imparting training in a particular trade. These programmes of the University minimizes the pressure of the job seekers in urban areas by stopping migration from rural to urban areas for jobs. This is one of the objectives of setting up the Open University in the State. We are very happy to mention that all these courses have already trained a sizable pool for self as well as wage employment. All the courses have significant social values in the present day context. The University has also some vocational programme exclusively for women for their empowerment. These innovative courses are conducted through Partner Institutes (PI) spreading all over the State of West Bengal who allow their infrastructure for the use of our students. All the vocational courses are conducted through PPP model.

#### **List of courses-**

1. Advance Diploma in Tailoring & Dress Designing – 2 years
2. Advanced Certificate in Tailoring & Dress Designing - 1 year
3. Basic in Tailoring & Dress Designing - 6 months
4. Diploma in Pre Primary Teachers' Education - 1 year
5. Diploma in Fire Safety & Security Management - 1 year
6. PG Diploma in Export & Import Management- 1 year
7. PG Diploma in Needlework and Knitting - 2 years
8. PG Diploma in Psychological Counseling - 1 year
9. PG Diploma in Hospital Front Office Management - 1 year

#### **□ Major Academic Events (Seminar, Workshop etc.) organized by the School**

#### **Collaborative Project:**

The year 2017-18 was very important as the School of Vocational Studies stated the 3-year project titled “Increase Access and Improve Institutional Capacity for sustainable Development through Vocational Education and Training” in association with Commonwealth Educational Centre for Asia (CEMCA) New Delhi.

#### **Achievements of the Project:**

- 30 faculty members including NSOU faculty were trained for development of e-content through Capacity building programme. These faculty members were

involved in developing e-content like A/V lectures.

- The academic counselors / trainers who are engaged at study centres level were trained on LMS like its accessibility and usability. They are required to motivate the learners to access the LMS.
- “Online Placement Facilitation Service” has been provided on the NSOU web portal for the benefit of the learners to upload their CV online.
- For the first time, the School organized “JOB FAIR” to provide an opportunity to interface with the industry representatives.
- Through outreach programmes (four in number), the project team members tried to understand the learners’ attitude on ODL programme, ICT support services and their expectation from the University.
- 50 A/V lectures on five vocational courses have been developed and uploaded on the NSOU LMS.
- Upgraded the NSOU-OER repository for easy access to all learning materials.

### **Village Knowledge Centre:**

The School of Vocational Studies has established Village Knowledge Centre (VKC) for the benefit of the students. The students of the University get free internet facilities at the following VKCs for their academic activities.

- i) Shanti Devi Vidyaniketan, Plassey, Nadia.
- ii) NariSikshaSamiti, Jhargram, Paschim Medinipur.
- iii) Anjali Social Welfare Research Foundation, Panskura, Purba Medinipur.
- iv) Pranavananda Institute of Management and Technology, Diamond Harbour.

### **New Vocational Centres opened:**

Total number of study centre: 29. The following study centres were opened in July 2017 session:

- i) Pranavananda Institute of Management and Technology, Diamond Harbour, 24Parganas (S).
- ii) Pranavananda Institute of Management and Technology, Hridaypur, 24Parganas (N).
- iii) Muragacha Govt. General Degree College, Murshidabad.
- iv) Govt. General Degree College, Kalna-I, Purba Bardhaman.

### **Developing E-Content:**

The enrolled students of the respective course may download the course materials from University website:

- i) Advanced Diploma Tailoring and Dress Designing.
- ii) Post Graduate Diploma in Export-Import Management.
- iii) Post Graduate Diploma in Taxation.
- iv) Post Graduate Diploma in Modern Office Management.
- v) Diploma in Fire Safety & Skills Management.

### **Publication:**

On the baseline survey to highlight the learners’ perspective / attitude towards the ICT support provided by the University a book titled “Vocational Education and

Training: A case study of Netaji Subhas Open University” was published during the Project Review Meeting at New Delhi on 19th June 2018.

#### **NSOU-Industry interface:**

The School of Vocational Studies regularly interact with the industry representatives to update and upgrade the syllabus of the vocational course to meet employer’s need. The representatives from the corporate sector have been included in the Board of Studies/ Expert Committee to facilitate the collaborative learning.

#### **Seminar/ Workshop organized:**

3-day Workshop on Capacity Building workshop for online Facilitators of Learners in association with Commonwealth Educational Centre for Asia [CEMCA] held on 30 October 2017 & 01 November 2017.

#### **Outreach Programme (Extension Programme):**

During the year 2018-19, the following Outreach Programmes were organized with the financial assistance of CEMCA at the following centres to meet the students.

1. SSDA ,Prantik, Birbhum (11 December 2017).
2. Vivekananda Educational Institute, Moynaguri (7 April 2018).
3. Ananda Chandra College, Jalpaiguri (8 April 2018).

#### **Centre for Lifelong Learning (CLL):**

The Centre for Life Learning under the aegis of School of Vocational Studies has been set up by the University vide the resolution of the 34th Academic Council meeting held on 20/12/13 and ratified by the subsequent Executive Council meeting with the objective of providing hands on training to the freshers as well as existing workforce. The Centre for Life Long Learning will generally provide the hands on training to the candidates having no formal educational qualification but having prior learning experience which will lead to their life skill development. All such training would be provided in association with the study centres.

All such programmes will be delivered either through i) ICT based on-line mode, or ii) Contact mode or iii) Blending/ Hybrid mode i.e. combination of both (i) & (ii). All the collaborative programmes carry a joint certification of the implementing partner (study centre) along with the Centre for Lifelong Learning (CLL), NSOU.

#### **Mission of the Centre (NSOU-CLL):**

The Mission of the Centre is to work with learners of varied ages who would like to continue their education by taking up life skill development training/ programmes. To this end, it offers short term training programme in various trades to bridge the gap between the demand and supply of skilled workforce. The basic objectives of these programmes are to focus upon work-related needs as also self-growth and individual development. Reaching out beyond the four walls of the University, the Centre partners with civil society organisations to deliver the need based and modular training programmes at the door steps of the learners.

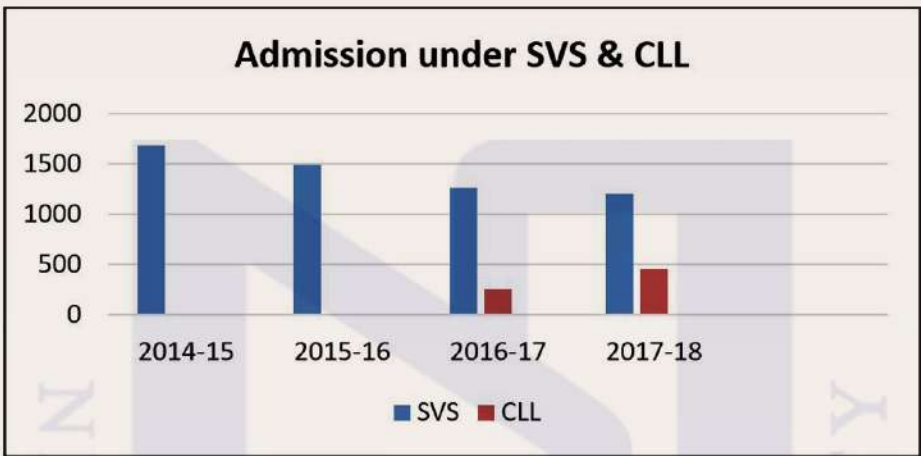
In addition to that the CLL will have the facility to provide training in other

domain/ discipline for the already trained persons engaged in various activities for advancement of knowledge and further mobility in the workplace.

The CLL started its functions with the introduction of short-term training programme w.e.f January 2017 session through the approved vocational centres all over the state.

**Growth of the School in terms of Enrolment:**

By providing good support services and academic input, the School is successful to achieve good response from the students. The admission data under the School of Vocational Studies (SVS) and Centre for Lifelong Learning (CLL) are as follows:

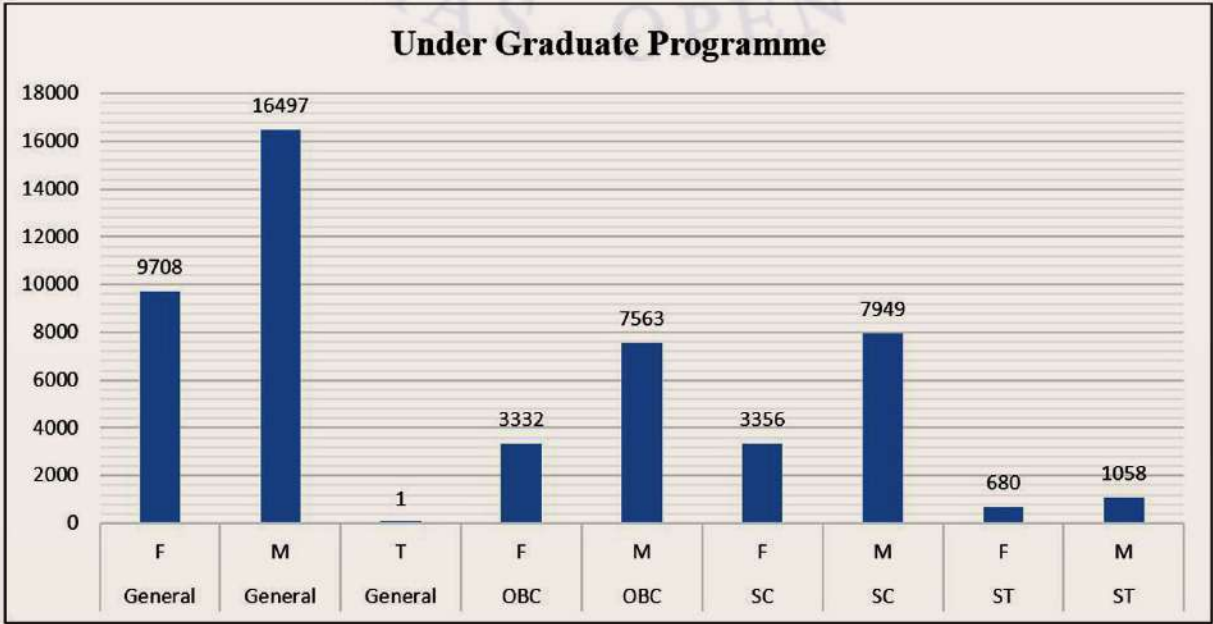
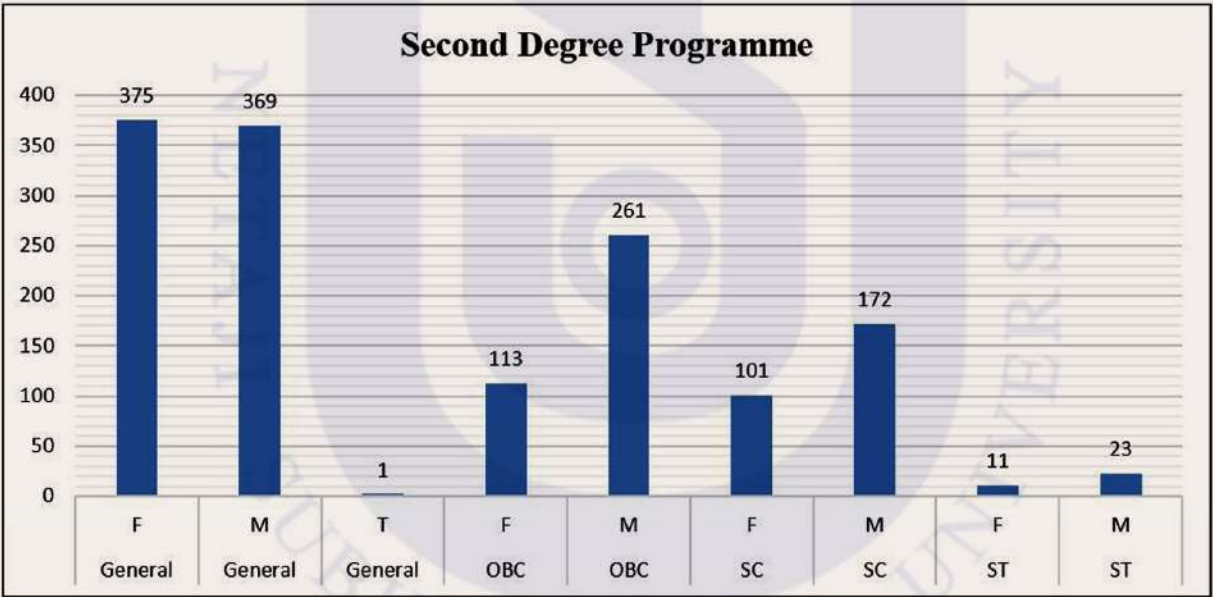
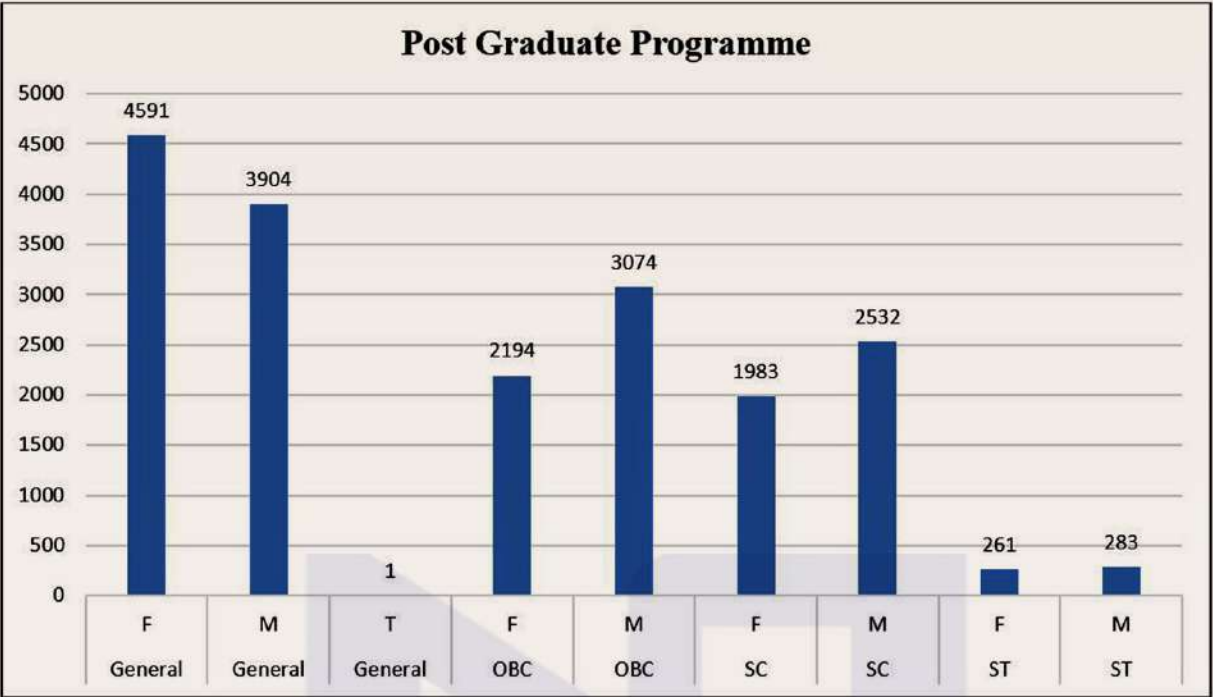


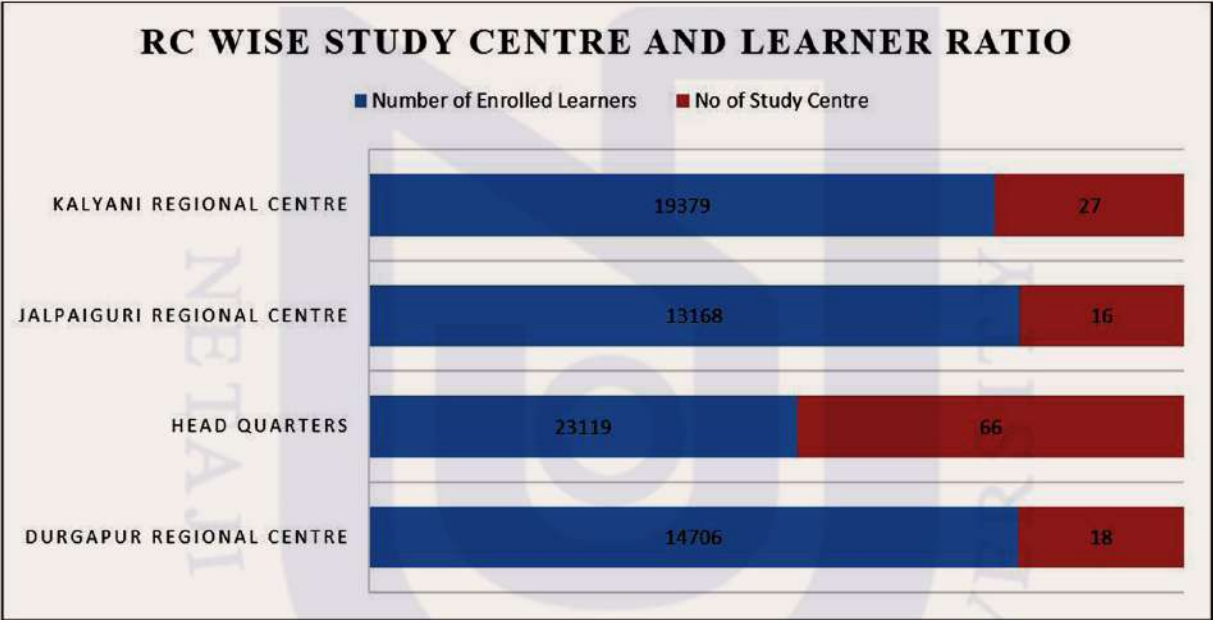
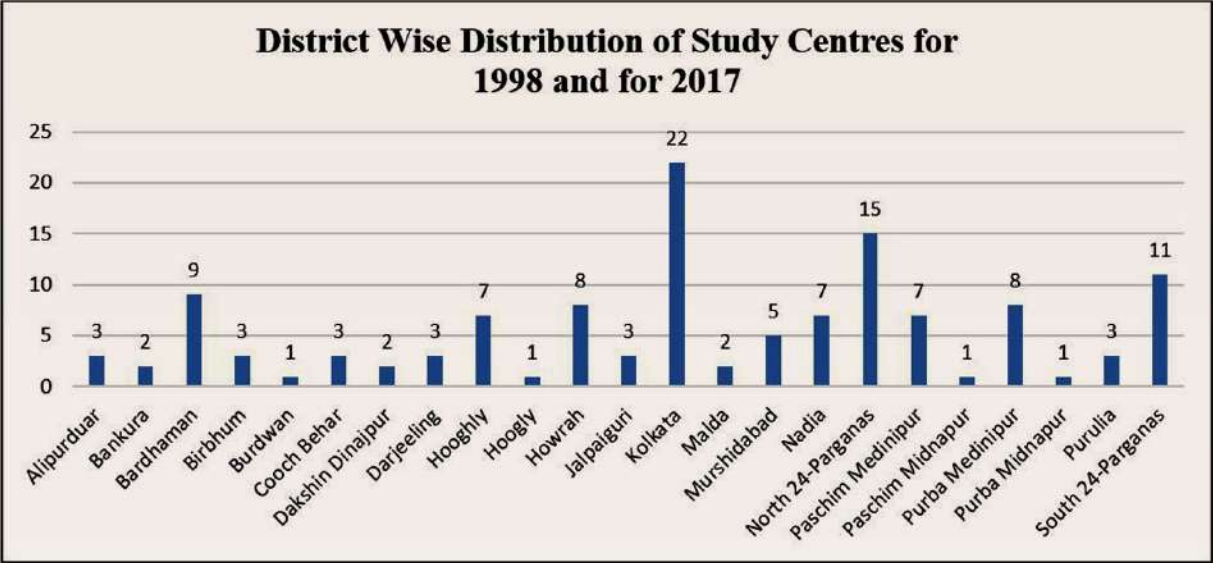
## 8. LEARNER ENROLMENT

Enrolment details of the academic year 2017-18 Region wise and Subject wise

Name of the Programme	Durgapur	Jalpaiguri	Kalyani	Headquarters	Total
B.A. in Bengali	5904	3496	5205	7244	21849
B.A. in Economics	37	13	33	46	129
B.A. in English	1010	828	1114	1665	4617
B.A. in History	1962	1406	4809	3064	11241
B.A. in Political Science	241	258	482	455	1436
B.A. in Public Administration	85	29	40	163	317
B.A. in Sociology	490	771	761	1087	3109
B.Sc. in Botany	87	33	85	104	309
B.Sc. in Chemistry	57	40	96	241	434
B.Sc. in Geography	223	210	617	715	1765
B.Sc. in Mathematics	310	135	299	507	1251
B.Sc. in Physics	86	59	111	244	500
B.Sc. in Zoology	293	196	409	886	1784
Bachelor in Commerce	165	59	206	973	1403
Bachelor of Library and Information Science	285	145	249	424	1103
B.Ed. Special Education (ODL)	23	54	38	208	323
M.A. in Bengali	853	1705	1016	1260	4834
M.A. in Education	1096	1114	1056	1412	4678
M.A. in English	398	624	388	777	2187
M.A. in English Language Teaching	19	5	23	45	92
M.A. in History	387	941	714	708	2750
M.A. in Political Science	103	240	216	182	741
M.A. in Public Administration	14	12	14	37	77
M.Sc. in Geography	--	--	--	107	107
M.Sc. in Mathematics	119	156	402	418	1095
M.Sc. in Zoology	29	--	--	86	115
Master of Commerce	31	16	63	262	372
Master of Library and Information Science	61	27	61	144	293
Master of Social Work	339	600	174	369	1482
<b>Total</b>					<b>70393</b>

# LEARNER ENROLMENT: FACTS & FIGURES





## 9. LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Library Department is situated at the Kalyani Campus where there are two stack rooms, one e-library, one office room, periodical display enclosure, small reading area with accommodation capacity of eight users, Assistant Librarian's chamber, Deputy Librarians chamber.

Library remain open for users from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. on all working days and also Saturdays and Sundays during Personal Contact Programme and Laboratory Practical Classes.

### Library collection:

Printed book collection was increased from 9882 to 12153 among them few were purchased and most of them were received from School of Humanities. Those were books on s history political science and most of them were in Bengali literature, Bengali language, English literature, English language teaching. Hard copy dissertations were also acquired from Controller Department, NSOU which were 430 in number. Bound question papers from Controller Section were also acquired in the library collection. Along with that Library Department is continuing subscription of 23 print + online journals since 2012. Library collection consists of 152 e-books from Cambridge University Press, 21 e-books of Sage Publication, 147 e-books from EBSCO on perpetual mode purchased in the year 2012. NSOU is continuing subscription of JSTOR e aggregator since 2012. NSOU is also continuing institutional membership of The British Council Kolkata since 2012. Library is continuing membership of DELNET for resource sharing.

Library has a rich collection of reference books such as dictionaries, encyclopaedias, glossaries, biographies, bibliographies, yearbooks etc.

### Library activities and services:

- Library is continuing technical processing of books such as accessioning, cataloguing, shelf listing, classifying, inserting book numbers, shelving, entering the data to KOHA software barcoding etc.
- 2952 printed books were technically processed and entered in KOHA by 31 March 2018.
- Library provided stock report of erstwhile central library collection.
- 847 footfalls in the Library during this period have been observed.
- Library is continuing learner support service through study corners.

**Table:1 Book accessioned details (School wise)**

Time duration (1st Apr-31st March)	SoH	SPS	SoSS	SoSci	Library purchase/ gift	Total
2017-18	1416	146	542	820	28	2952

**Table:2 Book processing details**

Time duration(1st Apr-31st March)	Book accessioned	Book entered in LMS(Koha)
2017-18	2952	2946

**Table:3 NSOU Study Corners for Learners support**

Sl. No.	Name of the Study Corner	Address	Contact Number	Working Day	Working Hour	Location of the Corner
1	State Central Library, Kolkata	1/17, C. I. T. Scheme, VII M, VIP Road, Ultadanga, Kolkata : 700054	(033)23550415 / 23550416	Monday to Saturday (2nd & 4th Saturday closed)	11 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Second floor reading room.
2	Kolkata Metropolitan Library, Kolkata	Kolkata Metropolitan Library, 2(no) Ballygunge Park Road, Kolkata-700019	(033)2287-2004	Monday to Saturday (2nd & 4th Saturday closed)	1 p.m. to 8 p.m.	First floor
3	Taki Govt. District Library	P.O.-Taki, Dist.: 24Pgs(N), Pin.:743429	(03127)-234482	Monday to Saturday (2nd & 4th Saturday closed)	12 noon to 7 p.m.	Beside entrance gate, at ground floor.
4	North 24 Parganas Govt. District Library	P.O.-Barasat, Dist.:24Pgs(N), Pin.:700124 (Near Kalikrishna Girls School)	(033) 2584-3297	Monday to Saturday (2nd & 4th Saturday closed)	12 noon to 7 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> floor
5	Uttar Dinajpur Govt. District Library	P.O.-Karnajora, Dist.: Uttar Dinajpur Pin.:733130	(03523)-246117	Monday to Saturday (2nd & 4th Saturday closed)	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	First floor reading room
6	Uttarpara Jaikrishna Public Library	229, G .T. Rd. Uttarpara, Hooghly, 712258	2663-8293	Monday to Saturday (2nd & 4th Saturday closed)	12 noon to 7 p. m.	Additional Block, adjacent to Children Section (ground floor)
7	North Bengal State Library	M. J. N. Road, Sagardighi Square (South-East corner), P.O. & Dist.: Cooch Behar, Pin: 736101	(03582)-223608	Monday to Friday with 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	March to October: 12:00 noon to 7 p.m November to February: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m	First floor, east corner

## 10. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Netaji Subhas Open University established in 1997 with the objective to reach the unreached in the field of education through Open Distance Learning got huge response from the community at large throughout the State of West Bengal, but the University at its infancy had very limited infrastructural facilities during the period from 20th August, 1997 to 31st March, 2013.

For developing adequate infrastructure to strengthen the academic activities of the University including the construction of building at Salt Lake, Kalyani Regional Centre, Durgapur Regional Centre and Jalpaiguri Regional Centre the Finance Department has extended all sorts of cooperation, particularly in the procurement of fund from State Government and Distance Education Bureau (DEB), a new wing of the UGC, New Delhi and due disbursement of fund in time. The State Government and DEB were also generous in their financial assistance towards development of infrastructure – both in academic and other constructional areas.

A set of guidelines for financial functions and financial rules have been enjoined in F.Y. 2012-13 effective from 5th November, 2012. These guidelines and rules are in broad conformity with those of DEB, IGNOU and GoWB.

NSOU receives financial assistance from the Higher Education Dept., GoWB towards disbursement of salary of employees and part of contingency expenses, development of infrastructure – including construction of building. A synoptic statement of such grants for the FY 2017-18 is tabulated below:

Financial Year	WB Government		CEMCA (Revenue) Rs.	Other Income (Own Source) Rs.	Expenditure	
	Revenue Rs.	Capital Rs.			Revenue Rs.	Capital Rs.
2017-18	8,03,32,373	-	58705	56,96,20,367	29,60,04,308	9,27,00,808

The total Revenue Expenses as stated above includes Rs. 8,03,32,373/- for financial year 2017-18 out of State Govt. Grant. Capital Expenditures including Construction of Building, Electricity, Water Supply for respective locations are stated below.

Durgapur Regional Centre: Rs. 1,57,65,055 /-

Jalpaiguri Regional Centre: Rs. 2,30,08,000 /-

Kalyani Regional Centre: Rs. 3,35,56,600 /-

New Town Rajarhat (Boundary Wall): Rs. 1,48,46,186 /-

Capital Expenses include cost of other assets amounting to: Rs. 55,24,967 /-

The Finance Department is in regular practice to issue computerized (a) PF Statements and (b) Salary Slips to all employees. Interest on deposit in the PF Account was received up to 31st March, 2017 and claim for interest on same fund has been submitted for the FY 2017-18 in time.

## 11. EXAMINATION DEPARTMENT

The method of evaluation of students is different in an open university. The examination department remains busy with the examination process through out the year. The assignments are distributed to the students immediately after the counselling starts through the study centres as well as through the web portal. The term end examinations are held regularly following the academic calendar. As a principle the term-end examinations are held at the study centres other than the home centre of the students. Thousands of students appeared in the term-end examinations at 65 and 35 examination centres for BDP and PG courses respectively. Such examination centres are spread all over the state of West Bengal. All the examination centres are visited by the duly constituted teams of “Observer” during the examination who submit the report in a structured format to the Controller of Examinations. The Controller takes appropriate steps to improve the examination system on the basis of such reports. The aim of the Department is to deal with the students, teachers and other stakeholders in a fair and equitable manner. All the staff of the Department are committed to constantly improving the services to all its stakeholders.

**Automation in Examination System:** The examination department prepares the “Examination Guidelines” for the i) Centre-in-Charge, ii) Coordinator and iii) Invigilators and distributes before each examination. The Department regularly meets the Coordinators and other functionaries of the study centres to acquaint them with the examination system for conducting the examination smoothly.

Every year the number of students in degree courses are increasing significantly. To handle such huge numbers, the department has introduced automation in the examination process. The system of Online Examination Form Fill-up was introduced for BDP courses in 2016-17. After successful implementation of the online system, the Online Examination Form Fill-up was introduced for PG courses in 2017-18. Since the system of online examination form fill-up has been linked with the registration data base, the possibilities in typological errors have been minimized.

On the basis of the Invigilators Report and Examiners Report, the department takes disciplinary action as per university rules against the students for adopting the “unfair means” during the examination. The students get an opportunity to present their statement in presence of the duly constituted Malpractice Enquiry Committee, NSOU who are “Reported Against”. In 2017-18, disciplinary action was taken against 1337 students for such cases.

Publication of result for academic year 2017-2018

Sl. No.	Academic Year	Course Name	Total No. of candidate Enrolled for the Exam	Total No. of Candidate Appeared for the Exam	Total No. of Successful Candidate	Total no. of Candidate appeared for certificate	Total no. of Candidate eligible for certificate
1	2017-18	BDP	176120	147713	126276	17040	15937
2	2017-18	PG	30100	23658	18606	10848	9638
3	2017-18	BLIS	1107	845	592	828	592

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