

Report of Induction Meet at APC College Support Centre (C-07) held on 28th May, 2022

As per recommendation of Director, CIQA vide notesheet dated 28/03/2022 and approved by competent authority; Regional Director, Kalyani organized the said induction meeting and Inspection with the following team members:

NSOU Team Members:

1. Dr. Premananda Jana, Director, Regional Centre, Kalyani

2. Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhury, Assistant Professor, DLIS, School of Professional Studies
 3. Sri Gourav Barua, Assistant Registrar
 Date & Day of Inspection: 28th May, 2022 (Saturday)
 Time: 11:00 AM
 Name of the LSC with Code: APC College Support Centre, C-07

The NSOU Team had a detailed discussion with the coordinator and other officials of the LSC in the chamber of the coordinator and also visited the classroom, infrastructures allotted to run the centre. The following points were observed to be noted:

i) The Coordinator informed that learners' are demanding for SLMs in Bengali version.

- ii) The coordinator suggested to send a copy of admit card to LSC for smooth functioning.
- iii) There was a separate notice board for NSOU students in front of the office room of the study centre.
- vi) Attendance of the learners for the PCPs is well-maintained (subject and year-wise).
- v) SLMs were not arranged properly due to lack of sufficient furniture.
- vi) On the APC College website, separate NSOU-TAB and web link with the University website were not available.
 Principal entrusted that separate link for NSOU support centre will be displayed at their college website as soon as possible.

After the discussion, the team met with the enrolled learners' and induction meetings were performed by the University officials in presence of Dr. Saktibrata Bhowmik, Principal; and Dr. Chaitali Bhattacharyya, Coordinator and other counsellors of the study centre. Number of learners attended the program is more than 100.

The Principal offered a very warm welcome to newly admitted learners, faculty members and officers of the University. He thanked the learners for choosing NSOU to enhance their educational achievements. He said the NSOU provides opportunities for enhancing educational levels for those who have not been permitted to take admission in the conventional system due to long gap after achieving certain educational standard from the conventional system, and those who due to some reasons could not continue their studies despite their eagerness of learning. He also encouraged the students by assuring them to provide academic facilities as much as possible.

Dr. Premananda Jana, Director, Kalyani Regional Centre addressed the audience next. He first extended a warm welcome to the newly admitted learners on behalf of the University. He also delivered a greeting for the silver jubilee year of the University and also about the achievement of NAAC accreditation with Grade A, and which reflects the quality of teaching learning standards of NSOU. He spoke impressively about Open Learning, where and how NSOU as an institution was different from other such lesser parallels. He gave an overall view about the various levels of programs that NSOU conducts and clarified the all-important issue of equivalence of degrees attained through NSOU. He informed about the post-admission duties of the learners, emphasizing the importance of self-study through controlled guidance with counsellors. He also informs about the library facility and "Learner's Facilitation Centre" available at RC, Kalyani and also suggested the learners' to visit University website regularly. Lastly, he advised the learners to put their problems and suggestions through feedback sincerely.

Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhury, Assistant Professor, DLIS, NSOU spoke about the flexibility, advantages of the Open mode of education and explains the UG-CBCS structure as well as distribution of courses over the six semesters in detail and the internal assessment process as well as TEE. He discusses the whole process (entry to exit) to complete the course under the ODL mode of the NSOU. He also spoke about the learner's support system and various facilities given by the University, especially the ICT support system.

Sri Gourav Barua, Assistant Registrar, NSOU, next shared his experiences as a successful alumnus of this University and encouraged the learners about the scope for better future with the ODL system in a lucid manner.

An open discussion/interaction with the learners took place and the learners raised the following questions:

- ➢ Non-availability of SLMs in time,
- > Requirement of SLMs under CBCS curriculum in Bengali version.

All these queries were adequately addressed by the members of the NSOU team. Finally, an **interactive discussion took place in presence of 12 counsellors**. The suggestions come up are as follows:

- > Requested to start PCP at their LSC and to involve counsellors for classes,
- > Duration of classes may be increased,
- > Requirement of training cum workshop for counsellors,
- Suggested for offline classes and examinations,
- > Involvement of counsellors in the process of Term End and Assignments examinations.



The program was ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Chaitali Bhattacharyya, Coordinator. The meeting concluded on a positive note.

<u>Sd-</u> Dr. Premananda Jana Director, Regional Centre, Kalyani, NSOU