

Brief Report on Community Outreach Programme on Disability Issues & Rehabilitation,
16th Oct, 2019

Centre for Disability Studies and Educational Research (CDSER), under the aegis of School of Education, Netaji Subhas Open University has conducted a one-day Community Outreach Programme on 'Disability Issues & Rehabilitation' on 16th Oct, 2019 at Jalpaiguri District Library with the help of National Council of Unaided School Organization.

The programme began at 11 A.M.

Inaugural and Welcome address was delivered by Dr. Atindranath Dey, Director, School of Education, Netaji Subhas Open University & Coordinator, CDSER. Mr. Ujjal Das, Secretary, Jalpaiguri Sports Authority was present as Chief Guest on the occasion. Presidential address was presented by Mr. Nirmal Kumar Roy, Secretary, National Council of Unaided School Organization, West Bengal.

From 11-30am Technical Session began

Three experts from the field of Special Education namely, Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi, Coordinator, B.Ed. SoE, NSOU, Ms. Swapna Deb, Faculty Consultant, SoE, NSOU and Mr. Prabir Naskar, Asst. Prof. Spl. Education SoE, NSOU deliberated upon their areas of presentation. They delivered on the topics: "Concept of Disability (Dibyanga) and RPWD Act 2016", "Causes and Prevention of Disability (Dibyanga)", and "Early Intervention, Screening Tools and Referral Services for Persons with Disability". All the presentations were interactive and informative. Participants were very much engrossed during the sessions.

Total 149 (one hundred & forty-nine) participants were present in the programme. All were Pre-Primary, Primary School Teachers and Awangwadi employees from North Bengal districts like Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Cochbehara and Alipurduar.

At the closing, participants received participation certificate. However, they insisted for steering such program in this part of Bengal in the near future, so that they will be aware of such issues and handle these state of affairs more professionally. The programme clinched after the concluding speech delivered by Dr. Atindranath Dey, Director, SoE, NSOU & Coordinator, CDSER.