



Report of the Orientation Programme conducted by School of Humanities at Jalpaiguri Regional Centre on 29 April, 2022.

The School of Humanities organised an Orientation Programme for UG and PG level counsellors and content writers of Bengali and English at NSOU Regional Campus, Jalpaiguri on Friday, 29th April, 2022.

At the said programme, the 'Inaugural Address' was delivered by Professor Manan Kumar Mandal, Director, School of Humanities. In his address, Professor Mandal deliberated upon the need for convergence of resources between ODL and conventional modes in order to achieve best levels of desired outcomes in the spread of higher education in the state. The session was also attended by Dr Srideep Mukherjee, Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of English, NSOU; and Sri Santanu Dam, Regional Director, Jalpaiguri RC. Both faculty members from NSOU apprised participants of new and upcoming methodologies of e-learning that NSOU has taken up in all seriousness, to augment existing modes of instruction. There were a total of **28 participants from 10 LSC's** spread across the districts of Jalpaiguri, Coochbehar, and Darjeeling districts. This included **18 faculty members from the discipline of Bengali**, and **10 faculty members from the discipline of English**, from Colleges in the aforementioned districts. All participants praised the effort as a worthwhile one in a situation where post-pandemic activities were just about resuming.

In the second session, separate orientation workshops were held with counsellors/ content writers of Bengali and English; with Professor Manan Kumar Mandal and Dr Srideep Mukherjee as the respective resource persons. While counsellors were given intensive training regarding academic delivery at PCP's under the CBCS mode, content writers were engaged in team-wise activity related to SLM development in view of extant UGC-ODL guidelines and resolutions made by CIQA, NSOU.

Both participants and resource persons have expressed satisfaction with the way deliberations have been held. The outcomes of such an interaction are hoped to be palpable in the functioning of the disciplines of Bengali and English at LSC's.

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