

## NSOU Durgapur Regional Centre One-day Workshop of Training Counsellors

### A Report

A One-day Workshop of Training the potential Counsellors , was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at NSOU Durgapur Regional Centre. The workshop started with the Inaugural function graced by Prof. Manan Kumar Mandal, Director, School of Humanities, NSOU, Prof. Sharmistha Chatterjee, Professor in ELT , Shri Prasenjit Bhattacharya , Deputy Director , Durgapur Regional Centre and Dr. Sumana Bandopadhyay , Assistant Professor in ELT and Shri Arijit Ghosh, Assistant Professor in JMC as convenors.



Shri Arijit Ghosh had the responsibility of compering the programme.

The programme started with Welcome address by Prof. Manan Kumar Mandal. The speaker highlighted the importance of ELT and JMC as academic disciplines. Prof. Mandal emphasised the importance of creating an appropriate learning environment focusing on building a pool of Counsellors so that the students enrolled in study centres, under Durgapur Regional Centre can be benefited.



Prof. Sharmistha Chatterjee gave an overview of the Curriculum and mentioned that the workshop aimed to maximise the potential of the participants. The speaker familiarised the participants with the concept of PCP (Personal Contact Programme) and emphasised that academic counselling is an integral part of Learner support services offered by NSOU. She further addressed that the academic disciplines English Language Teaching and Journalism and Mass Communication aimed to maximise the learners' potential skills so that they can communicate with larger audiences.



Shri Prasenjit Bhattacharya expressed his joy for being able to extend his wholehearted support for conducting the workshop. The speaker was happy to mention that this kind of programme will be eyeopener for all participants. The Inaugural session ended with Vote of Thanks delivered by Smt Anindita Sarkar, Assistant Professor in ELT.



Resource Person Dr. Sumana Bandopadhyay provided detailed insight into the Syllabus and the Assessment Grading system using a PPT. Dr. Bandopadhyay elaborated the objectives of the PGELT( Post Graduate in English Language Teaching) Course and emphasised the importance of ensuring a balance between theory and practice. The speaker further stressed that English Language Teaching aimed to develop teaching competence amongst Learners. The session ended with clarification of the participants' doubts.



The attending participants were asked to note down their preferred academic areas for purpose of Counselling express their choice of Study Centres under Durgapur RC. The participants were also provided with sample SLMs ( Self Learning Materials) to understand the syllabus better. The participants provided their feedback and the workshop closed with definite hints of the participants being genuinely interested in providing their expertise to bring the PCPs of ELT and JMC closer to the homes of enrolled learners under Durgapur RC. The workshop ended with Valedictory graced by Prof. Manan Kumar Mandal, Director, School of Humanities. Certificates were distributed to the participants.

