

**National Level workshop on Capacity Building for Teachers of ODL Institutes  
Organized by School of Professional Studies  
3-4 September 2015**

A 2 days workshop was held in the above subject from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Sep 2015.

The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Officer-in-Charge, School of Professional Studies, NSOU.

The workshop started with welcome address by Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Workshop Coordinator. Inaugural address was delivered by Professor Anuradha Lohia, Vice Chancellor of Presidency University. The speaker emphasized that ODL is the mode for inclusion of all in Higher Education and also to improve the quality of delivery and giving the learners a great sense of autonomy and learning responsibility.

Chief Guest- Prof. Achin Chakraborty, Director, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata discussed how distance education can support and improve expectations in higher education.

Keynote address was delivered by Professor V.S Prasad, former Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council of India (NAAC) and former Vice Chancellor of Dr. B. Ambedkar Open University. He deliberated on the importance of the topic in the present context.

Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar, in his presidential address shared his experience in ODL and explained the requirement of ODL as an important modern tool for all comprehensive and inclusive education.

On this occasion, two edited volume (Ed. Smt. Anamika Das & Smt. Kasturi Sinha Ghosh) were also released by the dignitaries.



Vote of thanks was delivered by Sm. Anamika Das, Asst. Professor of Library Science.

Four Technical Sessions were scheduled over the two days where eminent speakers presented papers on the subject of workshop. The discussions were held in areas such as ODL as an instrument for promoting social justice, empowerment and development of societies, importance of ODL in inclusive education, use of ODL in human capacity building, a case study on position of ODL in West Bengal, role of teachers in the digital era- the need for ICT and technical orientation etc.