



NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY

School of Vocational Studies

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Report of the Outreach Programme

Venue: Joygopalpur Gram Vikash Kendra, Basanti, 24Parganas (S)

Event date: 30th April 2023 at 12.00noon

Resource Person: Professor Anirban Ghosh, Director (i/c), SVS
Dr. Shyamal Majumdar, Former Head of UNESCO-UNEVOC,
International Centre for TVET

Members of the Study Centre (Learners Support Centre) present:
Secretary/ Coordinator, President and faculties attached to the LSC.
Participants: 110 villagers/ learners were present.

Objectives:

- Orienting and sensitizing the newly admitted students of 2022-23 Academic year
- To create awareness of the ODL system among them
- To sensitize the vocational and skill development programme.

Jougopalpur Gram Vikash Kendra is one of the vocational centres of the university under the School of Vocational Studies situated in the district of South 24Parganas. It offers two skill development courses viz. Organic Agriculture and automobile repairing. The coordinator informed that about 42 students have taken admitted in these courses in 2022-23 session. The programmes started with the inaugural song and dance by the school children of the institution. In the welcome address, Shri Biswajit Mohakur explained the importance of such a programme and also informed that the organization has been given the responsibility to carry out a project on implementation of the training under the Project Developing a “Pilot Sustainable model Village using Skill as a driver in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (Organic Grower)” from Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA). The project was also inaugurated on this occasion.



Dr. Shyamal Majumdar, Former Head of UNESCO-UNEVOC, International Centre for TVET in his inaugural address highlighted the key areas of the project and project outcome. He

stressed upon to develop a model village which may be an example for other villages. According to him, the Sustainable model village should be self-dependent and self-reliant in every aspect like agriculture, aquaculture etc. If the people are skilled and empowered the standard of living will automatically improved. He also told that under this pilot project two areas have been identified to improve the skills and productivity of organic worker and aqua workers. They will be trained and skilled with the recent development in the respective area.

Professor A. Ghosh in his address discussed the importance of vocational training in the present context. The students can pursue their UG/ PG courses but during their course of study they may take a training in a particular domain/ area to make them employable. The value added courses are appropriate for the graduates who are entering the job market for the first time. Dr. Ghosh stressed upon the skill development courses which include hand-on training. This hands-on training makes a person more employable. He requested the local people to come forward and take the available facilities at the Centre by which they can enhance their skills and competency. He also highlighted the ICT services which are provided to the enrolled students through LMS and Mobile App. The students were advised to learn and gain the domain knowledge in their respective subject so that they can contribute to the societal development as well to their family through an appropriate engagement in economic activity. The students may take the benefits of flexibility in terms of age, eligibility, duration of the course of open and distance learning system to enhance not only their qualification but also their values and ethics in every day life.



In the Q/A session, the students raised various issues relating to their studies which were suitably addressed by the members present in the meeting.

The President of the organization proposed the formal vote of thanks and closed the event.

---Report prepared by Dr. A. Ghosh