



*School of Vocational Studies*

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## **Outreach Programme at Annapurna Society for Urban and Rural Community Development, Bolpur, Birbhum on 13th August 2023 REPORT**

**No. of Participants:** 27 students (January 2023 & July 2023 batch)

**University personnel:** Professor Anirban Ghosh, Director, SVS

Dr. Premananda Jana, Director, Kalyani RC

Shri Prosenjit Bhattacharya, Dy. Director, Durgapur RC

Shri Monojit Garai, Asst. Professor, SW, NSOU

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Sukumar Pal, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Visva-Bharati

Sri Deb Kumar Kar, Retd. Senior Field Organizer, Visva-Bharati

**Officials from the LSC:** Secretary, President and other staff

The School of Vocational Study (SVS) of Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata organized an outreach programme at Annapurna Society for Urban and Rural Community Development, Bolpur Birbhum for the students of Advance Diploma in Psychological Counselling (ADPC). The programme started with a felicitation by the students and a welcome song. The Guests helped the president of the society in lighting the lamp.

**Sri Sudhin Kr. Saha**, Secretary and Coordinator, Annapurna Society for Urban and Rural Community Development delivered his welcome address by giving a brief introduction about the organization. He appreciated the efforts made by the members of the society for getting the approval of the course. Sri Saha conveyed his sincere thanks to the university authority for opening the course at their centre. They are also planning to run few more courses based on the local demands. He expressed that the students of APDC are very happy to join the course.



**Sri Goutam Chatterjee**, President of the Society, in his inaugural address, said that the members of the society made so much effort for conducting various activities in the local areas for a good social cause. Subsequently, the approval of the course made the organization more accountable. The students of ADPC learn counselling through this course and they are so much benefited from joining the course.

**Sri Prosenjit Bhattacharya**, Special Guest, Dy. Director, Durgapur RC, Netaji Subhas Open University, in his special address said that the society is very new in terms of running courses under SVS. The society is now running the second batch of ADPC and the number of students is very

encouraging. So, there is demand for this course in this local area. The counseling is the demand of the present situation. So, the course will be a fruitful one for the students.

**Dr. Premananda Jana**, Special Guest, Director, Kalyani RC, Netaji Subhas Open University, in his special address expressed his good feeling for visiting the Study Centre of SVS in the place of peace of Sri Rabindranath Tagore. i.e Santiniketan. Dr. P. Jana briefly discussed about the importance of vocational courses in line with the NEP 2020.

**Sri Debkumar Kar**, Guest of Honour, Retd. Senior Field Organizer, Visva-Bharati, in his address emphasized the importance of counselling in our life. The course will help the students a lot in their professional practice. He always encouraged and motivated the students for add on courses will give advantages and preference in competition market.

**Dr. Sukumar Pal**, Guest of Honour, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Visva-Bharati expressed his happiness to be associated with the university for this course. He assured that all possible support will be extended by him to make the programme a success. NEP 2020 is also emphasized by him in the short term vocational and job oriented course.



**Sri Monojit Garai**, Special Guest, Assistant Professor of Social Work, NSOU spoke about the importance of such kind of vocational course which will be helpful in enhancing the skill of employability and self-employment. The role of the counsellor not only to provide services to the clients but also in a broader sense they have the role to build a society and nation where the people will be free from psychological disorders.

**Prof Anirban Ghosh**, Director (i/c), SVS in his presidential address highlighted the important of such courses based on psychological counselling. He was very happy to see the students participation in the programme. Prof. Ghosh extended his support to the centre to run the course.

The programme came to an end by the vote of thanks delivered by one of the staff of the society and lastly a closing song was beautifully sung by students of the centre.

--Report prepared by Shri M. Garai