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‘Brain-Storming Session on the proposed new UG syllabus by UGC & WBSCHE’

Venue: Board Room, HQ, NSOU at DD-26, Salt Lake, Kolkata

Date: 6th March, 2017 **Time:** 2 P.M.

Programme:

- ✓ **Welcome Address & Introduction of the Theme:** *Prof. Kajal De, Director, School of Sciences, NSOU*
- ✓ **Address by the Chief Guest:** *Prof. Amitava Raychoudhuri, Sir Tarak Nath Palit Professor of Physics, Calcutta University and Formerly Director, Harish-Chandra Research Institute, Allahabad*
- ✓ **Address by the Guest of Honor:** *Prof. Sadhan Chakraborty, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Kazi Nazrul University*
- ✓ **Presidential Address:** *Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, NSOU*
- ✓ **Interactive Session with NSOU family**

Subject experts:

Prof. Sudeshna Banerjee, JU (Mathematics)

Prof. Debasis Das, CU (Chemistry)

Prof. L. Sivaramakrishnan, JU (Geography)

- ✓ **Concluding Remarks:** *Prof. N.D. Paria, Professor of Botany, NSOU*
- ✓ **Vote of Thanks:** *Dr. Sintu Ganai, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, NSOU*
- ✓ **High Tea**



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Report of the "Brain-Storming Session on the proposed new UG syllabi by UGC & WBSCHE".

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Members present:

1. Prof. S.S.Sarkar, Vice Chancellor, NSOU (Chairman)
2. Prof. Amitava Raychoudhuri, Palit Professor of Physics, University of Calcutta
3. Prof. S. Chakraborty, Vice Chancellor, Kazi Nazrul University
4. Prof. Sudeshna Banerjee, Professor of Mathematics, Jadavpur University
5. Prof. Debashis Das, Professor, Dept. of Pure Chemistry, C.U.
6. Prof. Kajal De, Director, School of Sciences, NSOU
7. Dr. Chandan Basu, O/C, School of Social Sciences, NSOU
8. Dr. M.K.Mondal, O/C, School of Humanities, NSOU
9. Dr. Anirban Ghosh, O/C, School of Professional Studies, NSOU
10. Smt. Rokeya Roy, CoE (acting), NSOU
11. Smt. Sudeshna Chatterjee, Dy. Registrar (academic), NSOU
12. Dr. S.Mitra, Asso.Prof. of Commerce, KNU
13. Dr. B.K.Mondal, Asst.Prof. of Geography, NSOU
14. Dr. Sintu Ganai, Asst. Prof. of Chemistry, NSOU

At the outset Prof. Kajal De, Director, School of Sciences, NSOU accorded hearty welcome to the invited dignitaries and guests and introduced them in befitting manner. She explained the need and importance of holding this UGC-DEB sponsored **Brain-Storming Session**. She pointed out the general outline of the directives regarding UG syllabi under choice-based credit system (CBCS) as proposed by University Grants Commission (UGC) and circulation of the syllabi of 12 science subjects by the West Bengal State Council of Higher Education (WBSCHE) to the State Universities.

Prof. Amitava Raychoudhuri, the Chief Guest, and Sir Tarak Nath Palit Professor of Physics, Calcutta University first of all enquired about the ODL system and existing teaching-learning pattern of NSOU. Prof. S.S.Sarkar, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NSOU provided some feedback in this regard.

Prof. Raychoudhuri, made some critical analysis on the proposed syllabi of UGC under CBCS. He expressed his idea that there will be radical change in the NSOU system of teaching-learning



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pattern which is difficult to follow and implement as desired by UGC. Further, he gave stress on the credit transfer, course pattern and contents, core and elective subjects in Hons. subjects.

Prof. Sarkar was interactive throughout the session with all the dignitaries and speakers. He vividly highlighted the aims and objectives of CBCS as proposed by UGC. In this regard, he mentioned the role of NSOU at this juncture of introduction of UGC-CBCS undergraduate courses. Prof. Sarkar stressed on some pertinent points of ODL system as followed in NSOU and IGNOU in which Study Centres and their infrastructures, student enrolment, man power, etc. are directly involved. These aspects should be explored and surveyed for ventilating the possibility of implementation of CBCS programme in the study centres either in existing situation or if there be any probability in near future.

Prof. Sadhan Chakraborty, Vice Chancellor, Kazi Nazrul University (KNU) expressed his views regarding the introduction of UGC-CBCS course pattern in his University. He added that they have got 16 PG Departments and introduced the new proposal of CBCS in 2016-17 for some UG colleges at KNU. The system has been accepted by the students, teachers as well as the parents. Prof. Chakraborty agreed that there is pressure for the students, but they are enjoying the course with regularity in attendance and continuous assessment. However, both Prof. Chakraborty, and his faculty member of Commerce, Dr. S.Mitra admitted the shortcomings and difficulties following this CBCS course pattern.

Prof. Sudeshna Banerjee, Jadavpur University, shared her ideas and experience in line with Mathematics in respect of CBCS. She also pointed out some limitations for introduction of this UGC proposal. Dr. Debasis Das, Calcutta University expressed his views CBCS in context of Chemistry.

Smt. Rokeya Roy, Controller of Examinations, raised some questions regarding credit and marks problem in terms of classes taken which were clarified by Prof. Raychoudhury.

Dr. Chandan Basu, Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Dr. Sudeshna Banerjee actively participated in the session and got clarified some of their queries from the experts.

Prof. De intervened during discussion on various pertinent issues related to BDP of NSOU and their relevance with CBCS as proposed by UGC.

Prof. N.D.Paria, made some concluding remarks. He commented that revision and updating of syllabi at regular interval is mandatory as per UGC guide lines. Such revision is always welcome in the interest of advanced level teaching-learning. But the implementation of UGC-CBCS in undergraduate courses has got several limitations and constraints. Like all other Open Universities, NSOU is dependent on Study Centres in different Colleges under different Universities of the State of West Bengal for teaching-learning system. Naturally, this is essential to build up academic cooperations between colleges, universities and NSOU for speedy implementation of the new proposal of UGC-CBCS as far as practicable.

The session ended with a warm vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Sintu Ganai.