

**Report on Workshop on ‘In Search of a New Paradigm of Laboratory Counseling
in Open and Distance Education’ on 24 September, 2014**

A Workshop on ‘*In Search of a New Paradigm of Laboratory Counseling in Open and Distance Education*’ was held on 24th September, 2014 in Board room of NSOU Head quarters. The purpose of this workshop was to discuss about the new scenario and the possibilities of improvement for Laboratory Counseling in distance mode of teaching. The formal process of the workshop started in the morning with the registration of participants for this Workshop. The program started with the welcome address by Prof. Kajal De, Director, School of Sciences. In her speech Prof. De explained briefly the importance of this workshop and also detailed the then situation of Laboratory Counseling in different science subjects for UG and PG courses in NSOU. Then Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, Kota addressed the participants. In his inaugural address Prof. Pathak presented a detailed scenario of Laboratory Counseling process in Open and Distance Learning in different Universities in India. He also gave some valuable suggestions to improve the Laboratory Counseling process. After that Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Netaji Subas Open University in his presidential Address discussed about the importance and the new Paradigm of Laboratory Counseling in ODL mode of education. He also assured to give full support to School of Sciences in their Laboratory Counseling programs. At last the programs concluded by Prof. Kajal De, Director, School of Sciences with the nice words explaining the outcome of this workshop and thanked all the dignitaries, delegates and participants.