



## UGC-DEB funded One-day National Seminar [Blended Mode]

On

Innovation Ecosystem: Nurturing Talent from Campus to Corporation

Organized by

Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), NSOU

### **PROGRAM REPORT**

**Date & Venue:** 13 August, Board Room, NSOU HQs.

**Mode of Seminar:** Blended.

**Participants:** Approximately 40 individuals participated in the seminar, including faculty members, officers, scholars, alumni, and learners from NSOU and various other institutions.

**Perspective of the Seminar:** The one-day national seminar on "Innovation Ecosystem: Nurturing Talent from Campus to Corporation" offered a compelling and multifaceted exploration of the processes, challenges, and opportunities involved in cultivating innovative talent from educational institutions to corporate settings. This event served as a crucial platform for academia, industry professionals, policymakers, and students to converge, share insights, and strategize on bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical innovation. The seminar commenced with an emphasis on the growing importance of fostering an innovation ecosystem that seamlessly integrates academic institutions and corporations. With rapid technological advancements and an increasingly competitive global market, there is a pressing need to cultivate talent that is not only technically proficient but also capable of thinking creatively and solving complex problems. The keynote speakers highlighted the role of universities as breeding grounds for innovative ideas and underscored the necessity for a robust support system to translate these ideas into market-ready solutions.

**Registration:** The registration period was scheduled from 10:30 AM to 10:55 AM. Participants attending in person registered themselves physically, while those joining online secured their participation by logging into the Zoom platform provided by the seminar's organizing team.

**Beginning of the Program:** **Dr. Puspal Mukherjee**, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at NSOU and Co-convenor of the seminar committee started the session. The program started through felicitation of the esteemed speakers **Dr. Pradosh Nath**, Former Chief Scientist, CSIR-NISTADS Director, Centre for Knowledge Ideas and Development Studies (KnIDS), and **Prof. Sharmishtha Banerjee**, Dept. of Management, University of Calcutta.

**Welcome Address:** The welcome address was delivered by **Dr. Srideep Mukherjee**, Officer-in-Charge of the School of Humanities, Head of the Department of English, and Convenor of the Innovation and Incubation Cell (IIC) at NSOU. In his speech, Dr. Mukherjee emphasized the importance and objectives of the seminar, highlighting the critical role of nurturing talent from educational institutions to corporate settings. He eloquently welcomed

the esteemed speakers, respected chairpersons, colleagues, and participants, expressing his heartfelt gratitude for their presence and involvement in this significant event. Dr. Mukherjee's address set the tone for the seminar, underscoring the collective effort needed to build a robust innovation ecosystem that benefits both academia and industry.



**The Lecture Session:** The seminar's lecture session was moderated by **Dr. Soumen Nandi**, Associate Prof. of Computer Science & Vice-President- IIC, NSOU.

**Lecture I:** The 1<sup>st</sup> lecture of the seminar was given by **Dr. Pradosh Nath**, Former Chief Scientist, CSIR-NISTADS, Director, Centre for Knowledge Ideas and Development Studies (KnIDS). Dr. Nath, in his lecture on "Making Innovation Happen: Quest for Untapped Talent," emphasized the importance of fostering innovation by leveraging human resources and knowledge, particularly within universities. He advocated for shifting from price to technology competition, enhancing product quality, adopting long-term strategies, and moving from local to global perspectives. He introduced the Innovation Circle (IC) as a core method for cultivating creativity within the Enterprise System of Innovation (ESI). Dr. Nath stressed that a nation becomes innovation-active through the interaction of production, R&D, education, support systems, and government policy, forming a National System of Innovation (NSI), and recommended a therapeutic alliance to oversee these initiatives.



**Lecture II:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> lecture was given by the eminent speaker **Prof. Sharmishtha Banerjee**, Dept. of Management, University of Calcutta. Prof. Banerjee presented an innovation ecosystem model emphasizing the importance of collaboration across sectors to nurture innovation from campus to corporate. She stressed that enabling the environment requires cultural, regulatory, and market support, with key resources like social and human capital, financial resources, and infrastructure. Through case studies, she highlighted the vital role of universities in fostering innovation, emphasizing that entrepreneurship and practical application are crucial. Believing that innovation resides in the human mind, she asserted that the next generation is a powerhouse of innovation, and universities are essential in nurturing this potential. She advocates for developing curricula with industry input, including practical training, internships, live projects, and industry-sponsored competitions, to enhance students' real-world skills and career readiness.



**Presidential Address:** The presidential address was given by **Professor Anirban Ghosh**, Director-CIQA, NSOU & President, IIC. Prof. Ghosh extended his deepest gratitude to **Dr. Nath** and **Prof. Banerjee** for their invaluable contributions, emphasizing the need to reaffirm the commitment to a robust innovation ecosystem by fostering dynamic academia-industry collaboration, supporting practical learning, and encouraging global perspectives to harness collective knowledge and transform society.



**Vote of Thanks:** **Dr. Papiya Upadhyay**, Assistant Professor of Education at NSOU and Convener of the National Seminar, expressed heartfelt thanks to **Dr. Nath** and **Prof. Banerjee** for their resounding lecture presentations. She also extended gratitude to Chief Patron **Professor Indrajit Lahiri**, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of NSOU, Patron **Smt. Ananya Mitra**, Registrar (Add'l Charge) of NSOU, President **Professor Anirban Ghosh**, President-IIC, Co-Convener **Dr. Puspal Mukherjee**, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Member of IIC, and all seminar committee members, concluding with thanks to all participants for their active attendance and engagement. A feedback link was posted in the chat box of the Zoom. Upon submission of responses through feedback form, E-certificate of participation were provided to all the active participants. The seminar clinched a successful closure.



--Report prepared by the Convener  
National Seminar Committee

## **Programme Schedule**

**Date – 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**

**Venue - Board Room, NSOU HQs**

**Zoom Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86317142513>**

10:30 AM – 10:55AM	Registration & joining
11.00 am: The Beginning	Felicitation of the speakers
11.05am: Welcome Address	Dr. Srideep Mukherjee, Officer-in-Charge, School of Humanities, Head, Dept. of English and Convener, IIC, NSOU
Moderator: Dr. Soumen Nandi, Associate Prof. of Computer Science & Vice-President- IIC, NSOU	
11.15 am: Lecture 1	Dr. Pradosh Nath, Former Chief Scientist, CSIR-NISTADS Director, Centre for Knowledge Ideas and Development Studies (KnIDS)
12:00 pm: Lecture II	Prof. Sharmishtha Banerjee, Dept. of Management University of Calcutta
2.45 pm: Presidential Address	Professor Anirban Ghosh, Director-CIQA, NSOU & President, IIC
2.55 pm: Vote of Thanks	Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, Asst. Prof. of Education, NSOU; Member, IIC & Convener, National Seminar
Comperre: Dr. Puspall Mukherjee, Asst. Prof. of Chemistry, Member, IIC & Co-Convener, National Seminar	

## **Seminar Organising Committee**

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