



Report of Induction Meet at Barasat Govt. College Support Centre (D-02) held on 21st May, 2022

As per recommendation of Director, CIQA vide notesheet dated 28/03/2022 and approved by competent authority; Regional Director, Kalyani organized the said induction meeting and Inspection with the following team members:

NSOU Team Members:

1. Dr. Premananda Jana, Director, Regional Centre, Kalyani
2. Dr. Manoj Kumar Halder, Assistant Professor, School of Social Sciences
3. Smt. Ananya Roy Chowdhury, Deputy Registrar (Admin)

Date & Day of Inspection: 21st May, 2022 (Saturday)

Time: 11:00 AM

Name of the LSC with Code: Barasat Govt. College Support Centre, **D-02**

The NSOU Team had a detailed discussion with the Principal, Coordinator and other officials of the LSC in the chamber of the Principal and also visited the classroom, infrastructures allotted to run the centre. The following points were observed to be noted:

- i) The Coordinator informed that some SLMs of PG first year is due till date and requested the University authority to send the SLM as soon as possible.
- ii) The coordinator also informed that the list of names of eligible counsellors were sent to the Director, Study Centre for approval and inclusion in the PCP schedule of respective subjects. He also reported that the present norms for the counsellor's appointment are not explicit regarding SACT-II.
- iii) There was a separate notice board for NSOU students in front of the office room of the centre.
- iv) On the Barasat Government College website, a web link and a tab appear prominently regarding Netaji Subhas Open University.
- v) The counselling schedules (UG & PG) are displayed on the LSCs notice board.
- vi) The BDP/UG counselling schedules are available, but the date (specifically the year) is not mentioned. In the counselling schedule, the name of the counsellors is in short form.
- vii) Attendance of the learners for the PCPs is well-maintained (subject-wise and year-wise).

After the discussion, the team met with the enrolled learners' and induction meetings were performed by the University officials in presence of Dr. Samar Chattopadhyay, Principal; and Dr. Chandan Surabhi Das, Coordinator and other counsellors of the centre. **Number of learners attended the program is more than 70.**

The Principal offered a very warm welcome to newly admitted learners, faculty members and officers of the University. He thanked the learners for choosing NSOU to enhance their educational achievements. He said the NSOU provides opportunities for enhancing educational levels for those who have not been permitted to take admission in the conventional system due to long gap after achieving certain educational standard from the conventional system, and those who due to some reasons could not continue their studies despite their eagerness of learning. He also encouraged the students by assuring them to provide academic facilities as much as possible.

Dr. Premananda Jana, Director, Kalyani Regional Centre addressed the audience next. He first extended a warm welcome to the newly admitted learners on behalf of the University. He also delivered a greeting for the silver jubilee year of the University and also about the achievement of NAAC accreditation with Grade A, and which reflects the quality of teaching learning standards of NSOU. He spoke impressively about Open Learning, where and how NSOU as an institution was different from other such lesser parallels. He gave an overall view about the various levels of programs that NSOU conducts and clarified the all-important issue of equivalence of degrees attained through NSOU. He informed about the post-admission duties of the learners, emphasizing the importance of self-study through controlled guidance with counsellors. He also informs about the library facility and "Learner's Facilitation Centre" available at RC, Kalyani and also suggested the learners' to visit University website regularly. Lastly, he advised the learners to put their problems and suggestions through feedback sincerely.

Smt. Ananya Roy Chowdhury, Deputy Registrar (Admin), NSOU, next explained about the ODL system and shared her experiences with NSOU. She also discusses the mission and vision of the University.

Dr. Manoj Kumar Haldar, Assistant Professor of Political Science, School of Social Sciences, NSOU spoke about the flexibility, advantages of the Open mode of education and explains the UG-CBCS structure as well as distribution of courses over the six semesters in details and the internal assessment process as well as TEE. He discusses the whole process (entry to exit) to complete the course under the ODL mode of the NSOU. He also spoke about the learner's support system and various facilities given by the University, especially the ICT support system.

An open discussion/interaction with the learners took place and the learners' feedback are as follows:

- Non-availability of SLMs in time,
- Requirement of SLM (Pol. Sc.) under CBCS curriculum in Bengali version,
- Need for online classes on Generic Elective (GE) courses,
- Need of SLM (ENVS) in the English version,
- Refund of fees paid twice,
- Requirement of A.V. Lectures for General Elective (GE) Subjects.

All these queries were adequately addressed by the members of the NSOU team. Finally, an interactive discussion took place with 15 counsellors. The suggestions come up are as follows:

- Requested to start PCP at their LSC and to involve counsellors for classes,
- Suggested for field excursion in Geography,
- Suggested for offline classes and examinations,
- Involvement of counsellors in the process of Term End and Assignments examinations.



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The program was ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Chandan Surabhi Das, Coordinator. The meeting concluded on a positive note.

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Dr. Premananda Jana
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