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His Excellency the Governor of West Bengal and Chancellor, NSOU, Sri M. K. Narayanan arrives at the 8th Convocation held on 13th May, 2010.



(From L to R)
Professor Manimala Das, Vice Chancellor, NSOU, Chancellor Sri M. K. Narayanan, Chief Guest Ms. Sayeeda Hamid, Member, Planning Commission, Govt. of India at the 8th Convocation.



Professor Manimala Das, Vice Chancellor, NSOU greets Chancellor Sri M. K. Narayanan at the 8th Convocation.



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Professor Sugata Bose formally publishes the First Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Lecture as he hands over the maiden copy to Professor Sobhanlal Datta Gupta.



Professor Sugata Bose, Gardiner Professor of History at Harvard University delivering the 2nd Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Lecture on 16th March 2011. Professor Manimala Das, Vice Chancellor, NSOU, chaired the session.



(From L to R)
Dr. Ketaki Kushari Dyson, Professor Manimala Das, Vice Chancellor, NSOU, Professor Debnarayan Modak, Director, School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the 2nd Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture on 23rd March 2011.



Professor Manimala Das, Vice Chancellor, NSOU, formally publishes the 1st Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture in the presence of Dr. Ketaki Kushari Dyson.

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***From the
Desk of the
Hon'ble
Vice-Chancellor***



Welcome to this 11th volume of Ascent 2011, the mouthpiece of Netaji Subhas Open University.

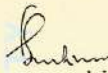
Since my taking over charge of this office w.e.f. 1st August 2011, we have been passing through a very happening and demanding spell – pivoted around the regularisation of huge examination backlogs, publication of results and thawing up of some frozen projects like setting up of an interactive NSOU web – portal, shifting more of our activities to the Green Campus at Kalyani and expanding the ambits of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences by making proper use of Swayambhara, a separate rented campus in Salt lake City – to mention a few.

It is also my pleasure to inform you that construction work of a 4 storey administrative cum academic building in the Kalyani Campus is now under way. Very recently, we have also received administrative clearance from Bidhannagar Municipality for our sole urban campus at Salt Lake City.

Being the only State Open University in West Bengal, NSOU is entirely dedicated to Open and Distance Learning (ODL). We offer the largest basket of career choices for learners and are specially tuned to address the needs of rural and underprivileged students – 14 Bachelors Degree Programmes (BDP), 2 Second Degree Programmes (SDP) and 14 Post Graduate (PG) Programmes, 38 Vocational Diploma/Certificate courses along with two Post Masters Degree Programmes (M.Phil and Ph.D). The total annual intake in the Conventional Courses [Bachelors and Masters] is nearly 23,000, even though the number of students taking the Term End Examinations (TEE) in these Courses goes up to as far as 57,000

approximately. This remarkable gap is inherent in the very nature of the ODL system. The corpus of intake in the 38 Non Conventional courses is nearly 6000/ year. The total enrolment of students is now about 2,30,000.

It is true that we are hard pressed with challenges both at infrastructural and instructional levels, but it is also true that we are willing to work hard. Sir John Daniel, President and CEO, Commonwealth of Learning (COL), while delivering the NSOU Endowment Lecture on 13th April 2005, described the gamut of learning processes at NSOU as 'Extraordinary education for ordinary people'. We understand the great responsibility that goes with such an accolade. We have faith in ourselves and are hopeful that in the days to come, this University would be in a position to live up to such a compliment.



Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar
Vice-Chancellor



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The NSOU Spectrum

Netaji Subhas Open University was established as the State Open University of West Bengal in 1997 by an Act of the State Legislature (West Bengal Act XIX of 1997). Following recognition from apex bodies like the Distance Education Council and the University Grants Commission, NSOU has emerged as a pioneer Institution in the arena of Open and Distance Learning in India. The University has taken rapid strides within the short span of its existence, and we owe it to the dynamic leadership of successive Vice Chancellors and concerted efforts by all sections of the staff. Presently the number of registered learners is nearly 2.5 lakhs while there are 159 Study Centres to cater to this ever burgeoning student force. It goes to the credit of all sections of staffers that today NSOU is a force to reckon with, both at the national and international scenario. Like any other large endeavour of this magnitude, we also have our weaknesses which demand an honest acceptance and sincere remedial measures. There is hoping that a vibrant leadership, assiduous planning and smart trouble shooting will enable NSOU to overcome its grey areas and emerge ever stronger.

Given the nature of necessities of the large hinterland that NSOU caters to, the focus of our reach-out policy has dual objectives – the spread of higher education to the remotest corners of the state, and providing viable career alternatives to a large section through various skill enhancing educational programmes – all at affordable prices. We support the idea of equal opportunities for all and are committed to social justice, a mission that we directly accomplish by activities like operating Study Centres for inmate students at the Alipore Central Correctional Home. The ambit of NSOU is thus wide, for it is a convergence of different schools of thought and activity. This Institution would perhaps be best understood if seen from the spectrum of a social movement towards varied forms of empowerment for learners, cutting across all conventional modes of classification. We are aware that recognitions like the Excellence of Distance Education Award (EDEA) 2006 are as much accolades as they are a call to incessant duty and are committed to deliver more than we pledge.

➤ Key Initiatives During the 2010-211 Session

- Developing campuses at Salt Lake and Kalyani with enhanced infrastructure.
- Initiating steps towards setting up more Regional Centres with a view to micro level management and decentralisation of academic activities, examinations and evaluation processes.
- Enhancing financial support to the Study Centres for developing student based infrastructure.
- Steps towards augmenting infrastructural support at the level of Regional Centres.
- Increasing teaching hours at PCP's to facilitate more intensive teacher – student interaction.
- Developing Question Banks at the PG level to make studies more focussed. Plans are on to extend the project to the BDP level as well.
- Steps towards revision and upgrading of study materials across all subjects.
- Organising Memorial Lectures, Seminars, Symposia and relevant publication of the proceedings.
- Compilation of a commemorative volume on Rabindranath Tagore.
- Obsessance to Rabindranath Tagore on his death anniversary in keeping with State directive.

➤ Thrust Areas of the University

Since the evolution and growth of NSOU has always had a multi-pronged focus, our thrust areas too have been equally varied. There are the core competence areas of Open and Distance Learning that involve continuous experiment and the dynamic inculcation of the best available practices in the field. Simultaneously, there is also an urge to be partners in interactive academic growth at all levels. The different Schools of NSOU are thus vibrant organs in this search for excellence. The Quality Assurance Cell sets the parameters for the regular academic functioning of the University. Regular Orientation Programmes for Counsellors, improvement of student support services, offering maximum accessibility through the use of modern means of communication and the constant review of academic activity remain our thrust areas.



• ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS

Registrar's Department

The Registrar's department is one of the most important departments of the University. Apart from handling the enrolment of an overwhelming number of students in Bachelor's Degree Programme (BDP), Post-Graduate (PG) and various Diploma and Certificate Courses, the department with its very small in-house team render effective and useful services in multifarious activities of the University towards building up a significant growth.

The University is engaged in imparting higher education through both contact and distance modes. These courses include both Conventional and Non-Conventional modes of imparting education. Currently the University has more than 2 lakh learners enrolled in its various courses. The department and its staff are making an assiduous effort to handle this infinitesimally large escalation in enrolment over the years.

The Status of Enrolment of Learners during the academic year 2010-2011 may be summarized in the following table:

Admission to Conventional Courses			Admission to Non-Conventional Courses	
Post-Graduate	BDP	BPP	Certificate	Diploma
7,000	13,213	1,303	2,085	3,765

The fresh registration for Ph.D programme has been suspended for some reasons since 2009-2010 academic session. In the 2010-2011 academic session, a total of 30 candidates, 23 from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and 7 from the School of Science, were awarded Ph.D degree in this session.

Apart from the above stated activities, the Registrar's department actively participated in organizing the Eighth Convocation of the University which was held on 13th May, 2010.

The department is trying to make best use of ICT facilities for fast enrolment in the light of phenomenal

increase of learners. This is now being done partly in-house and partly by outsourcing

School of Science

The School of Sciences started functioning from the year 2000 with BDP programmes in five different subjects. Right from its inception, the School of Science has emerged as a very active and dynamic organ of the University in all its spheres of academic activity. There have always been attempts to incorporate the use of modern technology in the process of enlightening students.

➤ Academic Members:

1. Professor Bikas Ghosh, Professor of Physics & Director of the School
2. Professor Kajal De, Professor of Mathematics
3. Dr. Bibhas Guha, Assistant Professor in Zoology
4. Dr. Pulak Sahoo, Assistant Professor in Mathematics
5. Ms. Tinki Kar, Assistant Professor in Geography
6. Dr. Bidisha Mondal, Lecturer in Botany
7. Shri Biraj Kanti Mondal, Lecturer in Geography
8. Dr. Asit Kumar Sarkar, Academic Consultant

➤ Project assistant:

1. Ms. Nayantara Kar
2. Ms. Shraddha Basu

➤ Junior system analyst:

1. Shri Buddhadeb Maity

• Academic Programmes:

➤ Post Graduate Courses:

The School offers three M. Sc. courses in Mathematics, Zoology and Geography, the respective annual intakes of students being 500, 75 and 75. The Study Centers for counseling Mathematics students are widely distributed all over West Bengal (84 centres). PG courses are offered at 4 centres for Zoology and at 3 centres for Geography. Regularly personal contact programmes (PCP) are conducted for all the three Post Graduate courses in the respective study centres.



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➤ **Bachelors Degree Programme (BDP) Courses:**

At present the school conducts BDP courses in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Geography, Zoology and Botany. A total number of 2214 students enrolled themselves in different BDP science programmes in July 2010 session, which is way above the previous year's enrolment of 1692 students. This amounts to a growth of more than 30% in these subjects within a year.

➤ **Admission of PG Geography & Zoology:**

The admission process of the two laboratory based subjects at post graduate level where the seats are limited is conducted by the School of Science which includes preparation of merit lists and conduction of counselling sessions. In July 2010, 75 students were admitted through this process in each of the subjects.

➤ **Ph.D. Awards:**

Seven students from the School of Sciences have been awarded Ph.D degrees from this University during the current year.

1. Dr. Nabendu Kar	Geography	Extent and Characteristics of Flood Hazard in parts of Hugli District of West Bengal and its Management.	Professor Guru Prasad Chattopadhyay, Department of Geography, Visva-Bharati
2. Dr. Bidyut Banerjee	Environmental Science	Drinking Water Scenario of Kolkata Metropolitan City – An Appraisal from Socio-Economic and Ecological Perspective	Professor N.C. Datta, former Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Kolkata
3. Dr. Chhitrachar Das	Environmental Science	A Retrospective Study on Status of Environmental Movements in Gerwal Himalayan Region from Socio-Ecological Perspective.	Professor N.C. Datta, former Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Kolkata
4. Dr. Dewan Bahadur Basnet Chhetri	Environmental Science	Development and Application of Agro Technique on some High Altitude Medicinal Plants of Sikkim Himalaya.	Prof. Kalyan Kr. Dey, Professor, Presidency College

5. Dr. Tanmoy Mitra	Environmental Science	Exposure to Environmental Adversity and Impact on Psychological Functioning: Role of Some Biological Indicators.	Prof. Santanu Ray
6. Dr. Samaras Dey	Geography	Characteristics and Correlates of Sanitation- A Geographical Analysis of Nandigram I and II Blocks, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal.	Prof. Ashis Sarkar
7. Dr. Anindam Chaudhuri	Computer Science	Studies in Applications of Soft Computing to Some Optimization Problems.	Prof. Kajal De,

Laboratory Counselling cum Evaluation Session (LCES), 2010:

The Annual Laboratory Counselling-Cum-Evaluation Session for the Laboratory based Science subjects were arranged by the School from 14 August to 12 October, 2010. In *Subsidiary* subjects, about 1396 students participated in the programme at 17 Study Centres. For the *Elective* subjects, LCES for 2020 students had also been arranged for Paper 4 at 18 different Study Centres at the same time. During 23 October- 5 November, 2010 the School again organised the Annual Laboratory Counselling-cum-Evaluation Session for *Elective* subjects and about 3990 students participated in the programme at 16 different centres.

Compulsory Computer Training Programme:

The computer training programme for Post Graduate Mathematics students was arranged as a compulsory curriculum. Altogether 725 students of different Study Centres were trained in this course during November – December, 2010 at 5 centralized training centres.



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Practical classes on Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System:

In the School of Science premises, a state of the art Remote Sensing and GIS Laboratory has been established to facilitate PG Geography students' practical curriculum. *Geomatica 10.1*, a high end Remote Sensing and GIS software with 10 licenses has been installed in this computer laboratory. All the computers have been networked to share digital data and available software facilities. Post graduate students in Geography belonging to different study centres are being trained at this laboratory regarding Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System. During the current academic session about 95 students got the opportunity of hands on training from this laboratory.

Formation of new zoology laboratory:

A student friendly Post Graduate Zoology laboratory is being developed at Kalyani Campus of Netaji Subhas Open University to conduct Post Graduate practical classes in the campus premises instead of study centres.

Enrichment of Library by NBHM:

The department of Mathematics has till date received nearly 100 rare and costly books for the enrichment of the library from National Board of Higher Mathematics, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India under 'NBHM Book Complimentaries Scheme'.

Field work in Geography:

For Post Graduate Students in Geography, Field Work is a compulsory curriculum. Hence students of all the three study centres were taken to Puri, Orissa in January 2011. They made a five day long survey with the help of necessary survey instruments and questionnaires to study in detail about the physical and socio cultural scenario in and Puri town.

Organizing Seminar:

One day seminar on *Global Warming and Climate Change: Save the One Earth* was organized by the School of Science of the University on 19 April, 2011 at Gorkha Bhawan, Bidhan Nagar. **Professor Pranabes Sanyal** former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,

Government of West Bengal delivered the key note address. **Sri Debiprasad Duari**, Director, Research and Academic M.P.Birla Institute of Fundamental Research, **Professor Ranjan Basu**, professor of Geography, University of Calcutta and Chairman, College Service Commission, West Bengal, **Professor Subhas Chandra Santra**, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Kalyani, **Professor Jayashri Roy**, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, **Dr. Punarbasu Chowdhuri**, Department of Environmental Science, University of Calcutta, were other speakers at the technical sessions. The seminar was attended by academic as well as technical personnel from different parts of West Bengal.

Forthcoming Publication:

Proceedings of *Global Warming and Climate Change: Save the One Earth* would be published by the University which contains research papers with illustrations and coloured photographs.

Interactive Radio Counselling Programme:

The Interactive Radio Counselling Programme is arranged on Monday to Friday through Gyan-Vani F M Radio, Kolkata for half an hour slot. School of Science arranges such programmes with the help of renowned personalities. The live programme during Monday-Friday is half an hour slot, and on fourth Sunday it is one hour slot. Besides all the faculty members and academic consultants of the University, renowned academicians like Prof. Subhendu Chowdhuri (BCKV), Prof. Jay Sircar (CU), Prof. Sunil Kumar Muni (CSSS), Prof. Ama Das (KU), Prof. Susanta Das (RBU), Prof. Rabin Majumder (CU) also participated in these counselling programmes.

Research Projects:

Completed projects:

Dr. Bibhas Guha, Assistant Professor of Zoology has completed a project on "An investigation of the effect of low voltage electric shock on cytogenetical and biochemical changes in some experimental fish" funded by Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata for one year.

Ongoing Projects:

1. Prof. Bikas Ghosh is working on a research project on 'Impact of Distance Education on Urban Learners of West Bengal with Special Reference to NSOU' funded by Netaji Subhas Open University.
2. Dr. Bibhas Guha is also working on a research project on 'Screening of Therapeutic Agents against Induced Colon Cancer in a Mammalian Model' funded by Netaji Subhas Open University.

Academic Activities of the Members of the School of Science:

1. Dr. Bikas Ghosh, (Registrar, Acting), Director, School of Science and Professor of Physics

Along with various assigned academic activities, he has been acting as the convener of the University Gyan-Vani FM Radio programme. He is planning, coordinating and executing the monthly schedule of the University Radio programmes. Professor Ghosh has also delivered some syllabus-based interactive counselling programmes during this period. He has visited some study centres at Barasat Govt. College, Barasat, Bhairab Ganguly College, Belghoria, Chandannagore Govt. College, Chandannagore and Raja Peary Mohan College, Uttarpara during the Laboratory counselling – cum – Evaluation Sessions, 2010 and intimately interacted with the learners and others to get their feedback. He has attended all the four National seminars and Memorial Lectures arranged by the university during this period. He was invited by the University to deliver a seminar talk in the one-day National Seminar on the '**Identifying Quality Parameters in Distance Education**' on March 24, 2011.

The following paper was presented by him there:

Role of Physical Infrastructure and Institutional Planning and Management in Assuring the Quality of Distance Education: 24 March 2011, One-day National Seminar on '**Identifying Quality Parameters in Distance Education**', Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata.

2. Professor (Dr.) Kajal De, Professor of Mathematics:

Prof. De. has been invited as a Reviewer for a Journal of Elsevier. At NSOU, she has supervised the Ph.D dissertation of Dr Arindam Chaudhuri who has been awarded the Ph.D degree. The title of his dissertation is -

'Studies in Applications of Soft Computing to Some Optimization Problems'. Another scholar registered under her supervision has also submitted the thesis.

She has successfully organised the Computer Training Programme for PG Mathematics students of 2008 batch in five study centers of the University. She acted as an expert for selection of different academic persons and also for different examination related works of N.S.O.U. as well as other Universities like Burdwan University, Kalyani University, University of Gour Banga, Vidyasagar University and St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. She visited a number of Study Centers on different occasions. As the Director of the School she successfully organized Laboratory Counseling cum Evaluation Session for six elective and five subsidiary (for the second time) laboratory based subjects in 2010. Professor Kajal De delivered a lecture at the Special Lecture Programme at Coocbehar College study centre on 13.03.11 arranged for Post Graduate Mathematics first year students. She attended the induction meeting for PG Geography and PG Zoology students at Raja N.L.Khan College study centre, Midnapore.

Besides having served as the Director, School of Science during her tenure (till 21st August 2011), Professor De successfully and efficiently served as Registrar (Acting) for nearly five months in 2010. In her tenure as Registrar (acting), for the first time the BDP and PG admissions of the University were done through bank and service books of the employees of N.S.O.U. were updated. Apart from ensuring smooth running of the University, she filled up a number of substantive posts (including that of Registrar) as well as contractual positions during that time.

Following is the *List of Publications of Professor Kajal De:*

- [1] Chaudhuri, A., De, K., A Fuzzy Genetic Algorithm Heuristic for University Course Timetable Problem, *International Journal of Advances in Soft Computing and its Applications*, The International Centre for Scientific Research and Studies, Jordan, Volume 2, Number 1, pp 86 – 110, 2010.
- [2] Chaudhuri, A., De, K., A Study of the Job Scheduling Problem Using Rough Fuzzy Multi



Layer Perception Neural Networks Technique, *International Journal of Artificial Intelligence: Theory and Applications*, Romania, Volume 1, Number 1, pp 4 – 24, 2010.

- [3] Chaudhuri, A., De, K., Achieving greater explanatory power and forecasting accuracy with non-uniform spread fuzzy linear regression, *Proceedings of 13th Conference of Society of Operations Management*, Department of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India, pp 80 – 86, 2009.
- [4] Chaudhuri, A., De, K., Classification of Financial Investments using Neuro-Fuzzy and Rough Set Approaches, *Proceedings of 1st International Conference on Data Management*, Institute of Management Technology, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India, pp 805 – 826, 2008.

Book Chapters:

- [1] Chaudhuri, A., De, K., Chatterjee, D., Discovering Stock Price Prediction Rules of Bombay Stock Exchange Using Rough Fuzzy Multi Layer Perception Networks, Book Chapter: *Forecasting Financial Markets in India*, Rudra P. Pradhan, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, (Editor), Allied Publishers, New Delhi, India, pp 69 – 96, 2009.
- [2] Chaudhuri, A., De, K., Time Series Forecasting using Hybrid Neuro-Fuzzy Regression Model, Book Chapter: *Rough Sets, Fuzzy Sets, Data Mining and Granular Computing*, H. Sakai et al., (Editors), Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence, Springer Verlag, Berlin, Germany, LNAI 5908, pp 86 – 100, 2009.

Following Seminars/Workshops were attended by Professor Kajal De:

1. Attended in One day seminar on 'Child Education in West Bengal: Present and Future' organised by Netaji Subhas Open University in collaboration with Paschim Banga Rajya Siksha Mission at Bangla Academy on 7th July, 2010.

2. Actively participated in the 'Appreciation Course in Parliamentary Processes and Procedures' organised for the professors, teachers, by the Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training, Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi which is a premier government body under the control of the Parliament to make people conscious about the ideas, procedures and functioning of the Indian parliamentary system in the country. During the course from 18th August 2010 to 20th August 2010 she visited the Lok Sabha twice during sessions as a part of the course. It may be mentioned here that Smt. Meera Kumar, the Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha inaugurated the course and interacted with the participants.
3. Attended one day national seminar on "Tax Reforms in India: Issues and Challenges" organised by Netaji Subhas Open University on 5th February, 2011.
4. Attended one day national seminar on "State, Citizen, History: In search for another India" organised by Netaji Subhas Open University on 28th February, 2011.
5. Attended 'Second Netaji Memorial Lecture' organised by Netaji Subhas Open University on 16th March, 2011.
6. Attended Two day workshop on 'Women Studies' organised by Netaji Subhas Open University on 17-18th March, 2011.
7. Attended "Second Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture" organised by Netaji Subhas Open University on 23rd March, 2011.
8. Attended One Day National Seminar on 'Identifying Quality Parameters in Distance Education' held on 24th March, 2011, organised by Netaji Subhas Open University at Paschim Banga Bangla Academy, Kolkata.
9. Workshop "On the modalities for smooth running of Study Centres" organised by NSOU held on 13th April, 2011 at Kalyani Regional Centre, NSOU.
10. Organised and Introduced the theme at the One Day National Seminar on "Global Warming and Climate Change: Save the one Earth" organised by Netaji Subhas Open University on 19th April, 2011.



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3. Dr. Bibhas Guha, Assistant Professor of Zoology:

Papers Published:

Guha B, Dey D & Paul S (2011). pH based total protein profile and enzymatic activity of fish as a biomarker of aquatic pollution, *Recent Trends in Animal Science Research* (ISBN: 81-88094-20-9), VI (A): 671-677.

Guha B, Biswas R & Mondal K (2011). Use of vermicompost as a diet for the Indian catfish *Heteropneustes fossilis* (Bloch), *Pollution Research*, 30 (1): 23-25.

Guha B & Chattopadhyay D (2010). Inclusive growth in agriculture: a case study on selected major crops in India, *Academic Spectrum* (ISSN: 0976-9323), 1(1): 135-140.

Research Project:

Completed a Pilot Research Project on "An investigation of the effect of low voltage electric shock on cytogenetical and biochemical changes in some experimental fish" funded by Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata for one year.

Seminar:

Conducted a seminar on "Global warming & Climate Change: Save the *One Earth*" organized by Netaji Subhas Open University as Jt. convener of the Seminar Organizing Committee held on 19 April, 2011.

Academic Activities:

- Written and edited a few modules/units in BDP Zoology (SZO) of Netaji Subhas Open University.
- A book entitled "Question and Answer on Environmental Science" was published from J. Publication, Kolkata for Graduate Students.

Other Activities:

Published the proceedings of the seminar on "Arsenic pollution: A Global Threat in the New Millennium" as the convener of the Editorial Board.

Nominated as a member of the curriculum development committee for school of

biodiversity & conservation of natural resources, Central University of Orissa.

Acted as the Convener, Students Grievance Cell of Netaji Subhas Open University from 15.12.2009 to 31.7.2010

Acted as a Course Coordinator of a 6-month Certificate course on "Cultivation of Herbal Medicinal Plants and Vermicomposting Technology" of Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata.

Gyan Vani:

Participated in more than ten live programmes relating to BDP zoology in Gyan Vani.

4. Dr. Pulak Sahoo has joined as Assistant Professor in Mathematics in School of Science, Netaji Subhas Open University in the month of April, 2011.

Following is the list of publications of Dr. P. Sahoo:

- i) P. Sahoo, Uniqueness and weighted sharing of meromorphic functions, *Ann. Polon. Math.*, Vol.100(2011), pp. 127-145.
- ii) P. Sahoo, Meromorphic functions that share fixed points with finite weights, *Bull. Math. Anal. Appl.*, Vol.2, Issue 4(2010), pp. 106-118.
- iii) P. Sahoo, Uniqueness and weighted value sharing of meromorphic functions, *Applied Math. E-Notes*, Vol.11(2011), pp. 23-32.
- iv) P. Sahoo, Weighted value sharing and uniqueness of entire functions, *Kyungpook Math. J.* (to appear).

Following Seminars/Workshops were attended by Dr. P.Sahoo:

1. Workshop "On the modalities for smooth running of Study Centre's" organized by NSOU held on 13.04.2011 at Kalyani Regional Centre, NSOU.
2. One day National Seminar on "Global Warming



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and Climate Change: Save the One Earth" organized by School of Science, NSOU held on 19.04.2011 at Gorkha Bhawan, Kolkata.

5. Ms. Tinki Kar, Assistant Professor of Geography is engaged in various academic activities related to Under Graduate and Post Graduate courses in Geography and has acted as the Convener, BOS and Coordinator of the Women Studies and Women Empowerment Programme of the University for the past 3 years till 2010 and is now acting as a member of the BOS of the said programme.

Seminar/Symposium/Workshops attended:

She conducted the *National Seminar on Global Warming and Climate Change: Save the 'One Earth'* organised by School of Sciences, NSOU as the Joint Convener of the Organizing Committee of the seminar at Gorkha Bhawan, Bidhan Nagar held on 19 April, 2011.

She participated in the DEC sponsored *National Seminar on Identifying Quality Parameters in Distance Education* organized by the Department Study Centre, NSOU at Paschim Banga Bangla Academy held on 24 March, 2011.

She participated in the 2nd *Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture* organized by NSOU held at Paschim Banga Bangla Academi on 23rd March 2011.

She actively participated at the 2 day workshop on *Women Studies: Awareness and Its Implication* organized by NSOU on 17-18 March, 2011.

She participated in the *Second Netaji Memorial Lecture* organized by NSOU on 16 March, 2011.

She participated at the National Seminar on *Natural Resource Management* at Department of Geography, University of Calcutta by publishing the abstract of the paper titled "*Present Scenario of Groundwater Pollution in Kolkata, West Bengal*" held on March 10-11, 2011.

She participated in the *National Seminar on State, Citizen, History: In Search of Another India* organized by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, NSOU at Paschim Banga Bangla Academy on 28 February,

2011.

She also participated in the *Seminar on Child Education in West Bengal: Present and Future*, organized by NSOU in collaboration with Paschim Banga Rajyo Sishu Siksha Mission held at Paschim Banga Bangla Academi on 7 July, 2010.

Other Activities:

Smt. Kar has guided, supervised and conducted the field work for Post Graduate Students July 2008 batch students in Geography at Puri, Orissa from 10-15 January 2011.

Smt. Kar regularly participates in the Interactive Radio Counselling Programme (IRCP) organized by NSOU at Gyan Vani FM Channel. She visited Raja N.L. Khan Women's College, Midnapore and Kharagpur College, Midnapore and Chandannagore Govt. College as an observer during *Laboratory Counseling cum Evaluation Session (LCES), 2010* of NSOU. Apart from all these programmes, she conducts the Personal Contact Programmes (PCP) for the PG study centres in Geography and takes classes regularly.

6. Dr. Bidisha Mondal, Lecturer in Botany:

Publications:

1. Paribesh Niya Banijya, *Eksathe* 2010 pp. 80-82.
2. Paribesh: Biswa Jora Phand, *Eksathe*, 2011 pp. 43-44.

Abstract Published:

1. "Conservation of Plant biodiversity by indigenous strategies for ultimate Sustainability" (2011) (Full publication awaited)
2. "The interrelation of different biotechnological techniques for the management and conservation of biodiversity" (2011) (Full publication awaited)

Modules Edited:

1. Edited Elective Botany Study Material (EBT-14) covering tissue culture and plant biotechnology, 2011.

Seminar/Symposium:

1. Attended a state level seminar on "*Lead and Cadmium free Paja*" organized by Pollution Control Board, West Bengal on 28.07.2010.

2. Presented a paper at a national seminar on "*Natural Resource Management*" under the auspices of UGC-DRS (SAP-1) organized by Geography Department of Calcutta University from 10-11, March, 2011.
3. One paper accepted for publication at a national seminar on "*Conservation and Management of Bio-diversity in 21st Century*" organized by Government Motilal Vigyan Mahavidyalaya, Bhopal from 26-27, February, 2011.
4. Attended the one day national seminar on "*State, Citizen, History: In search for another India*" organized by Netaji Subhas Open University on 28th February, 2011.
5. Attended the one day seminar on "*Second Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture*" organized by Netaji Subhas Open University on 23rd March, 2011.
6. Attended the one day national seminar on "*Identifying Quality Parameters in Distance Education*" organized by Netaji Subhas Open University on 24th March, 2011.
7. Actively Participated in the one day national seminar on "*Global Warming and Climate Change: Save the one Earth*" organized by Netaji Subhas Open University on 19th April, 2011.

Special IRCP arranged at Gyan Vani on Contemporary Social Issues on 4th Sundays of Every Month:

1. "Plant Biodiversity Conservation" held on 27.06.2010.
2. "A Road map to Eco-friendly festival in West Bengal" held on 22.08.2010.
3. "Emission Trading and its consequences" held on 27.02.2011.

ODL Related Achievements:

1. Actively engaged in allotment of LCES Elective and Subsidiary allocation, 2010 of BDP students.
2. Visited a number of study centers during LCES faculty visit.
3. Regular PCP with the BDP Botany and Non-conventional "Medicinal and Aromatic Plants" students.

4. Evaluation, paper setting and scrutiny of BDP Botany and delivered numerous radio lectures on the 2.15-2.45p.m slot.
5. Active participation in Post Graduate Counseling for admissions to the School of Science.

7. Sri Biraj Kanti Mondal, Lecturer in Geography:

Research Publication

Micro Level Analysis of Rural Development (A case study of Mathurapur-II Block, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal), *Indian Journal of Landscape, Ecology and Esthetics*, Vol. 33, No.1, June, 2010, Pp 639-650.

Effect of Tiger Prawn Seed Collection on the ecosystem of Indian Sundarban, *Asian Studies*, Vol. XXIX, No-2, 2010, Pp 74-87.

A Micro Level Study of Poverty Stricken Scenario of Mathurapur-II Block, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, *Indian Journal of Regional Science*, Vol. XXXXII, No. 2, 2010, Pp 95-105.

Seminar/ Workshops/ Lectures Attended:

Participated and presented a paper entitled '*Various fishing practice and interacting impacts on ecological milieu of the Sundarban*' in the *National Seminar on 'Save the Ganga'*, held on February 12-13, 2011, organized by Bangiyo Bhugyo Mancha, Kolkata, at Rajabazar campus of University of Calcutta.

Participated and presented a paper entitled '*The economic development of Sundarban and its ecological backlash*' in the *National Seminar on 'Natural Resource Management'*, held on March 10-11, 2011, at the Department of Geography, University of Calcutta.

Actively participated and engaged in conducting a National Seminar as a member of the Organizing Committee on '*Global Warming and Climate Change: Save the One Earth*' held on April 19, 2011 organized by Netaji Subhas Open University at Gorkha Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

Actively participated in the **One Day National Seminar on 'Identifying Quality Parameters in Distance Education'** held on March 24, 2011, organized by Netaji Subhas Open University at Paschimbanda



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BanglaAcademi, Kolkata.

Participated in the 2nd *Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture* organized by Netaji Subhas Open University on March 23, 2011.

Actively participated in the **One Day National Seminar on 'State, Citizen, History: In search of Another India'** held on February 28, 2011, organized by Netaji Subhas Open University at Paschim Bangla Acaedmi, Kolkata.

Actively participated in the **One Day State Level Seminar on 'Child Education in West Bengal: Present and Future'** held on July 7, 2010 organized by Netaji Subhas Open University in collaboration with Paschim Bangla Rajyo Sishu Siksha Mission at Paschim Bangla Bangla Acaedmy, Kolkata.

Written / Edited Modules:

Written and edited some units / volumes of Post Graduate and Under Graduate Geography Self Learning Material (SLM) of Netaji Subhas Open University.

Radio Programme:

Frequently delivered lectures (almost 20 such lectures had been delivered in 2010-2011 session) at the Interactive Radio Counseling Programme (IRCP) on various current topics as well as core subject matter of geography on Gyan Vani F.M. Channel, Kolkata.

Other Activities:

Actively engaged in pursuing Ph. D. work as a *Research Scholar of the University of Calcutta* in the fields of Indian Sundarban and visited the place several times.

Actively engaged in *supervising and visiting the field work in Puri Town*, Orissa along with the Post Graduate students of the University.

Acted as a *visiting member of the Inspection Team* for Laboratory Counseling cum Evaluation Session (LCES) Programme in almost seven study centers of NSOU throughout West Bengal and actively engaged in organizing this LCES.

Being a **Life Member** of the *Regional Science*

Association, India, Geographical Society of India, Indian Institute of Landscape, Ecology and Ekistics, Kolkata and Bangiya Bhugol Mancha, Kolkata, he has attended and participated in all the lectures and seminars of these organizations.

8. Dr. Asit Kumar Sarkar, Academic Consultant

Presented a paper entitled *Application of High Resolution Remote Sensing Sensors for Assessment of Natural Resources* on 10 March, 2011 at the *National Seminar on Natural Resource Management* conducted by Department of Geography, University of Calcutta.

Acted as Co-Chairperson in the 4th Technical Session of the above mentioned seminar on 11 March, 2011.

Was invited as a Chief Guest in the UGC sponsored *National Seminar on Conservation and Utilization of Resources in N.E. India: A Vision Plan of Green World* held at Nowgong College, Assam during the period 10-11 January, 2011.

Acted as the Chairperson at the 4th Technical Session of the above mentioned seminar.

Participated in the *National Seminar on Applied Geography: Issues and Techniques* held at Department of Geography, University of Calcutta during the period 14-15 January, 2011.

Acted as Co-Chairperson in the Technical Session VIA of the above mentioned seminar.

Was an invited guest at the *National Seminar on Perspectives of Himalayan Environment* organised by Himalaya Samiksha Parisad held on 30 October, 2010.

Actively participated in the DEC sponsored *National Seminar on Identifying Quality Parameters in Distance Education* organized by the Department Study Centres, NSOU which was held on 24 March, 2011 at Paschim Bangla Bangla Academy.

Participated in the *National Seminar on State, Citizen, History: In Search of Another India* organized by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, NSOU at Paschim Bangla Bangla Academy on 28 February, 2011.

Actively participated in the *National Seminar on Global Warming and Climate Change: Save the 'One*



'Earth' organised by School of Sciences, NSOU and held on 19 April, 2011 at Gorkha Bhavan, Bidhan Nagar. He was a member of the organizing committee of the seminar.

Actively participated as a member of the National Executive Committee in the **XXX INCA International Congress on Cartography for Sustainable Environment** organized by Indian National Cartographic Association and hosted by Survey of India held at Dehra Dun during the period 10-12 November, 2010.

Actively participated as a member in the 133rd INCA National Executive Committee Meeting held at Patna on 23rd April, 2011.

Attended the Netaji Birthday Celebration jointly organized by NSOU and NIAS on 23rd January, 2011 at 1, Woodburn Park.

Actively participated in the Republic Day celebration organized by NSOU and held at Kalyani Campus on 26th January, 2011.

Participated in the 2nd **Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture** organized by NSOU on 23rd March 2011 held at Paschim Bangla Bangla Academy.

Participated in the **Seminar on Child Education in West Bengal: Present and Future**, organized by NSOU in collaboration with Paschim Banga Rajyo Sishu Siksha Mission held at Paschim Bangla Bangla Academy on 7 July, 2010.

Actively participated in the **Junior Scientists' Meet 2011 on The Sustainable Development of the Tribal People of West Bengal** organized by Netaji Institute for Asian Studies and held on 18 March, 2011.

Regularly participates in the Interactive Radio Counselling Programme (IRCP) organized by NSOU at Gyan Vani FM Channel. He anchored the IRCP on **'Role of Geography in State Planning'** held on 27 March, 2011.

Visited Maharaja Manindra Chandra College, Karimpur Pannadevi College, Chandernagore Government College and Raja Peary Mohan College in connection with Laboratory Counseling cum Evaluation Scheme (LCES) of NSOU. Conducted Personal Contact Programme (PCP) for all the PG Study Centres in

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Since the inception of this University, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (H & SS) has been offering a number of important courses that relate to the broader perspective of humanities and the social sciences. Through the execution of well-articulated planning the School of H and SS has emerged as the largest school at NSOU, both in terms of enrolment and the number of courses on offer. The School offers the **Bachelors Degree Programme (BDP)** in Bengali, English, History, Sociology, Economics, Political Science, Public Administration and Commerce. At the Post Graduate level, the School successfully conducts courses in Bengali, English, English Language Teaching, Political Science, Public Administration, Education, Social Work, Commerce and Business Administration, Library and Information Science. Apart from these, there are P.G. Diploma, Certificate and short term courses in Journalism and Mass Communication, Human Rights, English for Communication, Public Relations & Advertising. The school also conducts two highly specialised degree programmes - Bachelors in Library and Information Science (BLIS) and B. Ed (Special Education). The Centre for Language Studies, the only Centre of the University, functions under the School of H and SS. It offers Certificate Courses in English for Communication and PGDELT. At present, the school has the following faculty members:

Professor Debnarayan Modak, Professor of Political Science and Director of the School

Dr. Udaybhanu Bhattacharyya, Associate Professor of Commerce

Dr. Chandan Busu, Assistant Professor of History

Dr. Manan Kumar Mandal, Assistant Professor of Bengali

Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Commerce
Sri Srideep Mukherjee, Assistant Professor of English
Ms. Anamika Das, Assistant Professor of Library and Information Science

Ms. Kasturi Ghosh Sinha, Lecturer of Social Work,
Sri. Arijit Ghosh, Lecturer in Journalism and Mass Communication



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Dr. Sumana Bandyopadhyay, Lecturer in English Language Teaching

Sri. Lalit Lalitav Mohakud, Lecturer in Education

Sri. Abhedanada Panigrahi, Consultant, B. Ed (Special Education)

Ms. Swapna Deb, Consultant, B. Ed (Special Education)

Ms. Antara Choudhury (Sarkar), Lecturer in Special Education

Sri. Pankaj Kumar Sah, Lecturer in Special Education

Dr. Shibani Ghosh, Academic Coordinator

Academic Dimensions of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Through a well orchestrated range of activities, the School of H & SS carries on the task of contributing significantly within the broader spectrum of NSOU.

Student Interface: Personal Contact Programs

One of the greatest challenges as also the positives of the system of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) is the proper organization and management of student interface in the form of Personal Contact Programs (PCP). Students enrolled for courses at NSOU not only hail from diverse socio- economic-cultural backgrounds and far flung regions of the State; many of them are also variously engaged in challenging sectors of employment. As such it requires meticulous planning and executionary skills in arranging PCP's in a manner that can cater to the needs of the maximum. At the School of H & SS, the focus of the endeavour has always been on academic delivery of the highest standards and Counselors have accordingly been deployed across all disciplines. Efforts have been made to spread out PCP venues not just on the basis of economic viability but keeping in mind, learners' interests like geographical locale and their constraints of travelling long distances. Each and every member of the Faculty has been actively engaged in the dexterous planning and organizing of such Programs, as also in actually delivering class lectures and monitoring ongoing PCP's at all venues. Ideally, this necessitates honing academic acumen and administrative skills at the same time.

● Research Activities

● Ongoing Research Projects under the School of H & SS

Dr. Chandan Basu, Asst Professor in History has

taken up a DEC sponsored research project on *Left Ideology and the Popular Resistance Movement in West Bengal, 1947 – 1964*. The DEC Fund Monitoring Committee of NSOU has approved the project initially as a pilot project with tenure of six months. Dr Basu is an avid researcher and it is believed that the study he has undertaken will be a significant contribution to this field.

Dr Anirban Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Commerce is working on a DEC Funded Project in the area of *Corporate Governance in Indian banking Sector*.

The Ph. D program for research scholars registered with the School of H and SS strictly emphasizes upon quality, value and class in the authentic pursuit of new areas of exploration. Under the direct supervision and control of the Vice Chancellor, it works through the duly constituted Ph. D. Committees consisting of eminent academicians from concerned disciplines and the able stewardship of the Director of the School. The details of the current state of research programmes by individual scholars are given below.

Ph.D. Degrees Awarded/Awaiting formal Awarding from the Netaji Subhas Open University, School of Humanities & Social Sciences YEAR : 2010 – 2011

Sl. No.	Name of the candidate	Subject	Title of the Thesis	Name of the Supervisor
1.	Smt. Kakoli Chakraborty (Bhattacharyya)	Bengali	Bangia Chharys Melritto O Matrri Bhabsna	Dr. Dibyajyoti Majumder
2.	Smt. Jhinuk Banerjee	Bengali	'Subodh Ghoshor Golpo Uparyaso Prasangiata Anusare Nrbachita Rajnolik Bhabanar Pratchahan'	Dr. Jayanta Banerjee
3.	Sri Perthesarathi Hati	Bengali	Chhharar Chhander Proyog: Paribhishita Kalyay (Rabindranuthi -Shakti Chhatta-padyay)	Dr. Benun Chakraborty
4.	Smt. Chandrani Das	Music	Urabingsha Shutsaker Bangla Gii-Kobitay Raag Sangreeter Samagrak Prachhar	Dr. Binata Mitra
5.	Sri Srikrishna Mondal	Anthropology	Chnging socio-ecological pattern of Kharla of Purulia District - West Bengal	Prof. Mamata Dasal



Sl. No.	Name of the candidate	Subject	Title of the Thesis	Name of the Supervisor
6.	Sri Sudlo Bhattacharyya	Management	A Study of Human Resource Management practices in the organised sector during the Post-Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation Era	Dr. B. N. Biswal
7.	Smt. Mahananda Kanyal	Economics	Municipalization, Municipal Services and Finance: A Study of ULB's in West Bengal	Dr Zakir Hossain
8.	Sri Sambhu Bhattacharjee	English	Problems with writing correct English: A Study among the Rural School Students	Dr.S.K Banerjee
9.	Sri Saibal Paul	Social Work	Self-Help Groups as a strategy of Empowerment to be Specific Economic Empowerment of the Women	Dr.S.K Banerjee
10.	Sri Aloke Kumar Bhattacharya	Management	Transition Management of a Disinvested Public Sector Company	Dr.K.K Chaudhuri
11.	Sri Taposh Kumar Paul	Commerce	Problems and Prospects of Prawn Culture in West Bengal	Dr Ranajit Chakrabarty
12.	Sri Pravat Kumar Bhattacharjee	Bengali	Prag Adhunik Bangla Sahityer Ekaleen Punarnirman O Rupantar' Bis Shastriker Darsanthe Nirbachita Grantha Abalambane'	Professor Biswanath Roy
13.	Sri Nimai Krishna Mehata	Bengali	Purulia Zila O Sangraha Anchaier MUn-basider madhye Prachalito Krishi Sankranti Lokkiewas'	Dr. Manojali Bandyopadhyay
14.	Sri Amal Kanti Pandey	Bengali	Simanta Banglar Bhuprapray Loksanskriti Jhapan [Manasa Pujar], Paschim Medinipur Zila	Dr. Sanat Kumar Mitra
15.	Smt. Anusha Venkataraman	Sociology	Working Children in a Metropolitan City: A Study of South Kolkata Municipal Corporation Region	Professor Arantava Banerjee
16.	Smt. Anjali Mandal	History	Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science - A Citadel of Scientific Research: 1876-1947	Dr Chitra Pall

Sl. No.	Name of the candidate	Subject	Title of the Thesis	Name of the Supervisor
17.	Sri Ashoke Kumar Sarkar	Management	Profitability and Default of State Financial Corporation in the Globalised Era: A Case Study of Bihar State Financial Corporation from 1986-87 to 2002-03	Dr Ranajit Chakrabarty
18.	Sri Sabir Mandal	Bengali	Dokshin Bankarur Lokiban O Samskriti	Dr. Mrs. Sita Basak
19.	Sri Subhojit Bosa	Management	Study of the Indian Tea Industry during 1992-2004: Performance, Profitability and their Determinants	Dr. B. B. Chakrabarty
20.	Sri Prakash Chandra Santra	Bengali	Baishnabpad Sankalpaner Itihās: Guruta O Talparja	Prof. Solyabes Gni
21.	Smt. Monasree Pradhan	Education	Development of Teacher Education in Sikkim: Problems and Prospects	Prof. Dulal Mukhopadhyay
22.	Smt. Soumesree Sen	Education	A comparative study of self concept attitude towards ODL system and study habits of students studying in Dual Mode and Traditional Mode	Prof. Dulal Mukhopadhyay
23.	Sri Binjal Kumar Thandar	Bengali	Mukundadas O Rasikadaser Boishnab Sahajya Bangla Puthi Sampadana O Bisleshan	Prof. Rabi Ranjan Chatterjee

Lectures, Seminars, Symposia organised by the School of H & SS

Memorial Lectures

The concerted effort of all members of the School of H and SS has made it possible to successfully organise two Memorial Lectures this academic session. The details of these events are encapsulated herewith:

The Second Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Lecture

The Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Lecture is one of the most prestigious lectures that is organised by the School of H & SS under the aegis of NSOU. It has been instituted in 2010 as a mark of respect to the indomitable spirit of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the great patriotic soul and an unquestionable symbol of struggle against British colonialism.



On 16th March 2011, it was indeed a rendezvous with history as Professor **Sugata Bose, Gardiner Professor of History at Harvard University** came down to deliver the **Second Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Lecture** at the Conference Hall of the University Headquarters. The title of his lecture was **'Universalism and Cosmopolitanism: The Globalized Imagination of the Colonized'**. On this occasion Professor Bose officially released the printed version of the First Netaji Memorial Lecture that Professor Sobhanlal Dattagupta had delivered on 3rd March 2010 at Paschim Banga Bangla Academy. With Professor Dattagupta being present on the occasion, it was a happy meeting ground for both scholars as also for the NSOU family. Professor Manimala Das, Vice Chancellor presided over the programme. Dr Chandan Basu and Professor Debnarayan Modak went all the way with their special initiatives to make the programme successful on behalf of the school.

The Second Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture

The Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture, also instituted in 2010, is another major event in the annual calendar of the School of H & SS. It goes without saying that no other poet-thinker-philosopher has influenced the Indian mind in as many diverse ways as Tagore, so this lecture is only a humble offering to the Nobel Laureate.

The **Second Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture** was delivered by the eminent Tagore scholar, litterateur and pragmatic literary critic, **Professor Ketaki Kushari Dyson**, on 23rd March 2011 at the Paschim Banga Bangla Akademi auditorium. It was indeed an enlightening experience as Professor Dyson deliberated on "সবিশ্রুতকর্তা : বিশ্বায়নের এই নবতম পর্বাঙ্ক" The major onus of putting together the act of organizing this seminar to perfection lay with Professor Debnarayan Modak, Director, School of H & SS, and Dr. Manan Kumar Mandal, Assistant Professor of Bengali. Professor Dyson also officially released the printed version of the First Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture that Professor William Radice had delivered on 2nd December 2009 at the same venue. This programme was presided over by Professor Manimala Das, Vice Chancellor, NSOU.

• Seminars

National Seminar on "State, Citizen, History: In Search of Another India"

On 28th February, 2011 the School of H and SS organised, with financial assistance from the DEC, a **National Seminar** on the theme 'State, Citizen, History: In Search of Another India'. The aim of this seminar on the one hand was to interrogate anew the broader contexts of state, citizen and history; and to probe the contours of 'another' India in the perspective of these interconnected categories on the other. The Organizing Secretary of the Seminar was Dr. Chandan Basu. Professor Manimala Das, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NSOU delivered the inaugural address. Professor Debnarayan Modak, Professor of Political Science and Director, School of H and SS, NSOU broached the theme. The keynote address was delivered by **Professor Sobhanlal Datta Gupta**, former Surendra Nath Banerjee Professor of Political Science, University of Calcutta. The panel was comprised of eminent speakers like **Professor Gautam Bhadra**, Tagore National Fellow, National Library, **Professor Swaraj Basu**, IGNOU, **Professor Achintya Datta**, University of Burdwan, **Professor Apurba Mukherjee**, NIAS and **Professor Mahua Sarkar** from Jadavpur University. The formal inaugural session was followed by two technical sessions. The first was presided by Professor Sobhanlal Datta Gupta and the speakers were Professor Swaraj Basu, Professor Achintya Datta and Professor Apurba Mukherjee. The second technical session was chaired by Professor Apurba Mukherjee, the speakers being Professor Gautam Bhadra and Professor Mahua Sarkar. All the speakers made serious attempts to theorize the theme from angles as diverse as dalit perspective, local history, contemporary politics, significance of narratives and the question of gender. The seminar was well attended and the audience regaled themselves in the interactions and debates that followed each technical session.

National Seminar on "Emerging Issues in Accounting and Finance: An Indian Scenario"

On 31st May 2011 the Department of Commerce, School of H & SS with financial assistance from DEC and in association with the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, organised a **National Seminar on Emerging Issues in Accounting and Finance: An Indian Scenario**. Professor Debnarayan Modak, Director School of H & SS delivered the Welcome Address while Mr Sunil Dasgupta, President, BNCCI



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broached the theme in his Keynote Address.

Professor Manimala Das, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of NSOU gave the Presidential Address at the Seminar. The proceedings of the day were divided into three technical sessions. The theme for the first was **Changing Dimensions of Public Finance and Accounting**, where **Professor Ratan Khasnabis**, University of Calcutta held the Chair and the speakers were **Professor Soumyen Sikdar**, IIM Calcutta; **Dr V N Alok**, IIPA New Delhi and **Dr Udaybhanu Bhattacharya**, NSOU. Post lunch, the second technical session on the theme **IFRS and Indian Accounting Standards** was chaired by **Professor Ranjan Bal**, Utkal University and the speakers included **Professor Asish Bhattacharya**, Director International Management Institute, Kolkata and **Professor Sunil Gandhi**, University of Kalyani. The theme of the third technical session was **Direct Tax Code: Issues and Challenges**. With **Professor Utam Kumar Dutta**, West Bengal State University on the Chair, **Dr Anirban Ghosh**, NSOU and **CA Barun Ghosh**, Ray & Ray Co, Kolkata presented their deliberations. **Dr Ashit Baran Aich**, Director Study Centres, NSOU delivered the valedictory address. With the deft organizing skills of the Seminar Committee jointly convened by **Dr Udaybhanu Bhattacharya** and **Dr Anirban Ghosh** and the support of the School of H & SS, NSOU, the seminar turned out to be a success both in terms of attendance and the quality of deliberations.

Student Support Services

True to NSOU's spirit of striving to 'reach the unreachable', the School of H and SS organizes on the one hand, Special Education Programs for the differently abled learners and on the other, offers professional development courses for WBCS officers as well. The mission of social justice receives utmost priority through attempts to reach out to learners who are inmates at the Alipore Correctional Home. The School has also uploaded most of the old term end questions of BDP and PG courses in pdf format on the website of NSOU so that the learners can have a quick access to the entire range of academic activity expected of them. At present the School has undertaken a project to develop a 'Question Bank' for the PG courses. It is being executed with financial assistance from the Distance Educational Council (DEC). The response from all quarters has been very forthcoming on this project and it is expected that the effort will go a long way in consolidating student support services at the University.

Library Services

In addition to the existing stock of books, the School of H & SS has added nearly a thousand new titles this academic year. The entire purchase has been made out of the funds provided by the Distance Education Council.

Academic Achievements of Members of the Faculty, School of H & SS

Apart from an active level of participation at all seminars, workshops and symposia organised by different Schools of NSOU, the Faculty of the School of H & SS have also enriched themselves through participative activities at different fora.

PARTICIPATION IN APPRECIATION COURSE IN PARLIAMENTARY PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES

It was a high mark for the School of H & SS when Professor Manimala Das, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of NSOU nominated **Professor Debnarayan Modak**, Director, School of Humanities and Social Sciences and **Dr Chandan Basu**, Asst Professor of History along with **Professor Kajal De**, Director, School of Science for participation in the **Appreciation Course in Parliamentary Processes and Procedures** at New Delhi from 18th – 20th August 2010. It was organised by the Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training, Lok Sabha Secretariat, which is a premier Government body under the direct control of the Parliament of India. With the objective of spreading consciousness regarding ideas, procedures and the functioning of the Indian Parliamentary system, the Bureau regularly organises such courses for various categories of people like Government employees, teachers, armed forces personnel, bureaucrats and members of the police force. The delegates from NSOU were lively participants at all interaction held during this Course. They made two visits to the Lok Sabha while the House was in session. Smt Meera Kumar, Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha was pleased to attend the Course and interact with the participants.



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PARTICIPATION OF FACULTY AT THE SAARC WORKSHOP ON MULTIMEDIA PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Commerce and Dr. Manan Kumar Mandal, Assistant Professor of Bengali participated in a SAARC workshop on Multimedia Programme Development organised by Bangladesh Open University, Gazipur, Bangladesh from 5th to 9th February 2011. The workshop was sponsored by Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Vancouver, Canada and UGC, Govt of Bangladesh.

The individual academic activities of the Faculty of the School of H & SS are detailed herewith:

Dr. Debnarayan Modak

Professor of Political Science &
Director, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata

Professor Debnarayan Modak, Director, School of H & SS has to his credit several publications and presentations made during the academic year 2010-2011. He has published an article entitled 'Ekabingsha Shatabdi te Santrasbaad: Pratirodher Samasya' (in Bangla) (Combating Terrorism in the 21st Century: The Problems) in *Aryama-4*(2), 2011 [ISSN-0976-2728].

He has also published an Article entitled *Rabindranath-er Palli-bhabana O Karma-Sadhana : Ekti Samaj-naitik Abhignan*" (in Bangla) [Rabindranath's Thoughts and Deeds on Rural Reconstruction : A Social Perspective] published on the occasion of a *Seminar on Rabindranath-er Samaj O Rajniti Bhabna : Prasanga O Prasangikata* held on 22-23 March, 2011 and arranged by the Department of Political Science with Rural Administration, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore.

Professor Modak has attended quite many interactive sessions during the last academic year, and of these, he has made significant contributions to the proceedings of several Seminars and Lectures. He delivered the key-note address entitled "**Human Rights and Social Order : Beyond Traditional Formulations**" and also chaired a

technical session at the *UGC-sponsored National Seminar on "Social Security and Human Rights in India : An Introspection"* organised by Ramananda College, Bishnupur, Bankura, West Bengal on 25-26 September, 2010.

He delivered a Lecture on "**Gender Budgeting : An Agenda for Politics of Social Justice**" at a *UGC-sponsored National Seminar on "Gender Budgeting : Step Towards Justice"* organized by Rabindra Satabarshiki Mahavidyalaya, Ghatal, West Midnapore (West Bengal) on 17-18 March, 2011.

He has also presented a paper on "**Reflections on Rural Reconstruction in the era of Globalization : Tagore and Gandhi Revisited**" in the *State-Lecture Seminar on "Rabindranath-er Samaj O Rajniti Bhabna : Prasanga O Prasangikata* (in Bengali) organized by Vidyasagar University, Midnapore (West), (West Bengal) on 22-23 March, 2011.

NSOU Activities :

1. Besides regular academic activities pertaining to courses in Political Science and Public administration, Dr. Modak was actively engaged in organizing Seminar on **State, Citizen and History : In Search of Another India** (28 February, 2011), **Second Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Lecture** (16 March, 2011) and **Second Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture** (23 March, 2011); and also in publishing the First Netaji Memorial Lecture and First Tagore Memorial Lecture with other members of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. He is now working as one of the Joint Editor to publish a volume on behalf of the University to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Tagore.
2. Attended the *Induction Meetings* of Bikashayan, Kolkata (3rd August, 2010), SHELTER, Bhadreswar (6th August, 2010), Maharaja Manindra Chandra College, Kolkata (3rd August, 2010), and Howrah Girls' College (5th September, 2010).
3. Attended different Seminars / Workshops organized by Netaji Subhas Open University including **Orientation Programme for the Academic Counsellors and Workshop on**



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Vocational Courses held at Coochbehar (2nd & 3rd April, 2010), Seminar on **Child Development : Present and Future** (7th July, 2010), Seminar on **Identifying Quality Parameters in Distance Education** (13th April, 2011) and **Global Warming and Climate Change : Save the One Earth** (19th April, 2011).

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences, etc. (Other than NSOU):

1. Attended the **Annual Conference of The West Bengal Political Association** held at Surendranath College, Kolkata, on 13 June, 2010.
2. Participated in the **25th Appreciation Course on Parliamentary Processes and Procedures** organised by the Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training, New Delhi, on 18-20 August, 2010.
3. Attended the International Seminar on **Post-Cold War Global Order and Asia** organized by Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata on 26 August, 2010.
4. Participated in the Annual Conference on **Beyond the Cliches : US-India Relations in the 21st Century** organised by the Foreign Policy Study Circle in collaboration with the American Centre held on 03 September, 2010 at Lincoln Room, American Centre, Kolkata.
5. Attended a Special Lecture on **Representation of Sufferings in Tagore** by Professor Sudipto Kabiraj of Columbia University (USA) organized by Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata on 30 December, 2010.
6. Attended a UGC-sponsored National Level Seminar on **"Adhunikata O Rabindranath"** organized jointly by Bhawanipur Educational Society College and Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata, on 20-21 January, 2011.
7. Participated in a National Seminar on **'Socio-Political Visions of Tagore and its contemporary Relevance'**, organized jointly by the Department of International Relations and Centre for Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata on 21 February, 2011.

8. Participated in a Seminar on **"Gandhi and Political Ecology"** organized by Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata on 29 March, 2011.

Membership of Academic Bodies :

1. Indian Political Society Association (Life Membership).
2. West Bengal Political Science Association (Do).
3. Council for Political Studies, Kolkata (Do).
4. Vidyasagar Centre for Social Science, Midnapur (Do).
5. Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad (Do).

Dr Chandan Basu

Assistant Professor of History

Dr Basu is keenly engaged in the development of Open and Distance Learning as part of his academic duties at NSOU. He is presently working on revising Self Learning Materials (SLM) of the Post Graduate History course of the University. He has edited a number of revised editions of these basic texts of PG History and is also working upon the publication of SLM's for Subsidiary History in three volumes. These three volumes will be made available to learners of the June 2010 batch as laid down in the guidelines of the Prospectus.

Dr. Basu was a participant at the **Appreciation Course in Parliamentary Processes and Procedures**, organised by the Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training at New Delhi from 18-20th August, 2010.

As part of his wider engagement in academic circles of Social Sciences, he has been instrumental in organizing several seminars and lectures over the last two years, the latest being the **Second Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Lecture** delivered by Professor Sugata Bose on 16th March 2011.

The 'One day National Seminar on **State, Citizen, History: In Search of Another India**' on 28th February 2011 also came off well with Dr Basu as the Organising Secretary.

Dr Basu's current engagement with the research



project on *Left Ideology and the Popular Resistance Movement in West Bengal, 1947-1964*, taken up with financial assistance from the Distance Education Council, is progressing steadily.

Dr Manan Kumar Mandal

Assistant Professor of Bengali

Dr Manan Kumar Mandal is a significant contributor to the Bengali literary scene. With his present analytical mindset being focused on the Bangla short story form, Dr Mandal has made two significant contributions to the genre.

- "সুন্দেখা দান্যালের গল্পগুলি", উজাগর [ISSN 0976-7398], নবম বর্ষ, প্রথম সংখ্যা, ১৪২৭, পৃ. ১৫৫-১৮০
- "গল্পের তুক ও সুবোধ ঘোষ"; সুবোধ ঘোষ : অব্যক্তিক শিল্পী (সম্পাদিত গ্রন্থ) [ISBN 978-81-921180-0-0], উজাগর, প্রথম সং. ২০১১, কলকাতা, পৃ. ৩৫-৫২

In a rare show of multi-linguistic prowess, Dr Mandal presented a paper titled "ভারতীয় সাহিত্যের ভারতীয়ত্ব : রবীন্দ্রনাথ ও আমরা" (*Bharatiya Sahityer Bharatiyatwa: Rabindranath O Amra*) at a National Level Seminar on *Rabindranath and Hindi Literature* sponsored by the Dept of Higher Education, West Bengal at Nani Bhattacharya Smarak Mahavidyalaya, Jaygaon, Jalpaiguri from 26th to 27th March 2011.

As part of his academic activities at NSOU, Dr Mandal has compiled & prepared Subsidiary Bengali SLM for three papers. He also edited & revised the complete SLM of Post Graduate Bengali paper 5. Now he is engaged in rewriting some units of Paper 4 of PG Bengali SLM. He was in-charge of B.Ed(Special Education) of NSOU, for last 10 months and participated in various academic activities regarding this course.

Dr Mandal has written two SLMs of PG Bengali (*Krishnakumari & Premendra Mitra Chotogalpo*) for Tripura University and one SLM of PG Bengali for DDE, Burdwan University.

Dr Mandal has also been invited as a Guest Lecturer at the Dept. of Bengali, University of Calcutta and Dept. of Bengali, Jadavpur University (Evening Section) for his specialization in Bangladesh studies & Comparative Indian Literature.

Dr Manan Kr Mandal participated in a SAARC Workshop on *Multimedia Programme Development* organized by Bangladesh Open University, Gazipur, Bangladesh from 05th to 09th February 2011. The workshop was sponsored by COL, Vancouver, Canada & UGC, Govt of Bangladesh.

Dr Anirban Ghosh

Assistant Professor of Commerce

The year 2010-11 has been an exceptionally challenging one for Dr Ghosh as it has been a test of his multipronged abilities. Along with the additional charge of the Dept. of Non Conventional Courses, he was also entrusted the responsibility of acting as the Controller of Examinations at a very crucial juncture. The academic in him has only emerged the stronger in all this. He has brought honours to the University with his contributions both at home and abroad.

Dr Ghosh has been involved in a number of inter-Institutional activities during the past academic year. He delivered Lectures as Resource Person at a One Day Seminar on the *'Role of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the Indian Economy'* organised by Pranavananda Institute of Management and Technology, Kolkata on 24th January, 2011, and at a *One Day Workshop on Total Cost Management* organised jointly by the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India and the CII at Haldia on 24th February, 2011.

He has brought pride to NSOU by presenting a paper entitled *'NSOU's Role in Capacity Building'* at the International Conference (PCF – 6) organised jointly by Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and IGNOU at Kochi from 24-28 November 2010.

The details of publications by Dr Anirban Ghosh during this period are detailed herewith:

- "The ICT and Education: From blackboard to keyboard"*, the ICWAI's Journal "The Management Accountant", Vol.46 No.2, February 2011 (ISSN 0972-3528).
- "Infrastructure Sector and Tax related issues in India"*, the ICWAI's Journal "The Management Accountant", Vol.46 No.5, May 2011 (ISSN 0972-3528).

Fellowship:
Awarded Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU) Staff Exchange Fellowship 2010 by Korea

Glimpses : Landmark Moments

▶
Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar, Vice Chancellor, NSOU pays obeisance to Tagore at the ceremony to mark his death anniversary on 9th August 2011.



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At the same occasion (from L to R) Professor Bikash Ghosh, Registrar (Acting), Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar, Vice Chancellor, NSOU, Professor Kajal Da, Director, School of Science, Professor Debnarayan Medak, Director, School of H & SS.

▶
Members of the Staff, NSOU performing in reminiscence of Tagore.



Glimpses : Landmark Moments

Professor Manimala Das, Vice Chancellor, NSOU inaugurates the Vocational Building at NSOU Kalyani Campus on 26th January, 2011.



Professor Manimala Das, Vice Chancellor, NSOU raises the Tricolour on 26th January 2011 at the Kalyani Campus.

Professor Manimala Das, Vice Chancellor, NSOU, members of the Faculty and staff at the Green Campus, Kalyani on 26th January, 2011.



Glimpses : Landmark Moments

(From L to R) Dr. Chandan Basu, Professor Debnarayan Modak, Director, School of H & SS, Professor Sobhendra Datta Gupta, Professor Manimala Das, Vice Chancellor, NSOU at the Seminar on 'State, Citizen, History: In Search Of Another India' on 28th February 2011.



(From L to R) Professor Sobhendra Datta Gupta, Professor Goutam Bhadra, Professor Swaraj Basu at the Seminar on 'State, Citizen, History: In Search Of Another India'.

(From L to R) Dr. Bibhas Guha, Professor Kajal De, Sri Debiprasad Duari at the Seminar on 'Global Warming and Climate Change: Save the One Earth'.



Glimpses : Landmark Moments

Professor Manimala Das, Vice Chancellor, NSOU, greets the Chief Guest Professor Subimal Sen, Chairman, Higher Education Council, West Bengal at the Seminar on 'Identifying Quality Parameters in Distance Education' on 24th March, 2011



(From L to R) Sri Soumyendra Sen, Registrar, Professor S. P. Mukherjee, Professor Manimala Das, Vice Chancellor, NSOU, Professor Subimal Sen, Professor Arit Baran Aich at the same venue.

(From L to R) Professor Juran Sarkhel, Director, DDE, University of Kalyani, Professor Srinath Barua, Vice Chancellor, KKHSOU, Guwahati, Dr. Rukmini Vemraja, Programme Officer, CEMCA at the seminar.



Glimpses : Landmark Moments



(From L to R) Sri Soumyendra Sen, Registrar; Professor Pranabes Sanyal, Professor Kajal De at the Seminar on Global Warming on 19th April, 2011.



Professor Manimata Das, Vice Chancellor, NSOU, greets Mr. Sunil Dasgupta, President BNCCI at the Seminar on 'Emerging Issues in Accounting and Finance: An Indian Scenario' on 31st May 2011.



(From L to R) Professor Soumyen Sikdar, Professor Ratan Khasnabis, Dr V N Alek at the Seminar on 'Emerging Issues in Accounting and Finance: An Indian Scenario'.

Glimpses : Landmark Moments

(From L to R) Professor Manimala Das, Former Vice Chancellor, NSOU, Principal, New Alipore College, Professor Kajal De, Former Registrar (Acting) at the Coordinators' Meet at New Alipore College.



(From L to R) Professor Debnarayan Modak, Director, H & SS, Professor Kajal De, Director, School of Science, Dr. Asit Baran Aich, Director, Department of Study Centres at the Workshop on 'Modalities of the Smooth Running of Study Centres at Kalyani Campus on 13th April, 2011.

Students of the School of Science at the Laboratory Counselling cum Evaluation session.



Glimpses : Landmark Moments

(From R to L) Professor Manimala Das, Vice Chancellor, NSOU, Sri Soumyendra Sen, Registrar, Professor Debnarayan Modak, Director, H & SS and others at the Seminar on Womens' Studies on 17-18th March, 2011.



(From L to R) Professor Bharati Roy, Professor Jashochhara Bagchi, Professor Mukul Sengupta and others at the same venue.

A glimpse of the Seminar on 'Tax Reforms in India: Issues and Challenges' held on 5th February, 2011 at the Conference Room at NSOU Headquarters.



Glimpses : Landmark Moments

Ph.D. sardarses at the 8th Convocation of NSOU
on 13th May 2010



Professor Debnarayan Modak, Director, H & SS
and NSOU Coordinators with RCI officials at the
National Workshop at New Delhi.

(From L to R) Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Assistant Professor In
Commerce and Dr. Manan Kumar Mandal, Assistant
Professor in Bengali at the SAARC Workshop on
Multimedia Programme Development organised by
Bangladesh Open University.



National Open University, South Korea (23
August to 17 September 2010)

Certification:

UNESCO Bangkok e-learning series on Information and Communication Technology in Education.

Academic Contribution:

Curricula for Post Graduate Diploma in Taxation and Post Graduate Diploma in Export-Import Management developed for the University, Edited the following SLMs: Paper-1 and Paper 2 of PG Diploma in Taxation.

Induction Meeting attended as Resource Person at:

- i) Sree Gopal Banerjee S.C., Hooghly.
- ii) Haldia Govt. College S.C., Purba Medinipur
- iii) Ghatal R.S. Mahavidyalaya, Paschim Medinipur.

Participation in Workshop/Training Programme:

- i) Training programme on the **Right to Information Act 2005** organized by Institute of Public Administration at Bhubaneswar on 12 April to 14 April 2010.
- ii) One day workshop on “**e-content Standards**” organized by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) at Hyderabad on 24 July 2010.
- iii) PCF-6 Pre-Conference Tutorial on “**Teaching/ Skill Development using ICT and e-Learning**” organized by IGNOU in association with Pan-Commonwealth Foundation held at IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin, Kerala on 24 November 2010.
- iv) SAARC Workshop on “**Multimedia Programme Development**” organized by Bangladesh Open University on 5 February to 9 February, 2011.

Paper Review:

06 papers reviewed for Symbiosis International Conference on Open and Distance Learning, 2011 organized by Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning, Pune on 21-23 February 2011.

Training Programme conducted:

Orientation Programme for BDP Counsellors at Coochbehar College on 4/4/10.

Dr. Ghosh is currently working in a DEC Funded Project on **Corporate Governance in Indian Banking Sector**.



Ascent 2011

Sri Srideep Mukherjee,

Assistant Professor of English, has joined the School of H & SS, NSOU on 1st March 2011.

Ms. Anamika Das

Assistant Professor in Library Information Science.

Academic Activities:

- Conducted Personal Contact programmes for Bachelor and Master of Library and Information Science (BLIS and MLIS) at several Study Centres across the State.
- Taken part in PCPs for BLIS and MLIS Programmes.
- Acted as subject expert in BLIS Term End Practice Examination, 2010.
- Visited different Examination Centres as observer of BLIS Term End Practice Examination.
- Engaged in preparing question Bank for BLIS and MLIS programmes.
- Inspection of Laboratory Counselling cum-Evaluation Programmes, 2010 at different study centres.

Radio Counselling:

Lectures delivered on Gyan Vani FM Channel (105.4 MHZ).

Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops participated:

Participated in 'The National Workshop on *Development of Self Learning Materials for Distance and Online Learning*' organized by STRIDE, IGNOU, New Delhi during February 14-18, 2011.

Research work:

Taken admission to the PhD Programme at the University of Calcutta. Proposed title for the intended study is “**Digital Repository of Learning Objects for Distance Education System: Study of Metadata and Related Tools and Technologies**”.



Ms Kasturi Ghosh Sinha Lecturer in Social Work

Ms Ghosh Sinha has been a speaker at an Orientation Session on 'Womens' Development in India' for the Final year students of MSW at the Vidyasagar School of Social Work.

Apart from her regular academic activities relating to the smooth conduct of the MSW course, participation in the 2 days Orientation Programme on 'Amra Pari' Level I Course and delivering scheduled lectures on Gyan Vani on various social issues; Ms Ghosh Sinha has also made significant contributions at several inter-Institutional activities.

- Acted as rapporteur at a seminar conducted by the Dept of Integrated Rural Management under Rama Krishna Mission Vivekananda University, and contributed by editing the report of the seminar.
- Conducted classes on '**Feminism and Strategies for Empowerment of Women**' for the MSW students of Vidyasagar School of Social Work.

Sri Arjit Ghosh

Lecturer in Journalism and Mass Communication

- Has acted as a Guest Lecturer for the general Course in Journalism at Rishi Bankim Chandra Evening College, Naihati.
- Is a regular contributor to Citizen Journalism websites like merinews.com, where he writes on issues related to Travel, Entertainment and Sports.

Dr Sumana Bandyopadhyay

Lecturer in English Language Teaching

Dr Bandyopadhyay has to her credit a book titled *Indianisation of English*, published by Concept Publishing, New Delhi, April 2010. She has also contributed a Paper titled '*Syntax Patterns in Anurag Mathur's The Inscrutable Americans*' to the e-journal *The Indian Review of World Literature* [ISSN: 0974-097X] Vol 6, Number 1, Jan 2010; pp 1-6.

Dr Bandyopadhyay has taken up a number of initiatives since she took charge of the discipline of ELT at NSOU. The first was the preparation of an ELT catalogue. The books, files, teaching materials and supplementary course materials which were collected since the early days of the Course were catalogued. The break-up was as follows: i) books: 194, ii) journals: 7, iii) dictionary: 1, iv) files: 163 (MAELT 12, DELT 21, CEC 32, additional teaching material 35, others 63), v) cassettes: 12, and vi) VCD, audio CD: 20. It was prepared in Excel for quick access by our counsellors. The second was study material writing. An initiative was taken in February 2011 for writing study materials for the Diploma course in ELT (Paper I-VI) and the task was completed by May 2011. Our team of academic counselors as writers and editors has worked hard to complete the writing task in time. The materials will be available for the academic session July 2011. The writing of MAELT study material for Paper VIII, Research Methodology and Academic Study Skills was completed by April 2011.

Course development-

- a) Designed task sheets and supplementary course materials for ELT students to facilitate learning.
- b) Compilation, Writing and Editing of Study Materials.
- c) Preparation of ELT Catalogue

Seminars/Lectures attended:

In addition to all the programmes organised by different Schools of NSOU, **Dr Bandyopadhyay** has also attended the following events:

1. Participated in Golden Jubilee Department Day, organised by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kanpur, from 22-23rd October 2010. Made a presentation on "**Experiences at IIT Kanpur**,"
2. Attended a Lecture on '**Representation of Sufferings in Tagore**' by Professor Sudipta Kaviraj, organised by Netaji Institute for Asian Studies on 30th December, 2010.

Sri Lalit Lalitav Mohakud

Lecturer in Education

Sri Mahakud has jointly presented a Paper with Sri Parthasarathi Mallik, Asst Professor, Dept of Education, Fakir Chand College at a UGC sponsored Two Day



National Seminar on 'Value Education' organised by Khatra Adivasi Mahavidyalay, Khatra, Bankura on 21st and 22nd Jan 2011. The title of their Paper was **'CREATING AN IN-BUILT VALUE SYSTEM IN SCHOOLS: A PRAGMATIC APPROACH.'**

Jointly presented with Mr Rajib Lochan Mohapatra, Asst Professor of Education, Ramakrishna Mission Shikshana Mandir, Behur Math a paper entitled, **'INCLUDING THE EXCLUDED : THE FUNDAMENTAL OF FUTURE LIVING'** at a UGC sponsored Two day national seminar on "Reaching The Unreached : The Context of Marginalised Society" organized by Malda Womens College, Malda on 25th and 26th Feb 2011.

In addition to his assigned duties at NSOU, Sri Mohakud has been acting as Academic Counsellor at IGOU (Bijoy Krishna Girls' College Study Centre). He has been an energetic participant at all seminars organised by NSOU. He is also provisionally registered with Assam Central University, Silchar for his Ph.D.

Ms Antara Choudhury (Sarkar)

Lecturer in Special Education

- Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi has been pleased to include Ms Choudhury in their panel of Visiting Experts on the basis of her qualifications and experience in the field of rehabilitation for the disabled.

In this context, Ms Choudhury was invited to assess the training facilities (Qualifications of the core and guest faculties, equipments, library, laboratory, model school etc) of the following institutions for grant/extension of recognition of RCI recognized training programmes like B.Ed. Special Education and D.Ed Special Education and to submit a detailed inspection report on the following Institutions :-

- Mother Teresa Open University, Kodaikanal for B.Ed. Special Education (MR) course ,
- D.P Mishra Institute for Advanced Studies in Special Education and Technology, Ganjam, Orissa for D.Ed Special Education (MR),
- National Institute for The Empowerment of Persons with Multiple disabilities, Kovalam, Chennai for D.Ed (ASD) and

- Action for Autism, New Delhi for D.Ed (ASD).
- She is also attached with West Bengal State University as a BOS member for the B.Ed. Special Education (MR) course.
- Delivered lectures on Gyan Vani on various intricate issues of Special Education

Sri Pankaj Kumar Sah

Lecturer in Special Education

Sri Sah presented a Paper titled **"Educational Rights of Persons with Disabilities"** at a National Seminar on Right to Education: Issues and Challenges hosted by U.P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University (UPRTOU), Allahabad on 13th March 2011.

- Sri Sah has been invited as an Academic Counsellor for PCP's of the B.Ed (SEDE) programme of IGNOU at Ramakrishna Mission, Narendrapur Study Centre.
- He has been guiding two M.Ed dissertations of IGNOU Study Centre at Ramakrishna Mission, Coimbatore.
- Has made thoughtful deliberations on Gyan Vani relating to the education of visually impaired children,

Sri Abhedananda Panigrahi

Consultant, B.Ed (Special Education) Course

Sri Abhedananda Panigrahi and Ms Swapna Deb, Consultants – B.Ed (Special Education) jointly presented a Paper titled : **"বর্তমানের জেজিওতে সহজ পাতের ভূমিকা"** at a Seminar on **'Tagore's thought in Child Education : Present and Future** at Barisha Pathagar organized by Indian Institute of Mother and Child Welfare on 8th May 2011.

Sri Panigrahi also conducted a Workshop on **'Interpersonal Relationships – Tools for Achievement and Stress Management'** organised by N.R Academy, Ghatal, Pashchim Midnapore on 26th March 2011.

Given his proven credentials in his field of activity, Sri Panigrahi was invited to deliver Lectures at different Centres under the Continuing Rehabilitation Education Program (CRE) approved by the Rehabilitation Council



of India (RCI). The details of such programs are appended below:

Topic	Seminar/ Workshop	Organizer	Date
Counseling as a Part of the Process for change of attitude in Inclusive Education	CRE	Midnapur Rehabilitation Center for Children	22 nd March 2011
Parental Perspective of Early Intervention	CRE	North Bengal Handicapped Rehabilitation Society	26 th February 2011
Family Therapy and Counseling for early Childhood Special Education	CRE	North Bengal Handicapped Rehabilitation Society	26 th February 2011
Family Therapy and Counseling	CRE	Monovikash Kendra, Kolkata	19 th January 2011
Counseling as one of the processes for inclusive education	CRE	Monovikash Kendra, Kolkata	28 th April, 4 th , 13 th May, 24 th August 2010
Teaching Strategies for students with learning Disabilities	CRE	Monovikash Kendra, Kolkata	20 th 06 th , 20 th April 2010

Seminars/ Workshops / Lectures attended

- **Tagore's Thought in Child Education : Present and Future** at Barisha Pathagar organized by Indian Institute of Mother and Child Welfare on 8th May 2011
- **Tagore's Thoughts about Disability** at Rabindra Bharati University on 15th December 2010.
- **Child Education : Present and Future** at Bangla academy organized by Netaji Subhas Open University on 7th July 2010
- **Drug and Substance Abuse Problem** at Rabindra Bharati University on 29th & 30th March 2010.
- Has delivered lectures on Gyan Vani on several areas of relevant thought.

Ms Swapna Deb

Consultant, B.Ed (Special Education) Course

Ms Deb has also delivered a Special Lecture on **'Teaching Practical: Peer Group Teaching'** under the

CRE Program at Midnapur Rehabilitation Centre for Children on 25th March 2011.

Seminars Attended

- **Tagore's Thought in Child Education : Present and Future** at Barisha Pathagar organized by Indian Institute of Mother and Child Welfare on 8th May 2011.
- **Child Education : Present and Future** at Bangla academy organized by Netaji Subhas Open University on 7th July 2010.
- Delivered various lectures on Gyan Vani on topics related to "Teaching Strategies in H.I. child", "Usefulness of Teaching Aids in H.I. Child", "Parents attitude in H.I. child", "শিশু শিক্ষায় বাংলা ব্যাকরণের প্রয়োজনীয়তা", "শ্রবণ অক্ষম শিশুদের মাতৃ ভাবের মাধ্যমে শিক্ষান"।

Department of Non-Conventional Courses

In-Charge:

Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Commerce

About the Department

Open and Distance Learning is increasingly becoming popular because of its flexibility and learner friendly approach, particularly to those who have not been able to gain access to the formal education system for whatever reasons. Netaji Subhas Open University is not only imparting higher education as an alternative to the formal system of education i.e. conventional courses, but also in areas such as vocational and non-conventional courses. This is one area where distance education can be used extensively to provide education that can prepare a skilled workforce for the society. The University provides vocational and non-conventional courses so that the learners can engage themselves in income-generating livelihood. It is not possible for formal education system alone to provide the required number of skilled workers. In such a situation, Netaji Subhas open University creates an opportunity to upgrade the skills of existing work force by providing seamless vocational education training through its 64 vocational study centres all over the State of West Bengal. Presently, there are 5000 learners on roll in 24 courses under this Department. At present the University is exploring the possibility of

opening vocational centres at remote areas of the State. The University attaches due importance to empowering women by imparting different courses exclusively for girls' women. The women empowerment programme of the University includes community health, infant care, and ways to combat malnutrition and even special needs of adolescent girls.

Major initiatives over the 2010-11 session

- New course launched: Post graduate Diploma in Taxation
- The study materials of the following courses have been prepared during the last academic session.
 - i) Post Graduate Diploma in Taxation
 - ii) Advanced Diploma in Tailoring & Dress Designing
- The Department has already taken initiatives to prepare the study materials for the Post Graduate Diploma in Export-Import Management.
- The Department is developing e-content on Tailoring & Dress Designing Course which will be available online.
- Under Quality Assurance Programme, the Department is trying to maintain a standard of academic curricula with the Academic calendar.
- New Vocational centres opened: (1) Suri Mahila Samity, Birbhum, (2) Anjali Social Welfare Research Foundation, Panskura, Purba Medinipur, (3) ACE Business Services Pvt. Ltd., Siliguri, Darjeeling, (4) Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Values, Kolkata.
- New courses on the anvil: i) Food Processing, ii) Export-Import Management

In the last academic session the Department has organized the following programmes:

1. Regional level Seminar on **"Role of Open and Distance Learning in Vocational Training and Education"** at Coochbehar College held on 3 April 2010.
2. State level Seminar on **"Child Education in West Bengal: The present & Future"** in collaboration with Paschim Banga Sishu Siksha Mission, Govt. of West Bengal held on 7 July 2010.

3. 7 day Orientation Programme for **"Trainers of Diploma in Pre-Primary Teachers' Training"** held on 6-10 December 2010.
4. State Level Seminar on **"Tax Reforms in India: Issues and Challenges"** held on 5 February 2011.
5. 2-day workshop on **"Womens' Studies: Awareness & its implications"** held on 17-18 March 2011.

The following courses are being conducted by the University in collaboration with the respective Institutes / Organizations

Vocational Courses:

Name of the Study Centres with Collaborative Partners	Name of the Course
1. Sriniketan and Santiniketan Development Authority (SSDA), Prantik, Birbhum	1. Tailoring & Dress Designing (5-month Basic)
2. Global Institute of Fashion Technology & Science (GIFTS), 2AParganas, (S)	2. Tailoring & Dress Designing (6-month Advance Certificate)
3. Srauti Devi Vidyaniketan (SDV), Plessey, Nadia	3. Tailoring & Dress Designing (2-Year Advanced Diploma)
4. Nri Sishu Samiti, Kolkata & Jhargram (Paschim Medinipur) (West Bengal State Council of Technical Education)	4. DTP (Certificate)—6 months
5. Anjali Social Welfare Research Foundation, Panskura, Purba Medinipur	5. Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology-2-Years
1. Nri Sishu Samiti, Kolkata & Jhargram (Paschim Medinipur)	6. PG Diploma in Apparel Designing & Fashion Technology- 2-yr
2. Suri Mahila Samity, Birbhum (Sl. No. 7)	7. PG Diploma in Needleswork & Knitting (only for girls)—2 years
Girindra Sakhar Institute of Psychological Education & Research, Kolkata	8. Post Graduate Diploma in Psychological Counselling -1 yr
West Bengal Red Cross Society, West Bengal State Branch	9. Diploma in Community Based Health Management-15 months
Paschim Banga Raja Sishu Sriksha Mission (Govt. of West Bengal)	10. Diploma in Sshu Shiksha Training - 1 year (only in service)



Name of the Study Centres with Collaborative Partners	Name of the Course
Enterprise Development Institute (EDI), Kolkata (Bengal National Chamber of Commerce & Industry)	11. Diploma in Travel & Tourism – 1 year 12. Diploma in Entrepreneurship Development and Small Business Management- 1year 13. Certificate in Entrepreneurship Development and Small Business Management- 4months (for Defence personnel) 14. Certificate in Travel & Tourism- 4months (for Defence personnel)
West Bengal Voluntary Blood Donors' Forum, Kolkata	15. Certificate in Blood Donors' Motivation, Blood Science & Social Work – 6month
1. Institute of Social Work, 24 Paigani(N) 2. Nari Siksha Samiti, Jhargram	16. Certificate in Womens' Empowerment – 8 months (AmraPar)
1. Fronabanda Institute of Management & Technology, Kolkata 2. ACE Business Services Pvt. Ltd., Silguri	17. Post Graduate Diploma in Taxation

Technical Courses/ Professional Courses

Name of the Study Centres with Collaborative Partners	Name of the Course
RN Tagore International Institute for Cardiac Sciences (Asia Heart Research Foundation), Kolkata	1. PG Diploma in Hospital Front Office Management – 1 year 2. Graduate Programme in Physician Assistant-3 years
CMCLtd, Kolkata	4. MCA-3 years 5. BCA-3 years
Enterprise Development Institute (EDI), (Bengal National Chamber of Commerce & Industry) Kolkata	6. PG Diploma in Retail Management- 1year
Learning and Living Resources Society, Kolkata Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Values	7. Diploma in Pre-Primary Teachers' Training-1year 8. MA in Values, Ethics & Indian Culture – 2 years.

Department of Study Centres

In the system of Open and Distance Learning (ODL), the Department of Study Centres discharges a pivotal role in maintaining interactions between the University and the wider community of learners. At present there are 95 study centres for Conventional Courses (including one at

Alipur Correction Home) spread all over West Bengal, that are striving towards fulfilling the aspirations of students through distance learning methodology. Several colleges and institutions have expressed their eagerness in associating themselves with NSOU in similar capacity. These are under the consideration of the University.

Regional Centre

The Regional Centre at Kalyani performs a dual role as it coordinates between the University and the study centres under its jurisdiction on the one hand, and hosts large workshops and other University activities on the other. We are confident that with the completion of ongoing construction activities, this Centre will be all the more effective in organizing multifarious activities of the University. A workshop on the *Modalities of the Smooth Running of Study Centres* was held on 13th April 2011 at this Centre. In a significant departure from convention, office staffs of all Study Centres of the University were invited to this workshop. The objective of this interaction was proper to work out a proper liaisoning rationale between the University and those personnel who actually execute different activities on its behalf at ground levels.

Visits to study centres

For on spot evaluation of the functioning of Study Centres with respect to prevalent financial, academic and administrative issues, visits were made to following Study Centres:-

1. Sarojini Naidu College, Dum Dum
2. Sammilani Mahavidyalaya, Bagha Jatin
3. Mahadevananda Mahavidyalaya, Barrackpore
4. Ghatal College, Paschim Medinipore
5. Panskura Banamali College, Purba Medinipore
6. N.L. Khan College, Paschim Medinipore
7. Malda College, Malda
8. Burdwan Raj College, Burdwan
9. Turakeswar Degree College, Hooghly
10. SSDA Study Centre, Prantik

The visiting teams included Director, Study Centres, Director H&SS, Director, Science, Assistant Director, Study Centres, University officials including officers and

faculty. The visiting teams interacted with the students and the Principals of the concerned study centres. After each visit, formal inspection reports have been placed before the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

Development Grants to Study Centres

Total development grant sanctioned to all Study Centres amounts to Rs 27,52,786. The range of amount sanctioned with respect to number of Study Centres are as under:-

Upto Rs 50000	69 study centres
Rs 50000 to 1 lakh	13 study centres
Above 1 lakh	4 study centres

Other grants released to the study centres

Grants for Laboratory counseling -cum-Evaluation Sessions for BDP has been released in two phases. During first phase grant has been sanctioned to 24 centres for both elective and subsidiary subjects while during the second phase, grant has been sanctioned for 16 centres for elective subject.

Grants for conducting computer training programmes have been sanctioned for both BDP & PG Mathematics courses.

Maintenance grants twice a year, have been sanctioned to 90 (ninety) Study Centres for BDP and to six Study Centres for PG Geography and Zoology courses. This includes remuneration for staff, counseling charges, printing charges and charges for other expenditure.

PCP grants have been sanctioned for all Arts, Commerce and Science subjects (Part-I and Part-II).

Since admission formalities are now discharged through Bank, PG processing charges for Arts and Science subjects (Except Geography & Zoology) have been sent directly to concerned Study Centres by the University.

Academic Counselors

We prioritize the upholding of uniformly excellent teaching standards for learners, and accordingly, strict eligibility criteria are followed before giving approval for

appointment of Counselors for Study Centres and the renewals of hitherto approved Counselors on a bi-annual basis.

Seminar & Workshop

A seminar on 'Identifying Quality Parameters in Distance Education' with financial assistant from the DEC, was organized by the Study Centre Department of the University on 24.3.11 at Paschimbanga Bangla Academy. Eminent delegates at the technical sessions of the seminar included Professor Srinath Barua, Vice Chancellor of Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University, Guwahati, Assam; Dr. Rukmini Venraj, CEMCA and Professor Juran Krishna Sarkhel, Director DDE, University of Kalyani.

It was statistically observed at the Seminar that at the national level, 20 to 25% of the total enrolment in higher education lay with 14 Open Universities while the rest are covered by nearly 400 conventional face to face Universities and other Institutes of higher learning. Speakers at the Seminar dwelt on the fact that the University in the ODL system functions through its Study Centres which are geographically scattered over a wide radii; as such the quality of an Open University actually is the sum total of the qualities of all these Study Centres. Professor Subimal Sen, Chairman, Higher Education Council, WB., was the Chief Guest of the Programme and he also inaugurated the Seminar. Professor S.P. Mukherjee, Ex- Centenary Professor in Statistics, University of Calcutta, delivered the keynote address and the Presidential address was delivered by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NSOU, Professor Manimala Das.

Altogether six technical papers were presented in two technical sessions in the category of Student support services as factors in quality and Role of physical infrastructure and institutional planning and management in quality. Eminent academics from Calcutta University, Indian Statistical Institute and Kalyani University made their presentations. The seminar concluded with a lively discussion.



Workshop

A workshop on the 'Modalities of the Smooth running of the Study Centres' was held on 13.04.2011 at Kalyani Regional Centre with DEC grant. This was the first such programme at the newly inaugurated Vocational building. This workshop was intended only for the office staff of Study Centres with the objective of acquainting them with the rules and regulations of the University vis a vis the Study Centres. There were interactive sessions in which the problems encountered by the Centres and possible measures to be taken were discussed.

Right to Information Act & Student's Grievances redressal cell

The Registrar and Ms Nilanjana Chatterjee, Assistant Director, Study Centres have been designated as Appellate Authority(U/S 19 of RTI Act,2005) and Public Information Officer(U/S 5 of RTI Act, 2005) respectively in addition to their normal duties. All the information required under section 4(1) (b) has been incorporated on the University website. The University provides necessary information under RTI Act to the applicants within time limits. Besides, grievances of the students are immediately attended.

Training Programme Attended by the staff of the Department

Ms Nilanjana Chatterjee, Asst Director has undergone a 3 days residential programme on the **Right to Information Act, 2005** organized by the The Institute Of Public Administration Blubaneswar from 22nd to 25th of May 2011.

Ms Rupali Bhattacharya attended a Staff Training sponsored by DEC and visited Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University, Assam during 16th March to 27th March 2011.

Academic Activities of Professor Ashit Baran Aich, Director Study Centres

Professor Ashit Baran Aich, , participated in

the following academic activities in addition to his normal duties as Director, Study Centres, as well as Finance Officer (Acting) of the University.

(a) Papers presented :

(1) *Estimation of Truncation Time in Type I Censoring - The Case of Inverse Gaussian Distribution* at the Department of Statistics, Gauhati university, on 1/7/2011.

(2) *Honesty : Key to Quality in Distance Education* at IISWBM, Kolkata-700 073, on 11/11/2010 on the occasion of World Quality Day.

(b) Articles Published :

(1) *Crumbling Edifice of Distance Education*, The Statesman dated 1/9/2010.

(2) *Story of an Evolution: Presidency College graduates to a University*, The Statesman dated 19/10/10.

(c) Seminar/Conferences attended:

Dr. Aich participated in a National Seminar on 'Foreign University Bill and Proposed Reforms in Indian Education' at Jadavpur University on October 8-9, 2010. He also conducted a National Seminar on 'Identifying Quality Parameters in Distance Education' sponsored by Distance Education Council on 24/3/2011.

(d) Project and others :

Dr. Aich is working on a DEC funded project on the topic 'Estimation of Demand for Higher Education in India and the Role of Open Universities'.

Department of Examinations

The Examination Department of the University deals with the following:

- Processing of applications (approximate 80,000) for examinations on semester basis
- Conducting examinations for all courses (70 in number)



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- Evaluation of answer scripts (approximately 3.20 lakh per semester), publication of results and issue of certificates.

Due to lack of minimum adequate infrastructure like adequate manpower & storage space, adequate number of examiners, the results of June 2010 Term-end examination could not be published in time. This has also led to delay in holding subsequent examinations. Efforts are being taken to address these issues at the earliest.

With limited resources and mounting problems, the Department has been able to publish the Review results of BLIS June 2009 Term-end examination and has organized the BLIS Term-end examination June 2010 and BCA, MCA Term-end examination December 2010 as per schedule. The Department is also trying to complete the result of all courses of Term-end Examination June 2009 & December 2009. The results of Term-end examination December 2010 of Certificate course in Blood Donor's Motivation and Social Science, short-term computer related courses, courses with RN Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences & CARE Foundation have also been published during last month. It is also expected that all pending Examinations will be conducted within an early date.

The aim of the Department is to deal with students, teachers and the general public in a fair and equitable manner. All the staff of the Department are committed to constantly improving the services. Under the successive leaderships of Dr Anirban Ghosh and Dr Bikash Ghosh, both Controllers (Acting), the Department organised a workshop for Coordinators and Office Assistants of the Examination Centres of BLIS June 2010 examination. It is heartening to note that Smt Rokeya Ray has taken over as Controller of Examinations w.e.f. 23rd September 2011. As on date, outstanding results of BDP examinations have been published and the PG examinations have been successfully completed. The Department is now preparing itself for conducting Term End Examinations for December 2010 and June 2011 BDP students.

Department of Finance & Accounts

NSOU rightfully takes pride in its rapid growth that started from the financial year 2002-03 and has continued unabated till the present time. Our student strength has been steadily increasing every year and now the figure stands at above 2 lakhs. Naturally the total revenue income and commensurate expenses have also increased proportionately. The University has launched various new courses—both conventional, as well as innovative and pioneering. As a developing University Netaji Subhas Open University is focussed on building up adequate infrastructure to strengthen its activities. As such, construction work at Kalyani and Salt lake campuses is making steady progress. The State Government has been generous in its assistance towards such construction work.

Besides Government grants, the University has also received development grants from the Distance Education Council. During the financial years 2009-10 and 2010-11 the University got Rs. 6.00 crore from DEC as development assistance which was rightfully spent for developmental purposes of the University.

NSOU sent a five member team headed by Sri Nirmal Kr. Das, Accountant to K.K.Handique State Open University at Guwahati during financial year 2010-11 to discuss their activities and to gather an overall idea about the functioning of the Accounts, Examination Dept, and the procedures for distribution of study material to students of the University. Besides K.K.Handique State Open University, NSOU also sent two other teams to YCM Open University at Nasik and UPRT Open University at Allahabad during the said financial year. Such official visits are ideal in strengthening operations of the respective departments with a view to adapting the benefits of their experiences in the perspective of NSOU.



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Department of Publications

Quite literally one of the fulcrums of the University, the Publication Department publishes a steady and varied stream of study materials round the year.

The Department publishes Course Materials (including reprints) for a very wide ranging, varied cluster of Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Diploma, Certificate and Vocational courses to supply the needs of almost two hundred thousand students.

The publication of SLMs on Subsidiary Bengali, Subsidiary History, Subsidiary English, Women Empowerment and other study materials are under way.

Gyan Vani FM Channel

One of the vital aspects of the dissemination of learning is to identify the medium that can reach out to the widest section of the learner community. As such the radio is one of the most important and popular media of Mass Communication in India, being the only affordable channel that can reach the unreached in the remotest corners of the country and the unlettered masses as well.

Gyan Vani FM, the Educational Radio Network of India is a venture of the Ministry of Human Resource Development with IGNOU as the nodal agency and NSOU is its Partner Institution in West Bengal.

Launched on July 7 2003, Gyan Vani FM Kolkata is the first only educational channel of West Bengal. Netaji Subhas Open University and Indira Gandhi National Open University jointly run this educational as well as developmental FM Radio Channel on the frequency of 105.4MHz. It offers interesting and informative programmes of relevance to the target audience within a radius of 75Km which is the range covered by the 10 KW Transmitter from 0600hrs to 1200hrs and 1300hrs to 2300hrs for 16 hours transmissions on all days.

We believe that education means 'Education for Development' as conceived by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, when he said "we will liberate the country through education." Hence Gyan Vani Kolkata programmes

include not only syllabus specific subjects but also a daily one hour live dial in interactive session on a variety of topics like Health care, Let's Learn English, Womens' Magazines, Topical Matters, Job Opportunities, Preparations for Competitive Examinations, Indology, Psychology/ Psychiatry, Lessons in French, Spanish, Legal Matters, programmes for children, teenagers, and youth. Sports issues and Interactive Radio Counsellings are also organized by IGNOU and NSOU. Slogans on Health and Topical issues are regularly broadcast. Our fare also includes dramatics and programmes on Anniversaries/Special days that have relevance in the broader perspective of the State.

Apart from daily educational broadcasts for students at the High School level and those pursuing UG and PG courses, we also cater to interests as diverse as lessons on music and its appreciation, Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Geeti, Atulprasad, Dwijendra Geeti, Rajanikanter Gaan, and folk songs too, Semi Classical and classical music (Vocal), recitations & dialogue in drama, Science Quizzes, vocational courses and outdoor events also find place on our repertoire.

In brief, GyanVani Kolkata has been devoting its essential communication potential not only for serving the needs of open and distance education learners of NSOU & IGNOU but also for supporting the objectives of rapid socio-economic development, national integration and the democratic way of life.

Day-Specific Live Dial-in interactive sessions

Monday- Friday : IRC By NSOU from 0720-0750hrs, 1415-1445hrs, and 2100-2200hrs

Sunday (4): IRC By NSOU from 1610-1710hrs

Saturday, Sunday (except 4th Sunday) : IRC By IGNOU from 1610-1710 hrs

Sunday: Joge Mukti (Programme on Yoga) 0720-0750hrs
Health Care 1800-1900hrs
Sports Round Up 2010-2100hrs

Sunday- Tuesday: Surokatha (Anchored Programmes from Songs on CDs) 2200-2300hrs



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Wednesday- Saturday:	Semiclassical Voel Lesson 2200-2300hrs
Wednesday(1,2,5):	Music Lesson NazrulGiti 1800-1900Hrs
(3,4):	Music Lesson Folk Song 1800-1900hrs
Thursday (1,2,5):	Music Lesson Rabindra Sangit 1800-1900hrs
(3,4):	Music Lesson Rajanikanto, Atulprasad etc 1800-1900hrs
Saturday (By weekly):	Cooking tips and Recipe 1415-1445hrs
Monday:-	Differently abled persons 1720-1750hrs
Friday:-	Listeners Forum 1800-1815hrs Job opportunities 1815-1900hrs
Monday(1,3):- (2,4,5)	Katha Prasange 2010-2100hrs Psychology/Psychiatry 2010-2100hrs Let's learn English 1800-1900hrs
Tuesday (1,2):- (3,4):- (5):- (1,2,3) (4,5)	Lessons in French 1800-1900hrs Lessons in Spanish 1800-1900hrs Linguistics 1800-1900hrs Women's magazine 2010-2100hrs Recitation, Drama, Dialogue 2010-2100hrs
Wednesday:-	Preparations for competitive exams 2010-2100hrs.
Thursday (1,3,5):- (2) (4):-	Legal Matters 2010-2100hrs Science Quiz 2010-2100hrs Consumer Protection 2010-2100 Hrs
Friday:- Saturday	Indology 2010-2100hrs (1) Children's programme 1800-1900Hrs (2,4) Teenager's programme 1800-1900Hrs (3,5) Youth's programme 1800-1900Hrs Weekend Review 2010-2100hrs

Promos and Spots are also broadcast in between the programmes scheduled on air for that week, along with the channel identification from time to time. Birthdays of creative and eminent personalities in different fields are broadcast highlighting in spot making format

Highlights

1. The Gyan Vani crew have had some rare moments to pride on as they interviewed personalities like Professor Sugata Basu and Dr Ketaki Kushari Dyson who were in Kolkata at the exclusive invitation of NSOU to deliver the 2nd Netaji Memorial and Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lectures respectively.
2. Apart from this, the Annual Convocation, and all other seminars and workshops organized by NSOU and IGNOU Kolkata were very successfully broadcast through this media.
3. Live broadcast of some important events organized by IGNOU, New Delhi were also successfully aired through DTH by Gyan Vani Kolkata on the specified days.
4. A special programme entitled "Swapne Amar Mone Holo" on the occasion of 150 birth anniversary of Rabindra Nath Tagore was broadcast on 9.5.2011.
5. Based on the listeners demand this year also GyanVani FM arranged to broadcast live phone-in- interactive programmes for the preparation on Secondary (Madhyamik) Exams 2011, covering all subjects and involving subject wise teachers from different schools. This programme received enormous response and appreciation from listeners, mostly students and parents.
6. Like previous years, this year too arrangements were made for live broadcast of reporting from different Puja pandals in Kolkata during the Durga Puja for four consecutive days.

The list of distinguished guests/speakers who visited Gyan Vani FM Kolkata studio for recording/ live programmes this academic session:

Professor Manimala Das, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NSOU. Professor Karunasindhu Das, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Rabindra Bharati University. Professor Ajoy



Kumar Roy, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, BESU, Sri Debashis Sen CEO, West Bengal, eminent educationist and linguist Sri Pabitra Sarkar, Hossainur Rahaman, Ex-HOD, Dept.of History, Hooghly Mahasin College, Dr. Ranjit Basu, Chairman, School Service Commission, Herad Mallick, President Christio Pariseba, the renowned novelist Sri Dibyendu Palit, Sri Bimal Chandra Pal, President, Gandhi Peace Foundation, Smt Bratati Bandyopadhyay , renowned elocutor, Srabanti Majumder, renowned Singer, Dr, Jayanto Sthanapati, DDG,NCSM, Sri Niranjan Bandyopadhyay, National Awardee Teacher, Charchat Milan Mandir Vidyapith, Maitreyee Trivedi Dasgupta, Advocate High court, Sajay Chakraborty, Ex-Police Commissioner, Kolkata Police, Utpal Ganguly, Secretary IFA, Sanjay Mukherjee, Ex-Dean SRFTI, Anup Mukherjee, Sound Designer, , Reba Rakkhit, Former Miss India, Justice Malay Sengupta, Former Justice Kolkata and Sikkim High Court, Kishor Bhimani, Sports Journalist, Bibhas Chakraborty, Eminent theatre personality, Swami Sarbalokananda, Swami Ritananda, Swami Vedswarupananda, Swami Atmabodhananda, Prasun Banerjee, Ex-National Footballer, Prasanta Banerjee ex-National footballer, Rajesh Dani and many others.

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Library

Netaji Subhas Open University Library was established in 1999 and it is still in expansion mode. It is aimed to serve teachers, students, research scholars and non-teaching staff of the University through specialized services provided by well-trained library professionals. Study Centres of NSOU also have attached library cells to serve the needs of the widely scattered student community through Inter library loan(ILL). Students are

entitled to use books and other non-book materials within the Library.

Mission

The primary mission of the library is to support the educational and research programmes of the University by providing physical and intellectual access to information. In accordance with the objectives of the University, the library aims to develop a comprehensive collection of both print and online documents that would be useful to all readers.

Proposed Library Planning:

All the housekeeping operations of the library are to be computerized. The library database will consist of all the books, non-book materials, back volumes of periodicals, theses, dissertations and current journals. E-journals will be subscribed for academic, research and publication purposes. Local Area Network with optic fibre backbone connects all the Schools of the University with the Central Library to facilitate easy access to the database. Card catalogue will be replaced with Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC), in the library for accessing and searching the library database. SOUL or LIBSYS software package will be used for providing various automated services.

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Assistant Librarian (In service till 11th July, 2011)

Library Activities.

- Submitted a proposal to set up a Modern Computerised Library at the upcoming Salt Lake Campus.
- Performed work related to purchase and accession of text and reference books.

Academic contribution:

- Acted as a Counselor for Personal Contact programme (PCP) of BLIS Course in different PCP centres.



- Visited Examination Centre as an observer of BLIS Term End Practical Examination.
- Conducted Personal Contact programmes for Bachelor and Master of Library and Information Science (BLIS and MLIS) at several Study Centres all over the State, helped to prepare question Bank for BLIS and MLIS programmes and Updated the Counselor list for BLIS and MLIS programmes under Asst. Prof. Anamika Das
- Delivered lectures in Gyan Vani FM Channel (105.4 MHz).

Seminars and Workshops participated:

- Has attended all the seminars and Workshops organized by both the Schools of the University which was held on Paschimanga Bangla Akademy, Kalyani Campus (NSOU), Seminar Room(NSOU) and Gorkha Bhavan.
- Participated in a seminar on "Gandhi and Political Ecology" organized by the Netaji Institute for Asian Studies.

Research Work :

- Completed M. Phil in Library and Information Science at the University of Kalyani. The title of the M.Phil related project work is **Information Seeking Behaviour of Rural Communities : A case Study in Garbari-I Gram Panchayat, Purba Medinipur**. The title of the M. Phil related dissertation is **"Recent research and academic trends in LIS: with a special reference to three national LIS journals"**.

List of Study Centres

- Dum Dum Motijheel College, (A-01), Kolkata, ☎ 2579-4053
- Basanti Devi College, (A-02), Kolkata, ☎ 2465-1345
- Gurudas College Study Centre, (A-03), Kolkata, ☎ 2353-7450
- Maharaja Manindra Ch. College, (A-04), Kolkata, ☎ 2543-9331
- Goenka College, (A-05), Kolkata, ☎ 2219-6839
- Surendranath Evening College, (A-06), Kolkata, ☎ 2665-0176
- Victoria Institution (College), (A-07), Kolkata, ☎ 2360-4451
- Shibpur Dinabandhu College, (A-08), Howrah, ☎ 2688 1789
- New Alipore College, (A-09), Kolkata, ☎ 2445-3989
- Gurudas College of Commerce, (A-10), Kolkata, ☎ 2356-5001/ 1998
- Bankura Christian College, (B-01), Bankura, ☎ 03242-259724
- Pravat Kumar College, (B-02), Medinipur (E), ☎ 03220-259409
- Raja N L Khan Women's College, (B-03), Medinipur (W), ☎ 03222-265317
- Tramrulipta Mahavidyalaya, (B-04), Medinipur (E), ☎ 03228-269424
- Fakir Chand College Study Centre, (B-05), 24 Pgs. (S), ☎ 03174-258401



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Haldia Govt. College, (B-06), Medinipur (E),
☎ 03224-255058

Nistarini College Study Centre, (B-07), Purulia,
☎ 03252-226942

Behala College, (B-08), Kolkata, ☎ 2445 9448

Sonarpur College, (B-09), 24 Pgs. (S), ☎ 2434-4952

Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College, (B-10), Kolkata,
☎ 2544-0932

Burdwan Raj College, (C-01), Burdwan, ☎ 0342-2559174

Banwarilal Bhalotia College, (C-02), Burdwan,
☎ 2274-4250

Suri Vidyasagar College, (C-03), Birbhum, ☎ 03462-255504

Nabagram Hiralal Paul College, (C-04), Hooghly,
☎ 2673-1442

Chandernagore Govt. College, (C-05), Hooghly,
☎ 2685-0616

Netaji Mahavidyalaya, (C-06), Hooghly, ☎ 03211-255012

Acharya Prafulla Chandra College, (C-07), 24 Pgs. (N),
☎ 2357-4831

Bijoy Krishna Girls College, (C-08), Howrah, ☎ 2660-2341

Baruipur College, (C-09), 24 Pgs. (S), ☎ 2433-9566

Tarakeswar Degree College, (C-10), Hooghly,
☎ 03212-279628

Krishnanagar Govt. College, (D-01), Nadia, ☎ 03472-251020/256534

Barasat Govt. College, (D-02), 24 Pgs. (N), ☎ 2562-4525

Sree Chaitanya College, (D-03), 24 Pgs. (N),
☎ (953216)239556

Mahadevananda Mahavidyalaya, (D-04), 24 Pgs. (N),
☎ 2594-7485

Karimpur Parnadevi College, (D-05), Nadia, ☎ 03471-257805

Chakdaha College, (D-06), Nadia, ☎ 03473-242934

Sudhiranjan Lahiri Mahavidyalaya, (D-07), ☎ 03472-275477

Egra S.S.B. College, (D-08), Medinipur (E), ☎ 03220-244577

Ghatal Rabindra Satabarsiki Mahavidyalaya, (D-09), Medinipur (W), ☎ 03225-255015/255024

Bolpur College, (D-10), Birbhum, ☎ 03463-254935

Balughat College, (E-01), Dinajpur (D), ☎ 03522-271821

Raiganj University College, (E-02), Dinajpur (U),
☎ 03523-249244/242344

Malda College, (E-03), Malda, ☎ 0351-2221545/2668

Krishnath College, Berhampur, (E-04), Murshidabad,
☎ 03482-274450

Vivekananda College for Women, (E-05), Kolkata,
☎ 2468-5031/2445-7575

Sarojini Naidu College, (E-06), Kolkata, ☎ 2259-2583

Kidderpore College, (E-07), Kolkata, ☎ 2642-6645

Sammilani College, (E-08), Kolkata, ☎ 2462-6869

Dr. Kanoilal Bhattacharya College, (E-09), Howrah,
☎ 2627-2490

Bhairab Ganguly College, (E-10), Kolkata, ☎ 2553-2280/2544-2525

Siliguri College, (F-01), Darjeeling, ☎ 0353-2538420



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Ananda Chandra College, (F-02), Jalpaiguri, ☎ 255599 (03561)

Coochbehar College, (F-03), Coochbehar, ☎ 03582-256798

Gobardanga Hindu College, (F-04), 24 Pgs. (N), ☎ 03216-249210

Panskura Banamali College, (F-05), Medinipur (E), ☎ 03228-254029

Sunderban Mahavidyalaya, (F-06), 24 Pgs. (S), ☎ 03210-255057

Manbhum Mahavidyalaya, (F-07), Purulia, ☎ 03253-255759

Rampurhat College, (F-08), Birbhum, ☎ 03461-255018

Prabhu Jagat Bandhu College, (F-09), Howrah, ☎ 2669-0221

Gour Mohan Sachin Mondal Mahavidyalaya, (F-10), 24 Pgs. (S), ☎ 953174-277355

Chanchal College, (G-01), Malda, ☎ 03513-252261

Garhbeta College, (G-02), Medinipur (W), ☎ 03227-265143

Chandrakona Vidyasagar Mahavidyalaya, (G-03), Medinipur (W), ☎ 03225-266294

Santipur College, (G-04), Nadia, ☎ 03472- 2582 6443

Mankar College, (G-05), Burdwan, ☎ 0343-2517269

Katwa College, (G-06), Burdwan, ☎ 03453-257653

Joypur P. Roy College, (G-07), Howrah, ☎ 03214-234130

Lalbaba College, (G-08), Howrah, ☎ 2654-8447

Bagnan College, (G-09), Howrah, ☎ 033-26781880

Tangrakhali Bankim Sardar College, (G-10), 24 Pgs. (S), ☎ 953218-255263

Dhruba Chand Halder College, (H-01), 24 Pgs. (S), ☎ 03218-222550

Taki Govt. College, (H-02), 24 Pgs. (N), ☎ 0321-7234474

Raja Peary Mohan College, (H-03), Hooghly, ☎ 2663-4155

Derozio Memorial College, (H-04), 24 Pgs. (N), ☎ 2573-1040

Belda College, (H-05), Medinipur (E), ☎ 03229-255218

Kharagpur College, (H-06), Medinipur (E), ☎ 03222-657330

Nahata Jogendra Mondal Smriti Mahavidyalaya, (H-07), 24 Pgs. (N), ☎ 03215-253267

Basirhat College, (H-08), 24 Pgs. (N), ☎ 03217-228505

Sripat Singh College, (H-09), Murshidabad, ☎ 03483-255351/257528

South Calcutta Girl's College, (H-10), Kolkata, ☎ 2486-3654

Dinabandhu Mahavidyalaya, (I-02), 24 Pgs. (N), ☎ 03215-255044

Vivekananda Mission Mahavidyalaya, (I-03), Medinipur (E), ☎ 03224-286045

Dumkol College, (I-04), Murshidabad, ☎ 03481-230770

Nagar College, (I-05), Murshidabad, ☎ 03484-279076

Durgapur Govt. College, (I-06), Burdwan, ☎ 9474532666

Women's College, (I-07), Kolkata, ☎ 2554-4540

Kalna College, (I-08), Burdwan, ☎ 03454-255032



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Alipore Central Jail, (I-10), Kolkata, Welfare Officer,
☎ 9434655182

Mahisadal Girls' College (J-01) Medinipur (E) ☎
03224-240520

Uluberia College, (J-02), Howrah, ☎ 2418-5882

Bhangar Mahavidyalaya, (J-03), 24 Pgs. (S), ☎ 2416-
9984

Sree Gopal Banerjee College, (J-04), Hooghly,
☎ 2684-2706

Womens' Christian College, (J-05), Kolkata, ☎
9836020090

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Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Kolkata
BNCCI, (P-01), Kolkata, ☎ 2335-7681

CMC Ltd, (P-02), Kolkata, ☎ 2229-0204

Bangiya Bijan Parishad, (P-03), Kolkata, ☎ 2555-
8417

David Hare Training College, (P-04), Kolkata,
☎ 2483-6947

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☎ 2439-4123

B.M. Birla Heart Research Foundation, (P-07),
Kolkata, ☎ 9433221399

Apollo Gleneagles Hospital, (P-08), Kolkata,

Peerless Hospital & B. K Roy Research Foundation,
(P-09), Kolkata

Girendra Sekhar Institute of Psychological Education
& Research, (P-10), Kolkata,

R. N. Tagore Institute of Cardiac Science,
Mukundapur, (P-11), Kolkata, ☎ 2436-1266

Institute of Intregrated and Advanced Studies, (P-20),
Kolkata

Sriniketan Santiniketan Development Authority
(SSDA), (V-01), Birbhum, ☎ (03463)261041

Global Institute of Information Fashion Technology &
Science (GIIFTS), (V-02), 24 Pgs. (S), ☎ 24906090

Mass Education Technical Training Institute, (V-04),
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Vidyasagar Industrial Training Centre, (V-05), Haldia,
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Santi Devi Vidyaniketan, (V-10), Nadia, ☎
9733070694

Salt Lake Society for Education Research, (V-12),
Kolkata ☎ 9830265387

West Bengal Voluntary Blood Donors Forum, (V-22),
Kolkata ☎ 9433005766

Red Cross Society, (V-23), Kolkata ☎ 22483636

Nari Siksha Samiti, (V-24), Kolkata ☎ 23544996

📍 STUDY CENTRES FOR CULTIVATION OF ORNAMENTAL FISH

Meen Bhavan (Pailan), (V-II), 24 Pgs (S), ☎ 2497-
8209

Meen Bhavan (Barasat), (V-14), 24 Pgs (N), ☎ 2552-
3530

Meen Bhavan (Paschim Medinipur), (V-15), Paschim
Medinipur, ☎ 032222-66708

Meen Bhavan (Howrah), (V-16), Howrah, ☎ 2666-
4488

Meen Bhavan (Hooghly), (V-17), Hooghly, ☎ 2686-
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Meen Bhavan (Birbhum), (V-18), Suri, ☎ 03462255419

Meen Bhavan (Krishnanagar), (V-19), Krishnanagar, ☎ 03472252049

Meen Bhavan (Raiganj), (V-20), Dinajpur (U), ☎ 03523-253155

Meen Bhavan (Dhamakhali Training Centre), (V-21), Dhamakhali, 24 Pgs (S), ☎ 2552-3530

Maharani Kasiswari College, (W-02), Kolkata, ☎ 2555-6325

Institute of Consumer Education and Fair Business Practice, (W-04), Kolkata, 2280-5927

Paschim Banga Nari O Sishu Kalyan Sanstha, (W-05), Kolkata, 2355-6141

Netaji Subhas Regional Institute of Cooperative Management, (W-06), Kalyani, 2582-8202

Learning & Living Resources Society, (W-07), Kolkata, ☎ 5534-3867

Ramkrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyanmandir, (W-08), Kolkata, ☎ 2551-3202/2551-3452

Administrative Training Institute, (W-09), Kolkata, ☎ 2337-3967

DIET Barajaguli, (W-10), Nadia, ☎ 03473- 222907

DIET Gandhigrarn, (W-11), Hooghly, ☎ 03213-225319

DIET, Belakaba, (W-12), Jalpaiguri, ☎ 03561-240645

Scholastic PTTI, (W-13), Dinajpur (U), ☎ 9434141853

Sargachi R.K. Mission Govt. PTTI, (W-14), Murshidabad, ☎ 03482- 232560

DIET, Chhandar, (W-15), Bankura, ☎ 03241 -259604

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NISTHA (Women Studies), (W-17), Kolkata, ☎ 2433-1924

Institute of Social Work, (W-18), 24Pgs North, ☎ 2524-0656

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Bikashyan (SEMR 1), Kolkata-35, ☎ 25781665

Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for The Hearing Handicapped N.I.H.H.-ERC (SEHI 1), Kolkata-90, ☎ 25311427

Midnapur Rehabilitation Centre For Children (SEHI - 02), Midnapur (P), ☎ 03222-271490

SHELTER (SEMR 02), Hooghly-712124, ☎ 2633754

Helen Keller Badhir Vidyalaya (SEHI-03), Kolkata-78, ☎ 24267731

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Society For Mental Health Care (SEMR-03), Burdwan, ☎ 03453-255263

Vivekananda Loksikha Niketan (SEMR-04), Midnapur (purba), ☎ 03220-284060

Pradip Centre for Autism Management (SEMR-05), Kolkata-89, ☎ 25340891



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CMC Belgharia, Kolkata, ☎ 25640604/4340/7305

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CMC Sealdah, Kolkata, ☎ 23601558/59

CMC Konnagar, Hooghly, ☎ 03473277227

CMC Howrah, Howrah, ☎ 26374901

CMC Garia, Kolkata, ☎ 2430 2824/3210

CMC LTD (Ripon Street), (P-02), Kolkata, ☎ 22290204

CMC Taratala, Kolkata, ☎ 24572957

CMC Gariahat, Kolkata, ☎ 24638735

CMC Nagerbazar, Kolkata, ☎ 25298525

CMC Hedua, Kolkata, ☎ 22193971

CMC Shyambazar, Kolkata, ☎

CMC Nohhati, 24 Pgs. (N), ☎ 25804976

CMC Contai, Purba Medinipur, ☎

CMC Barrackpore, 24 Pgs. (N), ☎ 25933825

CMC Baruipur, 24 Pgs. (S), ☎ 32939930

CMC Burdwan, Burdwan, ☎

CMC Krishnanagar, Nadia, ☎ 03472324047

CMC Siliguri, Darjeeling, ☎ 0353-2525164

CMC Asansol, Burdwan, ☎

CMC Singur, Hooghly, ☎ 26302848

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Glimpses : Landmark Moments

▶ Professor Manimola Das, (Former) Vice Chancellor, NSOU greets Professor Sugata Bose, the Speaker at the 2nd Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Lecture on 16th March, 2011.



▶ Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar, Vice Chancellor, NSOU with members of the Heritage Commission, Govt. of West Bengal.

▶ Sri Somnath Chhottopadhyay, Former Speaker of the Lok Sabha, inaugurates the Apparel Show organised by students of SSDA Study Centre at Gitanjali Auditorium, Bolpur



Glimpses : Landmark Moments

Professor Manimala Das, (Former) Vice Chancellor, NSOU with Sri Pradiip Kumar Mitra, DDG (ER) All India Radio, Kolkata and Dr. Sujit Ghosh, Regional Director, IGNOU at the Gyan Vani studios.



Professor Debnarayan Modak, Director, H & SS addresses the audience at the RCI National Workshop at New Delhi.

Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Assistant Professor in Commerce at the PCF-6 Conference, Cochin on 24th November, 2016.

