

## **Brief Report on Two-Day Workshop on “Designing New Look Curriculum of B. Ed in ODL Mode”, 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

The holding of this Two-Day National Level Workshop on construction of New Look Curriculum & Syllabus of B. Ed in ODL mode was in the light of NCFTE 2009 & RTE Act 2009. The workshop was organized by SoE, NSOU in collaboration with Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata. In order to introduce B.Ed Programme of its own through ODL mode from the academic session 2015-16, NSOU conducted this workshop with a view to customize the curriculum in parlance with the regular mode B.Ed. The workshop was held at Golpark, Kolkata on both the days from 11 AM to 4.30 PM. The 100 participants included national delegates from NCTE, NCERT, SCERT, NAAC, RUSA, IGNOU, KSOU, ICDOL (Shimla), MHRD (GoI) and AIU; State delegates included leading teacher educators of the State, representatives of the GoWB and other State Universities of West Bengal. The workshop started with the inaugural session followed by subsequent four Technical Sessions spanning two days. Dr. A. N Dey, Director, SoE, NSOU delivered the welcome address. Special addresses were delivered by Prof. Malayendu Saha, Vice-Chairman, W.B.S.C.H.E. and Dr. B.S Ponnudiraj, Assistant Advisor, NAAC, Bengaluru. Dr. Thejasvi Naviloor, DPO, KSOU Mysore as a Distinguished guest delivered his valued address. Swami. Suparnanandaji Maharaj was the Guest of Honour, came up with his words of wisdom. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. S.C Panigrahi, Head & Dean, M.S University, CASE, Baroda, Gujarat. Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar, Honorable Vice Chancellor, NSOU delivered the presidential address. Prof. Dulal Mukhopadhyaya proposed the Vote of Thanks and affirmed the closure of the inaugural session.

In order to accomplish the objectives of the workshop, the following subthemes were considered:

- New Look Curriculum of B.Ed keeping conformity with NCFTE 2009
- New Look Curriculum of B.Ed in the light of RTE Act 2009
- Ensuring Quality in Teacher Education
- Addressing Pedagogical issues of Teacher Education

Keeping these aspects into consideration, the workshop substantiated with four technical sessions deliberated by renowned and distinguished Speakers across the field of Teacher Education.

**Day one (4<sup>th</sup> April 2014)** had two Technical Sessions. 1<sup>st</sup> technical session had two issues on discussion:

- **Conducting B.Ed in ODL mode**, presented by Prof. P. K Biswas, STRIDE, IGNOU, New Delhi. The session was chaired by Prof. Sanat Kr Ghosh, Dean RBU & Dr. R. N Dey, MS, Syllabus Committee on School Education.
- **Quality Issues in Teacher Education**, presented by Dr. B.S Ponnudiraj, Assistant Advisor, NAAC, Bengaluru. The session was chaired by Swami. Tattwasaranda Maharaj, Principal, RKMSM, Belur and Prof. Bishnupada Bera, TIC, IOEW, Chandannagore.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> technical session had three issues on discussion:

- **B.Ed Curriculum (ODLmode) in the light of NCFTE 2009** was deliberated by Prof. B. N Panda, Head & Dean, RIE, Bhubaneswar. The session was chaired by Prof.Mita Banerjee, Dept of Education, Calcutta University and Dr.P.KChanda, Principal SiliguriB.Ed College.
- **B.Ed Curriculum (ODLmode) in the light of RTE Act 2009** was deliberated by Prof. B.B Mishra, Head, Dept of Education & Dean, Mizoram University . The session was chaired by Prof.Sabujkali Sen, Director, BinayBhavan, ViswaBharati, Santiniketan&Prof. K. K Dey, Rtd Principal David Hare Training College, Kolkata.
- **Addressing pedagogical issues in Teacher Education**, presented by Prof. Raja Mouli, Dept of Education, BRAOU, Andhra Pradesh. The session was chaired by Prof.DebjaniSengupta, Dept of Education, C.U &Dr.Sujit Pal, Jt DPI (Trg), GoWB.

**Day Two (5<sup>th</sup> April 2014)** had three technical sessions. 1<sup>st</sup> technical session had one issue for deliberation:

- **Challenges of Teacher Education in Distance mode**, was vividly presented by the principal speaker Dr.Amarjit Singh, IAS, Additional Secretary (Elementary Education), MHRD. This session marked the kind presence of Shri. Arnab Roy, IAS, Secretary, School Education Dept, GoWB. This distinguished session was chaired by Prof.SubhaSankar Sarkar, Honorable V.C, NSOU.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> technical session was ‘**Interactive session on B.Ed ODL programme: Problems & Prospects.**’ It was moderated by Prof. P. C Biswas, Dept of Education, K.U &Prof. P. K Chakraborty, Ex-Dean & Professor of Education, C.U. All the eminent speakers and the delegates joined in the participation with ideas, thoughts and insights.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> technical session was assigned for “**Presentation of Draft New B.Ed (ODL Mode) Curriculum for NSOU**”. It was diligently presented by Prof.DulalMukhopadhyaya and Sri. Swapan Kr Sarkar, Joint Organizing Secretaries, Workshop Committee, SoE, NSOU.

The 4<sup>th</sup> technical session was an open house **discussion on the proposed B.Ed Curriculum & Syllabus**. The Valedictory session was carried out by Prof. D.P Mukherjee, V.U with ardor and academic lookouts. Dr.SumantaChattaraj, Principal, GCE, Malda proposed the Vote of Thanks in the concluding session. The 2-Day National Workshop cruised to the end followed by the National anthem.

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