

**A brief Report on the One Day National Convention on Emanating Issues & Priorities in Teacher Education organised by SoE, NSOU, Kolkata**

A one-day “National Convention on Emanating Issues & Priorities in Teacher Education” was held at the Seminar Room, NSOU HQrs on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 (9:30 AM to 4:30 PM). Distinguished and eminent Faculty and Official(s) from the national and state level Institutions attended to deliver lectures on specific issues related to the topic. Around 55/60 Principals, Departmental Heads, Senior faculty members participated. The emerging concerns and priorities culminates as an umbrella in the realm of Teacher Education as per the Teacher Education Curriculum & Syllabus (NCTE New Regulation, 2014). The attempt on behalf of SoE, NSOU was taken for quality enhancement of the system so that the in-house faculties as well as the other stakeholders can accrue benefit from it.

The following luminaries from different institutions were the cherished guests in the National convention.

- 1) Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Hon’ble V.C, Uttarakhand Open University
- 2) Prof. SrikantMohapatra, Hon’ble V. C, Odisha State Open University
- 3) Dr. ShahidRasool, Director, CEMCA, New Delhi
- 4) Prof. A.M Moorthy, Hon’ble V.C TNPESU, Chennai
- 5) Prof. Mita Banerjee, Hon’ble V.C, WBUTTEPA, Kolkata
- 6) Swami Tattwasarananda Maharaj, Principal, RKMSM, Belur
- 7) Prof. Bhujendra Nath Panda, RIE, Bhubaneswar
- 8) Other Eminent Educationist

Dr. Atindranath Dey, Director, SoE, NSOU formally welcomed the gathering. The Convention was inaugurated by Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Hon’ble V.C, Uttarakhand Open University. Swami Tattwasarananda, Principal, RKMSM, Belur delivered the keynote address of the Convention. Other dignitaries also offered their valued addresses. Dr. Shahid Rasool, Director CEMCA, New Delhi was the Chief Guest to the Convention. In his delivery, he laid emphasis on the introduction of inclusive education as a component of all the courses related with the teacher education. The incorporation of OER and the use of MOOC platform are getting significance day by day particularly with the distance education. He further mentioned in the open system education, OER policy and MOOC are the components which are going hand in hand with inclusiveness of education and will play a pivotal role in future teaching learning practice.

Dr. Rasool also earmarked the changing face of technology pertaining to the world in general & India in particular. Such changes are welcomed since there is a paradigm shift from ‘Digital Migrants’ to ‘Digital Natives’. This Kind of initiative is always appreciated by NSOU and all kinds of help and assistance will be extended within the limited resources.

In addition to this, Dr. Shahid Rasool launched the following two Programmes:

- NSOU-OER repository Project (CEMCA-OER project) was launched during the inaugural session of the Convention. Dr. Anirban Ghosh & Ms Barnali Roy Choudhury, Project Coordinators gave the present status of the project and also presented the NSOU-OER Repository with suitable CC-BY-NC-SA licenses for different print & non-print educational resources of NSOU.
- An innovative Course on Inclusive Education (SoE-NSOU-CEMCA Project) for different stake holders to offer in blended mode was also announced formally in this occasion. Dr. Sumanta Chattaraj, Project Director added that at this juncture, it is heartening that the CEMCA and SoE, NSOU have come together to offer an impactful Certificate Course programme “On capacity building and professional development of teachers and teacher educators for successful implementation of inclusiveness”. The Course will be offered through LMS (Learning management System) and will follow a multimedia approach, SLM, PPT and Audio – Visual materials. Dr. Rasool strengthened that through such platform, the users will develop a better and comprehensive understanding about the concept of inclusive education, its magnitudes and the social responsibilities.

Prof. S. S. Sarkar, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, NSOU in his presidential address at the very outset extended his gratitude to all the dignitaries for their help and co-operation in bringing about the true insight of the National Convention.

Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, Asst Prof & Organizing Secretary proposed the Vote of Thanks to the inaugural session.

Two technical sessions had ice breaking deliberations & threadbare discussions on emerging issues and the prerogative areas of teacher education in ODL mode. It was followed by an interactive session and finally an adequate valedictory session took place. The details of which are as under:

<b>Technical sessions</b>	<b>Chairpersons</b>	<b>Topic of Deliberation</b>	<b>Eminent Speakers</b>
	<i>1. Dr. Pranab Kr.</i>	A. Challenges and Priorities in	<i>A. Prof. A. M. Moorthy,</i>

I	<p><i>Chanda, Registrar, WBUTTEPA, Kolkata</i></p> <p><b>2. Prof. Dulal Mukhopadhyaya, SoE, NSOU</b></p>	<p>Physical Education Curriculum as per NCTE Norms</p> <p>B. Teacher Education in ODL System</p> <p>C. NCTE &amp; Reorganization of B.Ed Programme in West Bengal</p>	<p><b>Hon'ble Vice –Chancellor</b> Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University &amp; Chairman NCTE Curriculum Committee (P E)</p> <p><b>B. Prof. Srikant Mohapatra</b> <i>Hon'ble Vice Chancellor , Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur</i></p> <p><b>C. Prof Sujit Paul , Dy</b> DPI(Trg), Higher Education Directorate, GoWB, Bikash Bhavan, Kolkata</p>
II	<p><b>1. Dr. Subir Nag, Principal, Satyapriya Roy College of Education, Kolkata</b></p> <p><b>2. Prof. Sumanta Chattaraj, SoE, NSOU</b></p>	<p>A. New Policy framework of Teacher Education</p> <p>B. Difficulties in implementing New Teacher Education regulation of NCTE</p>	<p><b>A. Prof. Bhujendra Nath Panda, R.I. E., Bhubaneswar, Odisha &amp; Member, NCTE Academic Committee, New Delhi</b></p> <p><b>B. Prof. Bharati Banerjee, Prof of Education, Dept of Education Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata</b></p>
III	<b>Interaction with the Participants &amp; Submissions:</b>		
IV	Valedictory	<p><b>Prof. Bhujendra Nath Panda, RIE, Bhubaneswar &amp; Member, NCTE Academic Committee, New Delhi</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Dulal Mukhopadhyay, Prof of Education, SoE, NSOU</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Swapan Kumar Sarkar, Head, SoE, NSOU</b></p>	

The National Convention was clinched by distribution of certificates to all participants.