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Report

on

One Day Workshop on Inclusive Education and Accessibility & Signing of MoU between NIEPVD, Dehra Dun and NSOU, Kolkata

Programme Details:

Organized by School of Education, Netaji Subhas Open University In Collaboration with the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Dehra Dun under MSJE, Govt. of India

Held: on 30.12.2021; 11:30 A.M

Mode: Blended mode through ZOOM (online) at the Board Room (offline), Netaji Subhas Open University HQs, DD-26, Sec -1, Salt Lake City, Kolkata

Participants: Around 40, comprising of enrolled learners in the Department of Special Education under different programmes, Coordinators of Spl LSCs, University officers, Faculties and staff.



Welcoming All: Dr. A.N.Dey, Director, School of Education, Netaji Subhas Open University and Co-ordinator, M.Ed. Special Education (I.D) at the very outset extended a warm welcome to all the distinguished guests present in the Board Room of NSOU like Hon'ble

Vice Chancellor NSOU, Chief guest Dr. Himanghsu Das, Director, NIEPVD, Dr. Pankaj Shah, Assistant Prof. NIEPVD, C.A .Kishore Sengupta, Registrar, NSOU Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Director CIQA, NSOU, along with other dignitaries of NSOU. Dr. Dey discussed in brief the role played by SoE under NSOU for spread of Education, Special Education with special reference to inclusive Education.

Address by the Chief Guest: Dr. Himangsu Das, Director, NIEPVD, Dehra Dun discussed in brief the History of NIEPVD, formerly known as NIVH along with its role to promote rights and dignity of persons with visual disabilities. To reach this objective, the Institute generates trained manpower with quality endurances in terms of higher education, vocational training and rehabilitation services to persons with visual disabilities. It also undertakes research and developmental activities for persons with disabilities. The Institute is the largest producer and distributor of Braille Literature and devices in the country including Talking Books.

Theme of the Workshop: Dr. Pankaj Shah addressed the individual learning needs of all children in inclusive education. He emphasised on how the assistive technology would make the children with disabilities, especially the visually impaired children capable enough to learn along with their non-disabled peers to perform together at per.

Address by the Registrar, NSOU: C.A. Kishore Sengupta traced the development of NSOU from its beginning as the sole State Open University in West Bengal to its recent award of Grade 'A' by NAAC.

Address by Director, CIQA, NSOU: Prof. Anirban Ghosh pointed out the deliveries of all reading materials to the learners through the digital platform. He threw light on collaborative initiative taken by NSOU with different National and International Organizations. He also highlighted on the development and launching of MOOC on '**Understanding Neurodiversity**'.

Address by the Programme Convener: Sri. Prabir Naskar, Asst Prof of Spl Education, SoE, NSOU in his brief speech expressed his gratitude to the University and NIEPVD to come up with such a historical collaboration. He also spoke on the need and liabilities of having an inclusive atmosphere and promote inclusive culture in the academic premises and minds.

Signing of MOU between National Institute for The Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan) & Netaji Subhas Open University:

To facilitate accessibility of Braille Books, Large Print materials and Talking / Audio books to the disabled children in general and visually impaired students in the state of West Bengal, a MoU was signed between NIEPVD, Dehra Dun and NSOU. NIEPVD intends to provide Library services by supplying aforesaid materials, whereas NSOU has agreed to start the library services and will make arrangement for distribution of these learning materials to the visually impaired persons.

The MOU will be operative for a period of three years commencing from the date of signing.



Presidential Address: Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NSOU. Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar pointed out how Open University like NSOU adopted various measures to reach its goal. He lauded the objectives of the workshop and wished for its successful outcomes.

Vote of Thanks was proposed by Prof. Swapan Kumar Sarkar to one and one associated to arrange and make the event happen within a very short period of time

The entire event was energetically compered by Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi, Coordinator,B.Ed. SoE, NSOU.



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