

REPORT

Date & Time: May 06, (Friday), 2022

Venue: Durgapur Regional Centre, NSOU

Participants- Comprised of 23 NSOU PG/UG Counsellors from 13 study centres

The School of Humanities, Netaji Subhas Open University organised a Counsellors Orientation Programme (OP) for Under Graduate & Post Graduate Bengali & English and JMC Counsellors at NSOU Durgapur Regional Campus on May 06, (Friday) 2022. NSOU PG/UG counsellors, duly nominated by the coordinator of the respective Study Centre, participated in the programme from Burdwan West & East, Birbhum, Bankura, and Purulia (as identified in view of enrollment in PGB/PGEG/HEG/HBG/JMC). Overall, twenty-three academic counsellors from thirteen study centres attended the workshop.

Objective:

The central theme of the workshop was the teaching methodology and content writing in the undergraduate/Post Graduate English/Bangla/JMC curricula in Open and Distance Learning Mode. It is very common practise to organise such workshops in an open and distance praxis to bridge the gap between learners and the university system.

Inaugural Session:

The following workshop was inaugurated by Professor Manan Kumar Mandal, Director of the School of Humanities. He welcomed all the participants for their participation and emphasised the importance of the workshop. Moreover, he focused on the role of Netaji Subhas Open University in Higher Education in the present scenario in the West Bengal context. Apart from that, he discussed the different facilities and technical infrastructure that have been developed by the university. Shri Prasenjit Bhattacharya, Deputy Director of Durgapur RC, NSOU, delivered the closing remarks during the first session.



The Proceedings of the Workshop are briefly discussed below:

In the second phase, subject-wise divisions were made and discussions were followed in separate rooms. Dr. Anamika Das, Assistant Professor of Bengali, has taken a session with Bengali academic counselors. Dr. Md. Intaj Ali, Assistant Professor of English, has taken the session with English academic counselors, whereas Arijit Ghosh, Assistant Professor of JMC, has discussed with JMC academic counselors.



Accordingly, the following lines of discussion have been initiated at the Orientation Programme:

- ✚ Discussion on the desired outcomes of the CBCS Syllabus.
- ✚ The quality of content in writing for the CBCS Syllabus
- ✚ Understanding the logic of assignments online
- ✚ Hands-on Problem-Solving during Lockdown Situations.

Valedictory Session:

Prof. Manan Kumar Mandal was invited to speak on this session. Arijit Ghosh extended the vote of thanks to all the participants, official staff of the Durgapur RC and special thanks was given to Gautam Samanta, Pabitra Naskar for their kind support.

General feedback was taken from each counsellor individually. They have requested to increase the remuneration of CBCS and non-CBCS counselling sessions. They have also suggested conducting the assignments offline as before. They informed us that they are keen to engage themselves in different activities of the university, whether it is SLM writing, online audio-visual lectures, audio-lectures, and so on, apart from their academic counselling engagements at their respective study centres.

At the very last stage of the program, certificates and honorarium were given to every counselor who participated in the program.



Organising Secretaries

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