



NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY
Launch Programme: OER Repository
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The official launch of Open Educational Resource Repository of Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU), Kolkata was held on 12th May, 2017 at Seminar Room, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata. The main objective to focus our interest on promoting education by framing institutional OER policy up to adoption and implementation stage for ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education opportunities by repurposing of high quality open educational resources (OER) through institutional policies in order to facilitate innovative, interactive and collaborative learning environment where learner's set their own objectives rather than being restricted by institutions.

Open Educational Resource Repository of Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU-OER-R) is an important element in the creation of the equitable and sustainable learner centric educational system. It's a matter of pride to announce that NSOU-OER repository is the leading initiative from State-Level Open Universities in India and first Institutional OER repository of West Bengal which is open to all stakeholders in the area of Higher Education. It offers:

- ✓ low-cost Open platform using regional language for approx 210 million Bengali learners worldwide
- ✓ Ease of availability of educational resources from anywhere at any time by anyone.
- ✓ Using technological innovations in the distance learning environment to bridging the gap between learners and teachers.
- ✓ A model for state universities of India for learning practice and skill development to enrich the quality of education at per global standard.



Sustainable improvement of resources in order to achieve excellence in educational sector.

The actual formal launch of NSOU-OER-R performed by Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Netaji Subhas Open University and Dr. Shahid Rasool, Director, Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi in National Convention on "Emanating Issues & Priorities in Teacher Education" on 12 May, Friday, 2017 at Seminar Room, NSOU in presence of Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, Uttarakhand; Prof. Mita Banerjee, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, West Bengal University of Teachers' Training, Education, Planning and Administration, Kolkata, Prof. A.M Moorthy, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Physical Education Sports University & chairman of NCTE Curriculum Committee; Prof. Srikanta Mahapatra, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Odisha state open university, Sambalpur, Odisha and Swami Tattwasaranandaji Maharaj, Principal, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshan Mandir, Belur Math. This event marks the effective association of NSOU and CEMCA in the spotlight. The aim of the launch is to have an increased attention towards the resulting of project entitled "OER Initiatives for ICT enabled Programme of Netaji Subhas Open University" in support of Commonwealth Educational Media Centre of Asia (CEMCA). On this session it was decided that the launch should attract as many people from learned society as possible. It should be accessible from anywhere at any time by anyone.

After the formal launch of NSOU-OER repository basic actions and features was elaborated by the Project Co-ordinator Smt. Barnali Roy Choudhury. NSOU-OER repository is facilitating its services within the institution and beyond the institutional repository. This dedicated repository is built on Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) architecture which includes links of different sources of Open

documents categorically. This repository will explore different aspirations of OER as well as OEP in its different portion. Hope after using this repository learners will determine to implement Open Educational Practice in current pedagogical environment.

This repository is available on the web via nsouoer.krc.net.in .

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