



## **Online Launch Programme and Orientation on LMS for Learners of Post Graduate in Economics, Batch of January, 2022 REPORT**

An online launch programme for the new and first batch of Post Graduate Economics learners was organized on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 by the Department of Economics, School of Professional Studies.

### **The programme was attended by**

Professor Anirban Ghosh, Director (i/c), School of Professional Studies, NSOU

Professor Biswajit Chatterjee, Professor of Economics, NSOU

Dr. Bibekananda Raychaudhuri, Associate Professor of Economics, NSOU

Dr. Seikh Salim, Associate Professor of Economics, NSOU (attended online)

Dr. Asim Kr. Karmakar, Assistant Professor of Economics, NSOU

Mrs. Priyanthi Bagchi, Assistant Professor of Economics, NSOU

And 65 newly admitted students

The programme began with Professor Ghosh warmly welcoming all the learners of the first ever batch of Post Graduate Economics of Netaji Subhas Open University. He mentioned the importance of studying a professional course like economics and how the subject will help the learners in having a unique perspective of the world and how it will also help in fetching a good job in the present job-market scenario. Prof. Ghosh mentioned that the curriculum have been framed keeping it at per with the curriculum of other universities and that degree offered by our university is exactly of the same relevance as that from any regular universities.



Professor Chatterjee continued with the programme and he mentioned the subject as a combination of mathematics involved with social science. He mentioned that by earning a masters degree in

economics, learners will be able to break down any large problem into its various components and will learn to collect and analyze data related to the problem so that a solution can be arrived.

Dr. Raychaudhuri gave a clear description of the various ways of pursuing the course and understanding the subject. He mentioned that learners will have a better approach towards the subject if they analyze the course with their own understanding power.

Dr. Karmakar gave a brief address about the importance of studying economics and the various ways of pursuing the course. He mentioned that there are certain applied mathematical papers associated with the course and those papers will have to be dealt in an analytical way rather than a technical way.

Dr. Salim seconded everyone's thought and mentioned how the course can be dealt in an easy approach. He mentioned that the syllabus has been framed by eminent personalities and with keeping it at par with the syllabus of other regular universities so that learners from our university are at a no less position as compared to other universities' learners.

On this occasion, the newly developed Self Learning Materials (SLMs) were released which will be made available to the students through their respective Learner Support Centres (LSCs). The digitized SLMs are already uploaded on the LMS.



Teaching Methodology	
Traditional	ICT Based
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• F2F Counselling at Study Centres</li><li>• Printed Self Learning Materials (SLMs)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Counselling</li><li>• Mobile App</li><li>• Learning Management System (LMS)</li><li>• Open Educational Resources (OER)</li><li>• A/V Lectures</li><li>• Web TV</li><li>• Web Radio</li></ul>

Mrs. Bagchi continued with the programme and mentioned about the importance of the Self Learning Materials (SLMs) and that the learners should have a brief idea of the topics before appearing for a particular class. She gave a brief presentation about the outline of the course and how the learners will be able to select their special papers in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year from the two groups provided to them. She also mentioned about the various ways the teaching methodologies will be practiced and followed in our university and highlighted the ICT based services like LMS, Web TV, Web radio, NSOU OER Repository etc.

Members of the Technical Team explained various issues on LMS/Mobile App and showed the user interface of LMS/Mobile App. He gave a detailed description about the app and how learners will be able to receive their Self Learning Materials (SLM) of their respective courses in the e-format and how they will also be able to attend online classes of their respective professors.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Bagchi.

----Report prepared by Mrs. Priyanthi Bagchi