



Research Project Workshop Report on Project Review Meeting

Date: 22nd December 2022

Venue: Netaji Subhas Open University, Subhas Chandra Sabhaghar, 7th Floor, DD- 26,
Salt Lake City, Kolkata-64.

Members Present:

Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon`ble Vice-Chancellor
Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Director (i/c), SPS
Prof. Uttam Kr. Dutta, Professor of Commerce,
Prof. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Professor of Library and Information Science,
Smt. Anamika Das, Assistant Professor of Library and Information Science,
Smt. Kasturi Sinha Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Social Work,
Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhury, Assistant Professor of Library and Information Science,
Dr. Sudarshan Roy, Assistant Professor of Commerce,
Smt. Priyanthi Bagchi, Assistant Professor of Economics,
Shri Monojit Garai, Assistant Professor of Social Work,

Proceedings:

As resolved in the 12th CIQA meeting, the School of Professional Studies organized a "Research Project Workshop" on 22nd December 2022 (Thursday) at 11.30 am to review the progress of the NSOU-funded project. All Project Investigators (PIs) presented their progress during the program. The project review meeting was convened to assess the status of the ongoing project funded by Netaji Subhas Open University in favor of the faculties and for the benefit of the learners. The review meeting was graced by the presence of Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon`ble Vice Chancellor of Netaji Subhas Open University. Under the active leadership of Professor Anirban Ghosh, all the faculty members of SPS who are the Project Investigators, have actively participated in the said event. Professor Anirban Ghosh initiated the discussions. In his deliberation, he welcomed all the participants and the adjudicators on behalf of the School of Professional Studies, NSOU. He has set the objectives of the program with insightful views. He also specified that the need of the program is not only to assess the project but rather to add value to the individual projects of the faculties for its fruitful implications in practical life. Professor Ghosh greeted his whole team to present their project status before the Expert members. Professor Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon`ble Vice-Chancellor in his inaugural address highlighted the importance of research activities in HEIs like NSOU. He encouraged all the faculty members to take research work seriously and add value to the existing body of knowledge. He also informed that budgetary provision is being made to promote research activities like seminar, project etc.

Technical Sessions:

The first project status was presented by Smt. Anamika Das on the topic entitled "*Designing a Model on Information Literacy of Stakeholders of Distance Education and its Role in Instructional Outcome: With Special Reference to LIS Education*". In her deliberation, Smt. Das has pertinently focused on the desired goal and adopted the methodology of the project and reported that the data collection part is almost finished from their end and expected to



submit the same in a few couples of months. The presentation was summed up with the expert's observations.

The second presentation was made by Mrs. Priyanthi Bagchi. She presented her project on the topic entitled "*Bargaining Power and Decision-Making Abilities of Women: A Study in South 24-Parganas District in West Bengal*". She has nicely depicted her analysis based on the collected raw data depending on the different variables. Through her deliberation, she can draw a clear picture of the Decision-Making abilities of women to foster women's empowerment in the present context.

Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhury then presented the project status before the experts on the topic entitled "*Availability and Accessibility of Resources for LGBTQIA+ Community in Higher Education: In Special Reference to University Libraries in West Bengal*". After collecting data from 13 out of 20 State-level Universities, she has found the possibilities for the inclusion of such a marginal community in different Higher Education Institutions in the jurisdiction of West Bengal in terms of resources, infrastructure, and facilities. She has shown the progress of the project in the four-quadrant approach. She also reported that as one of the outcomes of the project, scholarly communication has already been developed by Dr. Roy Choudhury and her Project Assistant, Mrs. Sayani Mukherjee, and submitted for publication. The deliberation was finished with an effective discussion for the implementation of the project in day-to-day life.

Dr. Sudarshan Roy, Assistant Professor in Commerce presented the progress of the project on the topic "*Effectiveness of Commerce Program in ODL Mode: A Study among the Learners of NSOU*". Dr. Roy is about to finish his project and already published an article in a journal. Experts suggested some pertinent issues to incorporate in the report.

Mrs. Kasturi Sinha Ghosh has presented her report on the progress of her project entitled "*The Health Status of Rural Women & Role of the service providers in the enhancement of Health care services: An exploratory study in the selected district of West Bengal*". Very sensitive issues were discussed regarding the health status of rural women through her deliberations. She has already collected the required data and is in the stage to draw the inferences based on the collected data. Suggestions were given to the PI for fruitful implications of the project in the real context.

The last presentation was made by Mr. Monojit Garai on the progress of his project entitled "*Effectiveness of role of Adolescent Friendly Health Counsellor (Anwasha Counsellor) in contributing well-being of Adolescents: A Study in Birbhum District of West Bengal.*" Through his deliberation, the house can get a clear picture of Adolescent Health (mental as well as physical), especially for the Birbhum District of West Bengal. He has almost completed his data collection procedure and side-by-side he is analyzing the fact to draw final observations.

It was reported that the remaining 50% of the grant have already been released to Dr. Sudarshan Roy and Smt. Priyanthi Bagchi. Other faculties may apply for the remaining grant with the report and Utilization certificate and original voucher. As resolved the 2nd RAC meeting, the tenure of each project may be extended upto a period of six months from the approval date. The unspent money, if any may be refunded to the university.

The house along with the concerned Principal Investigator proposed to conduct one more workshop at the end the project.

After threadbare discussions and keen observations, the following resolution was made for extension of period to complete the project.

The faculty members have been encouraged to organize seminar or workshop under their project (if exists in the initial approved proposal) and also to publish their report in a book form.



Sl. No.	Name of the PIs and PAs	Title of the Project (Date of allotment of project: 22/11/2021)	Status
1	Anamika Das (PA: Rajasree Sinha)	Designing a Model on Information Literacy of Stakeholders of Distance Education and its Role in Instructional Outcome: With Special Reference to LIS Education	Most of the activities have been completed. Tenure may be extended upto 31st May 2023.
2	Mrs. Kasturi Sinha Ghosh (PA: Mrs. Debadrita Mondal)	The Health Status of Rural Women & Role of the service providers in the enhancement of Health care services: An exploratory study in the selected district of West Bengal	Most of the activities have been completed. Tenure may be extended upto 31st May 2023.
3	Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhury (PA: Mrs Sayani Mukherjee)	Availability and Accessibility of Resources for LGBTQIA+ Community in Higher Education: In Special Reference to University Libraries in west Bengal.	Data collection and analysis are partially completed. Tenure may be extended upto 31st May 2023.
4	Dr. Sudarshan Roy (PA: Miss Priti Bera)	Effectiveness of Commerce Program in ODL Mode: A Study among the Learners of NSOU	Most of the activities have been completed. Tenure may be extended upto 31st March 2023.
5	Monojit Garai (PA: Mr. Arindam Sarkar)	Effectiveness of role of Adolescent Friendly Health Counsellor (Anwasha Counsellor) in contributing well-being of Adolescents: A Study in Birbhum District of West Bengal.	Most of the activities have been completed. Tenure may be extended upto 31st May 2023.
6	Mrs. Priyanthi Bagchi	Bargaining Power and Decision-Making Abilities of Women: A Study in Hooghly District in West Bengal.	Most of the activities have been completed. Tenure may be extended upto 31st May 2023.

A discussion on the Integration of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in the existing Syllabus/Curriculum has also materialized in the same program. The fact that NEP 2020 advocates a good education system to provide knowledge of arts and eliminate rigid boundaries between disciplines, makes IKS more relevant in HEIs. Hence Higher Education institutes are going all out to embrace traditional learning systems with the inclusion of IKS. To incorporate this pertinent issue the director (i/c), SPS requested all faculties to identify the existing programs, modules, and units in which the IKS is already included for study.

Placed before Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for kind approval/direction.

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