



One day State Level Seminar on “Role of Social Workers in Health Care Sector: Challenges & Scopes” Report



Department of Social Work, under School of Professional Studies, conducted a one day Seminar on “Roles of Social Workers in Health Care Sector: Challenges & Scopes” as a part of the NSOU sponsored project taken up by Smt. Kasturi Sinha Ghosh ,Asst. Prof of Social Work on 24th May’ 2023 in Subhas Chandra Sabhagar, NSOU.Salt Lake Campus. About 46 students of Social Work programme of NSOU and other university like, Rabindra Bharati and Vidyasagar University participated in the seminar. Apart from the students some faculty members from other schools also actively participated in the programme.

The inaugural session began by felicitating Prof Chandan Bas, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of NSOU, Prof Anirban Ghosh, Director School of Professional Studies (i/c) and Prof Arun Chakraborty, HOD Library and Information Science.

The session then began with a welcome address from Prof Anirban Ghosh, Director School of Professional Studies (i/c). He extended a warm welcome to the participants and said that he was overwhelmed to see the students for the seminar.Prof Ghosh shared that the University always tries to extend best support to the students. Since the students are from Social Work programme, which is professional course they must focus on field work activities. They have to deal with human beings therefore to understand human sentiments they must sincerely carryout their fieldwork activities. In case of any academic matter they may feel free to contact the concerned faculties for support.

Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Prof Chandan Basu, was then invited for his valuable speech and to officially inaugurate the Seminar.Prof Basu, was glad to address the students and stated that the Seminar was indeed very relevant in today’s context as we have just experienced a bad phase during the pandemic era, where many of us have lost our dear ones. This Pandemic has taught us the importance of our health. He further said we have no control over our own body, rather it is been regulated by others fir their economic gains. Therefore we have to be various cautious and think about some ways to improve our health care sector so that no one in our

society goes untreated and the health care facility is made available for all without any discrimination. Prof Basu concluded his speech by officially inaugurating the seminar and with a hope that this seminar shall be able to put forward important recommendations for the Social Workers to work effectively in the Health Care Sector.

Smt Kasturi Sinha Ghosh while introducing the Theme of the Seminar said that the seminar was a part of her NSOU sponsored project: **“The Health Status of Rural Women & Role of the service providers in the enhancement of the Health care services: An exploratory study in the selected district of West Bengal”**. She was happy to share that the project was completed successfully and she would soon submit the report to the competent authority. She shared that many interesting facts emerged in her findings which she would later present in the seminar.

Finally Prof Arun Chakraborty, in her speech said that Govt. keep on launching several Health Programmes and Schemes for us from time to time, but if the people do not get the right information then this effort of the Government is meaningless. Therefore we must have mechanism to disseminate informations to the people so that they are able to enjoy their basic entitlements.



The inaugural session concluded with the Vote of thanks Ms Debadrita Mandal, the Project Assistant of the NSOU Sponsored Project, after which after a short tea break was announced.

In the next session the Resource persons Somdeb Mukherjee, District Programme Manager, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of West Bengal and Ms Jhila Banerjee, Psychiatric Social Worker, District Mental Health Department, Govt of West Bengal were invited to give their lectures on “Health Care Infrastructure of West Bengal and Social Work intervention” and “Mental Health problems of the vulnerable and coping methods” respectively. Their speech was really though provoking and was loaded with recommendations.

After the speaker finished, there was a wonderful interactive session where the audience got a chance to ask questions and clear up any questions they had for the presenters.

The last session was the technical session, which was chaired by Prof Arun Chakraborty and there were four paper presentation, out of which one paper was presented by Ms. Arunima Dhar, Asst Prof in Social Work Rabindra Bharati The smart city of West Bengal”, while the other papers which were also based on Health related issues and was a part of the findings of NSOU Sponsored projects were presented by Dr Ritu Mathur Mitra, Associate prof of History,

Mr. Debajit Goswami, Asst Prof in Public Administration and Smt. Kasturi Sinha Ghosh, Asst Prof. in Social Work.

Prof. Chakraborty after the presentation said from the technical session many interesting findings and facts have emerged and these findings may be of great help to our students who intend to work in the area of health care sector. The Seminar came to an end after the distribution of certificates .



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