



School of Professional Studies
Netaji Subhas Open University

**Report on Orientation Programme (Online) for Dissertation Guides and
Academic Counselors of MSW**

Date: 14.07.2023

Platform: Zoom

Participants Present: 35

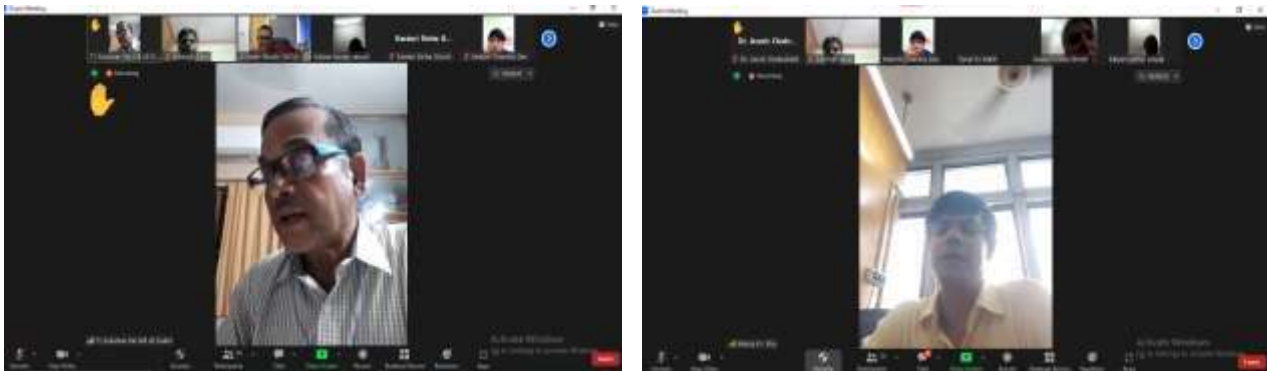


Speakers: Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Director
Smt. Kasuri Sinha Ghosh
Shri Monojit Garai
Shri Manick Ch. Das

Department of Social Work under the aegis of school of professional studies conducted an online orientation programme for the dissertation guides of MSW program on 14th July'2023. The objective of the orientation programme was to get feedback from the dissertation guides who supervised the final-year MSW students in preparing their dissertation reports. About 35 academic counsellors who acted as the supervisors as well as conducted the Viva-voce examination for the students participated in the programme. All the faculty members of the school, Members from the examination department as well as the Director in-charge of SPS, Professor Anirban Ghosh were present on behalf of Netaji Subhas Open University to conduct the programme. The objective of this programme was to get feedback from the participants about their experience as dissertation guides and also to resolve their queries regarding the evaluation process.

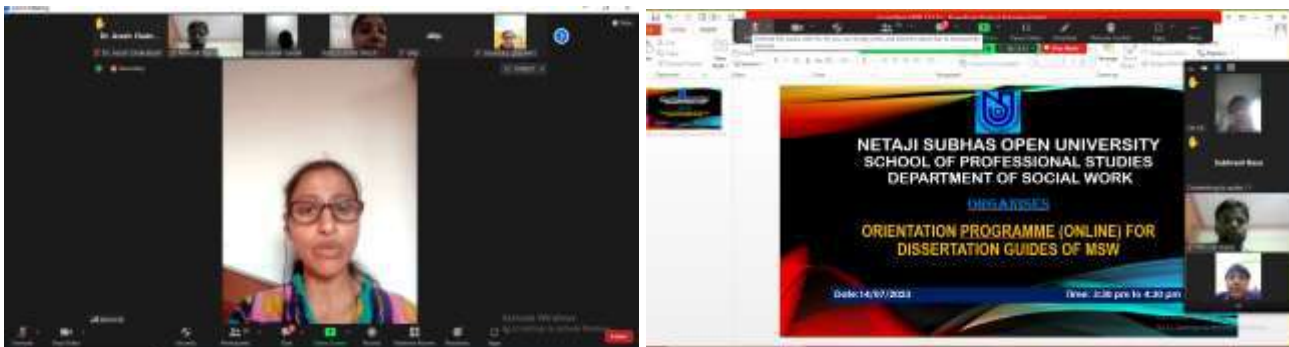
Kasturi Sinha Ghosh, Assistant Professor in social work, compared the session. She invited Professor Anirban Ghosh Director in-charge, School of Professional Studies to share his valuable viewpoints and opinion with the participants of the programme. Professor Ghosh extended a warm welcome to the participants and expressed his gratitude to the participants for attending the workshop. At the outset, he said that without the support of the participants, it would have not been possible to conduct the whole curriculum of Research activity for our learners as well as the process of evaluation in all the Regional centres. He urged that the guides must take care in supervising the learners and help them to develop their aptitude for Research in future. He hoped that the discussion shall clarify many doubts and that feedback from the participants shall help in further improvement.

Associate Professor, Mr Kalyan Kumar Sanyal, also shared his greetings with the participants and thanked them for their constant guidance and support to our learners. Ms Kasturi Sinha Ghosh then invited the participants to share their experiences and raise their doubts if any.



There enquired like, what is supposed to be done in case of non-availability of the E-Certificate of the workshop for the dissertation, or if the certificate of the guide is not attached to the dissertation, or where found similar. It was resolved that such cases shall be reported to the controller. There were queries regarding the submission of the bill for guiding the learners, which was taken up and resolved by the examination department. Some of the participants said that a few of the dissertations were not up to the mark as the steps of conducting the research are not followed properly, they said that the quality of teaching can not be compromised.

Mr. Monojit Garai, Assistant Professor of Social Work, NSOU on behalf of the Department of Social Work requested the official of the CoE Dept. who was present to kindly simplify the procedure of submission of the dissertation guidance bill and expedited the process of payment. It is also reported by some guides that they did not receive the payment of dissertation guidance since 2018/2019 but they submitted the bill to the office of CoE, NSOU long ago. It is also notified the official of the CoE department that a new bill format (COE-18/1) is to be followed by the dissertation guides and examiners of fieldwork reports and dissertation reports for further processing from this session onwards. It is agreed by the official of CoE Dept. that they will accept the remuneration bill for dissertation guidance with admit card without a self-attested copy of the learners along with the fill-in new bill format.



Another suggestion which was shared by participants was that the learners may be allowed to submit handwritten field reports as this will control malpractice to a large extent. Moreover, students of

IGNOU and Visva Bharati submit handwritten reports for their Field Work. The matter may be discussed at an appropriate forum.

There were a few more queries related to the evaluation system and submission of corrected dissertation reports, which were solved by the official of the Examination Department.

The session was concluded with formal vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Monojit Garaj, Asst. Professor of Social Work, NSOU.

--Report prepared by Smt. Kasturi Sinha Ghosh & Shro Monojit Garai