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Students' Week Programme 2024

Report on Workshop on

"Scopes and Opportunities of Social Work in Today's Scenario"

Date: 05/01/2024 (Friday)

Time: 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM

Mode: Online (Zoom App)

Participants: 150 Learners



The Kalyani Regional Centre, NSOU in collaboration with Department of Social Work, SPS organized an on line workshop on **"Scopes and Opportunities of Social Work in Today's Scenario"** on 5th January 2024 as a part of Student's Week Programme 2024.

Ms Kasturi Sinha Ghosh and Dr. Monojit Garai, the Faculties of Social Work Department were the speaker for the workshop. The workshop was attended by 150 participants mainly by the learners of NSOU though there was a good number of outside students attended the event.

Dr. Premananda Jana, Regional Director of Kalyani Regional Centre of NSOU firstly invited Ms Kasturi Sinha Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Social Work, NSOU to deliver her speech in this occasion of students' week.



Ms. Kasturi Sinha Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Social Work, NSOU extended a warm wishes to the students and expressed that she was delighted to have been given the opportunity to interact with the participants. To begin with Ms Sinha Ghosh said that Social Work discipline has undergone a lot of transformation, and what we see Social Work now is much more professional in nature. The idea of helping people was always there in past, all the religion teaches its followers to be kind to others, and offer help to the needy people. So Social Work was originated/started in the form of "Charity". However with the changes in the societal

system, there was a gradual shift in the concept of so called Social Work. Though Social Work as a profession emerged first in western countries, but today it is a very essential profession for each and every society especially for the service to mankind and well-being of people at large. In Indian context Social Work Profession became prominent only after the establishment of Tata Graduate School of Social Work (Now known as Tata Institute of Social Science) by the Sir Dorabji Tata in 1936. Though there were several Social Reform Movements which took place during the British Era, and slowly the people started realizing that they are being exploited by the powerful and the powerless thus started vouching for their Rights. It was only after India got its freedom and Constitution was framed, the citizens irrespective of their caste, religion, sex, became aware of their rights and the Government became responsible for ensuring their rights. There was a tremendous need for welfare of the weaker section of the society for which a force of dedicated personnel were required.

Thus Social work profession came into being, with a problem solving approach. However with the shift in the paradigm of helping process, there was a need to include the Strength based as well as Right Based Approach. Keeping this in mind the profession of Social Work was gained its popularity as its scope got widened.



Dr. Monojit Garai, Assistant Professor of Social Work, NSOU highlighted various scopes and opportunities for Social Work Education as well as career opportunities in this fields. Dr. M. Garai shared that after obtaining Social Work degree a student may go for higher education, like Ph.D. & even may opt for Post-Doctoral degrees. They can appear for NET examination if they desire to be in the teaching profession or academic domain. They may even join as development Professionals both in NGO and Government sectors. Dr. Garai also mentioned some of the websites from where the learners may get information about the jobs and other related matter. Showed the list of Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) offers various programmes on social work like UG, PG, Ph.D., Diploma, Certificates etc.

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r, Dr. M. Garai illustrated various weblinks, portal and websites for career counselling, how to choose a right career for yourself based on the aptitudes, competencies, capacities?

The participants were benefited from the workshop and got lots of information about the social work discipline and various career counselling options.

The programme came to an end after a very effective interactive session with the attended participants.

---Report prepared by Smt. K.S. Ghosh & Dr. M.Garai