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## **REPORT ON THE COMPLETION OF 1ST CYCLE OF SPECIAL LECTURE PROGRAMME / EXTENDED COUNSELLING SESSIONS ON SOCIAL SCIENCES TO ENHANCE EMPLOYABILITY OF NSOU LERNERS EMPLOYING BLENDED LEARNING METHODOLOGIES.**

It may be noted that the School of Social Sciences, NSOU has been conducting Special Lecture Programme / Extended Counselling Sessions on *Social Sciences* to enhance the employability of the learners of NSOU and guide them for competitive examinations such as UPSC-IAS, WBCS etc, since 1/08/2022

The classes have been conducted offline at the Smart-classroom, SoSS, Kalyani RC, NSOU and all classes have been conducted by the internal faculties of the Departments of History, Political Science, Public Administration and Sociology, and programme coordinated by Mr. Debajit Goswami, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Public Administration, SOSS, NSOU, which finally culminated to a total of **82.5hours** of offline lectures.

Some of the internal faculties of the School of Social Sciences, NSOU who have conducted lectures include Mr. Debajit Goswami, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Public Administration, Dr. Srabanti Chaudhuri Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Dr. Manoj Kumar Haldar Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Dr. Ritu Mathur Mitra, Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Dr. Anuradha Ghosh, Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Dr. Debarati Banerjee Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Dr. Kumkum Sarkar Associate Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Dr. Sujit Narayan Chattopadhyay, Professor, Dept. of Public Administration, Dr. Pujan Kumar Sen, Professor, Dept. of Public Administration amongst others.

Some of the major areas covered during the SLP/ECS includes-

- Modern Indian history include significant events, personalities, issues during the middle of the eighteenth century until the present
- Various stages and important contributors and contributions from different parts of the country in 'The Freedom Struggle'
- Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country
- Salient aspects of Diversity of India and Indian Society
- Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and remedies
- Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism
- Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure



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- Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein
- Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles of State Policy
- Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions
- Parliament and State Legislatures – structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these
- Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies
- Decentralization in India- Panchayati Raj institutions- Urban Local Government and Rural Local Government
- Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment
- Basic conceptions and terminologies of Economics and Development
- Economic Planning in India- Planning Commission, Five-year plans, NITI Aayog etc.

On an average 25 learners of NSOU, from various disciplines including Science, Commerce, Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, participated in the offline SLP/ECS with 52% participation of female learners.

The SLP/ECS has been prematurely concluded keeping in mind the upcoming PG Term-end Examinations and Assignments of the NSOU learners, and the final session took place on 11.11.2022 to conclude the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of the Extended Counselling Sessions on ***Social Sciences***.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of the Special Lecture Programme/ Extended Counselling Sessions on ***Social Sciences*** may be conducted from January 2023, preferably in online mode for the convenience of a large number of NSOU learners who are unable to attend the offline lecture at Kalyani RC, NSOU.

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