



**Report on the One-day Webinar on Interactive Session-cum-Awareness Programme on Electoral Literacy**

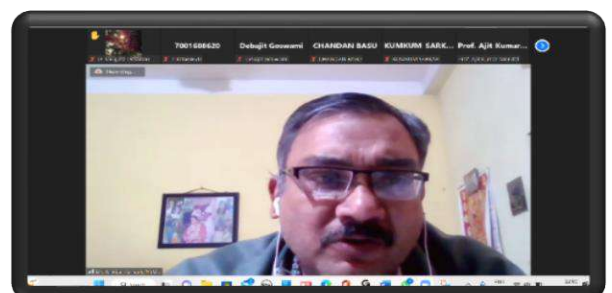
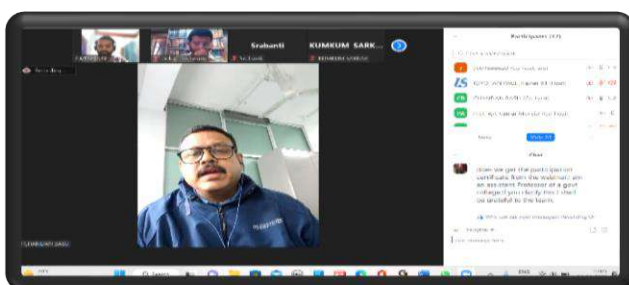
**on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Organized by the Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, NSOU**  
**in collaboration with**  
**The NSOU Centre for Social Studies, School of Social Sciences**

Regarding our socio-moral responsibility as an academic institution to raise young political consciousness and develop their potential for informed and active voting in society, the Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, NSOU in collaboration with the NSOU Centre for Social Studies, NSOU organised a **One-day Webinar on Interactive Session-cum-Awareness Programme on Electoral Literacy** on **January 4, 2023**, from **12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, vide memo number **SSS/998**, dated **21/12/2022**. The learners, especially the young, were all invited to participate and sensitised and made aware of the importance of voting education in a democratic country like India, regardless of gender, department, or school of discipline, and not only from the NSOU but also from other state learners and laymen. The event was entirely conducted online using the Zoom Platform, thanks to the technical assistance of Schoolguru. The university is not required to give any kind of financial backing for this reference. The participants were never charged for participation or registration. All were invited and welcomed to this programme by following the meeting joining links that were available in the programme brochure and the university's official website.

**Objective of the Programme:**

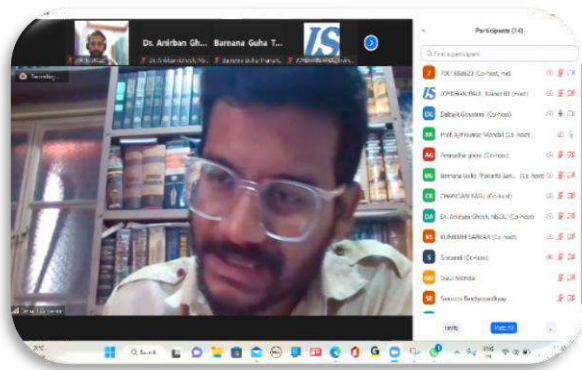
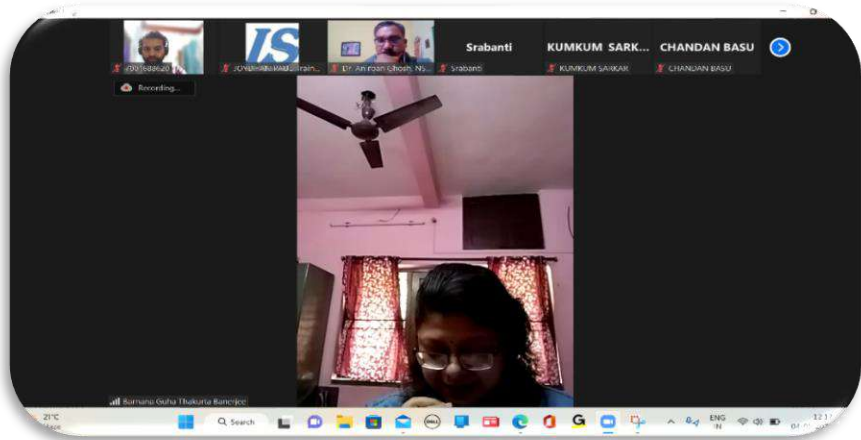
The overarching purpose was to create a politically informed and well-aware democratic civic society among India's young people, particularly current and prospective voters. The webinar's goal is to educate and sensitise participants about the importance of voting in a democratic society, the conceptual components of electoral democracy in India, and the technological procedures for becoming a voter, updating a voter's card, voting, and so on.





**Speakers of the Programme:**

Due to the significance and socio-political sensitivity of the aforementioned concerns, the invited experts who were scheduled to give presentations for this event included **Dr. Barnana Guha Thakurta (Banerjee), Head & Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, NSOU,** and **Dr. Srabanti Choudhuri, Assistant Professor of Sociology, NSOU** and **Mr. Debajit Goswami, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration, NSOU.**



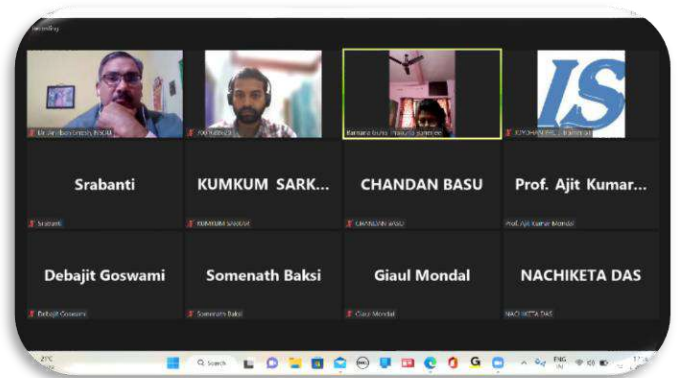
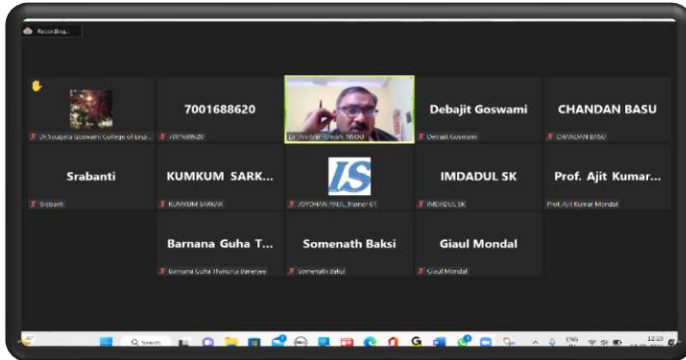
The programme was supervised by the Director of the School of Social Sciences, NSOU. The webinar was organised and led by academics from the Department of Sociology, SSS, NSOU. **Professor Chandan Basu, Director of the School of Social Sciences, NSOU,** gave the opening remarks, followed by **Professor Anirban Ghosh, Director of the NSOU Centre for Internal Quality Assurance. Mr. Anupam Roy, webinar organiser and Assistant Professor of Sociology, SSS, NSOU,** compares the session and offers the official vote of gratitude.





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In this programme, **16 applicants used the online platform**. Participants include not only students, but also professors from various schools of subjects from numerous institutions, as well as laypeople from our community.



The event concludes with a brief feedback and interaction session involving the chairman, invited speakers, learners, and participants. This conversation addressed several misconceptions and myths regarding the learner's awareness program's focus. It provided an excellent chance for everyone to learn.

(The report was prepared by Mr. Anupam Roy, Webinar Organizer & Assistant Professor of Sociology, SoSS, NSOU, Dated: 10/02/2023)

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