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Report of Online Special Lecture Programme on "State, Society & Public Administration"

The Online Special Lecture Programme on "State, Society & Public Administration" was a comprehensive series of educational lectures conducted through the NSOU app/ Zoom online platform. The programme aimed to provide participants with a deep understanding of the relationship between the state, society, and the discipline of public administration. It was organized by The Department of Public Administration, NSOU and was held from 5.6.2023 to 24.6.2023. The lectures were delivered by Debajit Goswami, Assistant Professor of Public Administration, School of Social Sciences, NSOU.

The Online Special Lecture Programme on "State, Society & Public Administration" attracted participants from diverse backgrounds, from the learners of PGPA Part I batch (January 2023) of NSOU and the programme received an average participation of 25 enrolled PGPA Part I learners and the individuals who joined the lectures actively took part in the programme and also continued the discourse further.

The programme covered a total of 10 hours of online special lectures delivered with the usage of ICT teaching-learning methodologies, included a wide range of topics related to state, society, and public administration, including:

- Theories of state-society relations
- Liberal, Democratic, and Managerialist State administration
- Governance and accountability
- Evolving nature of the Bureaucracy
- Social Democratic State Administration
- Citizen participation and social inclusion
- Neo-Liberalist administration and impact of Liberalisation on Indian administration

Each lecture included interactive sessions where participants had the opportunity to engage with the faculty. These sessions facilitated discussions, question-and-answer sessions, and debates on various aspects of state-society relations and public administration. Participants could share their perspectives, seek clarifications, and explore practical implications. The programme adopted a multidisciplinary approach by drawing insights from various disciplines such as political science, sociology, economics, and law. This interdisciplinary perspective enriched the discussions and provided participants with a comprehensive understanding of the complexities involved in state-society relations and public administration. The Online Special Lecture Programme on "State, Society & Public Administration" received positive feedback from participants and strengthened the resolve of the department to conduct more such programmes in the future.

Reported by Debajit Goswami, Organizer and faculty of the Online Special Lecture Programme & Assistant Professor of Public Administration, School of Social Sciences, NSOU.