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Report of successful completion of 8 weeks Online Short Term Training Course on “Introduction to Indian Knowledge Systems”

The 8 weeks Online Short Term Training Course on “Introduction to Indian Knowledge Systems” which was offered by The NSOU Centre for Social Studies (NSOU CSS) under the School of Social Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open University and was held between 7th July 2023 to 27th August 2023 with a total of 40 hours of content (16 hours live Audio-Video Lectures and 24 hours of non-video content) held on the Google Classroom platform with the participation of 27 learners, has been successfully concluded.

The programme aimed to provide participants with an introductory understanding of the Indian Knowledge Systems, in tune with NEP 2020, and the curriculum was majorly aligned to selected units of the UGC NET Syllabus on Indian Knowledge System, which comprised of selected topics of the following Units/Modules distributed over 8 weeks-

- Indian Philosophical Systems
- Governance, Dharma and Administration
- Architecture
- Kala
- Ancient India and World (select Indian thinkers)

The online lectures were delivered by both faculties of the School of Social Sciences, NSOU as well as External faculties from other Universities of the state and the online programme was conducted and coordinated by Debajit Goswami, Assistant Professor of Public Administration, School of Social Sciences, NSOU, who also lectured in the STTC.

Amongst the 27 participants, 12 were faculties of Colleges and Universities, 3 were teachers of Schools and many came from diverse professions including advocate, HR professionals, central service employees as well as students NSOU and other Universities and colleges of the state. 2 learners were also from outside of West Bengal, including 1 Associate Professor of Central University. It may be noted that 1 learner was 100% physically handicapped and successfully completed the programme in bed-ridden condition, which is praise-worthy.

The programme covered a total of 40hours including 16 hours of live online video lectures delivered with the usage of ICT teaching-learning methodologies, and 24hours of non-video content including reading material, discussion forum and assignments, regularly posted on the Google Classroom. The programme was concluded with a 10 marks assignment in written format and 40marks online assessment with MCQ type of questions, which was successfully completed by 20 learners who were all given e-certificates upon successful completion.



Acknowledgement and Feedback from selected participants of the 8 weeks STC on IKS

This multi-disciplinary short term training course enriched the participants with a deeper understanding of the diverse domains of IKS and most of the learners also requested for the conduct of a diploma/advanced diploma course on Indian Knowledge Systems to aid their further pursuit of knowledge in this discipline. This has greatly encouraged the faculties of the School of Social Sciences, NSOU and NSOUCSS to offer more such programmes on IKS in the near future and contribute to the revival of indigenous Indian knowledge globally.

Reported by Debajit Goswami, Programme Coordinator of STTC on Indian Knowledge Systems & Assistant Professor of Public Administration, School of Social Sciences, NSOU.