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Report of 'Career Counselling/ Pre-admission Counselling Programme' at Sunderban Mahavidyalaya, South 24- Parganas

Name of the Counsellors: Sri Anirban Ghosh & Ms. Tinki Kar.

Date: 08-01-2008

In response to a very short notice served by the Principal of the college, about this counselling programme, a large number of students nearly 100 assembled at the community hall of the college. The Coordinator along with the teaching, and the non-teaching staff of the college were present and was very much enthusiastic about the programme. The Coordinator introducing the representatives of N.S.O.U to the audience, briefed about the main objectives of the programme in a very systematic manner and in a nutshell. The programme was presided over by the Selection Grade Lecturer of the Political Science Department who gave the introductory speech. He then delivered his talk.

Sri Anirban Ghosh then illustrated the concept of Open and Distance Learning to the students in a lucid language. He highlighted the main features and advantages of distance learning. He also talked about the present status of Netaji Subhas Open University and highlighted upon the student-support system. Ms. Tinki Kar gave detailed information about the Vocational courses and the Post Graduate Science Courses offered by N.S.O.U.

Then for a long time students interacted with the counsellors . The teachers also interacted with the team. The students were very much keen to get



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admission to the M.SW course, PG Geography and Vocational course like Photography, Dress designing, House-wiring, Library Science and Computer Application. The teachers also enquired about the opening of the B.Ed and M.Ed Course. They were also interested about the Ph.D programme. They were told about the rules and regulations. Many issues came up during the interaction. The team met the Coordinator and the staff of the college and discussed about various aspects of the running of the courses, problems faced and possible solutions at the Principal's chamber. The Coordinator expressed his view that faulty statements of marks of the students are being sent by the Controller of Examinations of N.S.O.U repeatedly which has created a chaos among the office bearers. The team appreciated the enthusiasm, interest shown and the warm hospitality of the students, teachers, Coordinator & staff of the college during this programme. Frequent visit of the University Faculty members is necessary to bridge the gap between the learners at study centres and the University.

Placed before Hon'ble vice-Chancellor for kind perusal.

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Report of 'Career Counselling/ Pre-admission Counselling Programme' at Chanchal College, Malda Counselling team: Dr. Bikash Roy and Sri Anirban Ghosh

Date: 13-01-2008

As approved by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the Career counselling/ Pre-admission counselling was conducted at the Chanchal College located in the rural area of Malda district. The Principal and Coordinator were present to receive the team. The Principal is very interested in the activities of the University. The Faculty members of the college were also present in the programme. The Principal of Chanchal College requested the Teacher-in-Charge of the Samsi College to attend the programme with their students. It was encouraging that about 90-100 students of Chanchal College and Samsi College attended the programme.

The Principal along with the teaching, and the non-teaching staff of the college were present and was very much enthusiastic about the programme. The Principal introducing the representatives of N.S.O.U to the audience, briefed about the main objectives of the programme in a very lucid way. The programme started with quiries from both the teachers and students and it was revealed that they have a very little idea about the Open and Distance Learning system and how Netaji Subhas Open University operates. They also expressed their anxiety about the status of the University. Taking this opportunity, we have tried to solve all the queries raised by them. We clarified the concept of ODL and advantages of this system of education. All the courses of the University specially the vocational and job oriented courses (with their objectives) have been discussed in detail.

The teachers of the college actively participated in the programme and appreciated the initiatives taken by the University for such 'Career counselling/ Pre-admission counselling'.

During the visit, we have come to know that, as the University did not give permission, the study centre is not taking admission to B.Com (Hons.), though this course is a nonlaboratory based course.

After this programme, we feel that, for the benefit of the students, the core faculties of the University should take classes of BDP and PG classes at different Study Centres by which it will be possible to reach the students at remotest areas.

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Career Counselling/ Pre-admission Counselling Programme - 'Choose the right course'

When faced with a choice, every individual has the ability to make a decision. How much freedom they can exercise in making these choices is partly dependent upon the social, economic and cultural context of the individual. The decision one takes would define the balance that he/she would like to have with their work, finances, health, and relationship with family, friends and colleagues. A person needs to plan his/her career well in advance. Any decision regarding career should be based on hard, solid facts. The first step in the process is that of discovering oneself. What excites one? What are his/her interests? What are his/her strengths and weaknesses? What are the key personality traits? If a person has the answers to these questions, he/she will be able to make an intelligent, informed decision regarding his/her career.

Pre-admission counselling makes the people know and increases public awareness in our ODL system with its variety of programmes. It is also called 'open day' which is every body's day here. During my visit to different study centers, I have realized that there is a communication gap between the study centers and the University. Even the staff of the study centers (both located at rural area and urban area) don't have adequate knowledge about the course, course structure, objectives of the course etc.

In this backdrop, the pre-admission counselling/ career counselling may be organized during the admission period from 15.12.07 to 13.1.08 (as per admission notification dated 8.12.07). The admission notice has been published for admission to various BDP, Diploma, Certificate and Vocational Courses.

It will be basically an interactive session where Faculty members (from both the Schools) of the University and coordinators will be present to clarify the questions raised by the prospective learners. The pre-admission

counselling/ career counselling may be arranged at the following newly opened study centers as well as at the study centers located at rural areas.

Basirhat College, North 24Parganas,

2) Dinabandhu Mahavidyalaya, North 24Parganas

3) Vivekananda Mission, Purba Medinipur

4) Dumkal College, Murshidabad

5) Nagar College, Murshidabad

6) Kalna College, Burdwan 7)

Nistarini College, Purulia, 8)

Garhbeta College, Paschim Medinipur,

9) Sundarban Mahavidyalaya, South 24Pargans, 10)

Habra College, North 24Parganas, 11) Belda College, Purba Medinipur

12) Ananda Chandra College, Jalpaiguri.

13) Chanchal College, Malda

14) Karimpur Pannadevi College, Nadia 15)

Gourmohan Sachin Mandal Mahavidyalaya, South 24 Parganas 16)

Bagnan College, Howrah

If the proposal is approved final schedule may be prepared in consultation with the Coordinators.

Placed before Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for kind approval/ suggestions.

Pre-admission counselling is essential for the students seekings admission in Voraldinal Courses, BDP and even in P.G. Corses. sheproposed may be considered for approved. Aithed T.A DA may be possible for the faculty members.

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