



Netaji Subhas Open University

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Organized

Induction Programme of M. Ed. Spl. Edn. (I.D.)- ODL

Report

Event Details:

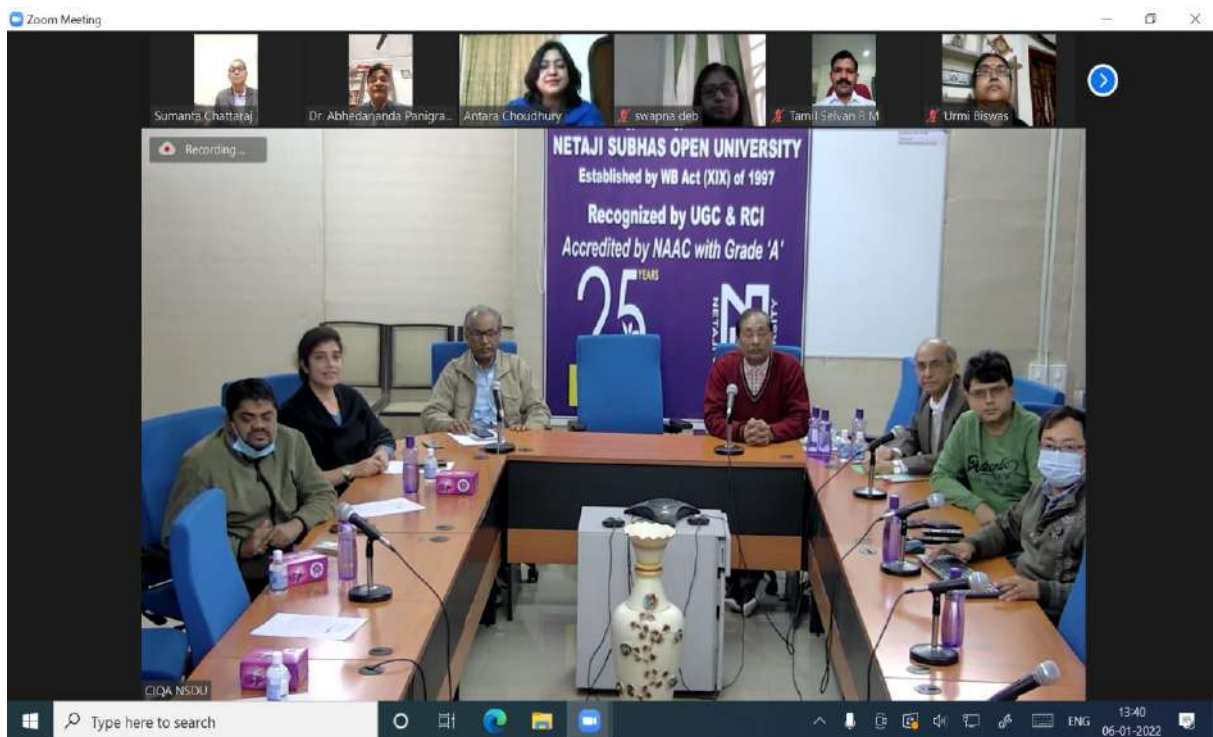
Date & Time: 6th January, Thursday, 12.00 Noon-1.30 P.M,

Mode: Hybrid/Blended mode on ZOOM

Participants: Around 40 persons attended the meet including 20 newly admitted learners, 11 Coordinators, SoE faculty members, NSOU officers and officials.

Backdrop: As a matter of precedence, the Induction Programme was organized to introduce the learners and other stakeholders with the functions and modalities of the University. In addition to this, with the call of GoWB, HED, SoE also extended an interactive forum to discuss upon the news and views relevant to the arena of the M.Ed Spl Ed programme.

Beginning of the Session: At the outset, Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi, Coordinator, B.Ed. Spl. Ed, SoE, NSOU, wished a very happy new year to the dignitaries physically present in the programme and the faculties and professionals present online. Then he conveyed his New Year wishes to all the new admitted learners of M.Ed. Spl. Ed. (ID) which is the first M.Ed. Spl. Ed (ID) batch not only in NSOU but also in India in ODL mode. He informed the house that this course will draw out of them as qualified professionals as Master Trainers to deliver quality service after completing the course. They can function not only as special educators but also as researchers in disability, as planner, as curriculum developer also. After introduction of RPwD Act and NEP, 2020, demands for special educators increased considerably and this degree will help them a lot for their future empowerment and employment.



Welcome Address- Prof. A. N. Dey, Coordinator, M. Ed. Spl. Ed. & Director, SoE, NSOU formally welcomed the academic congregation. Dr. Atindranath Dey, Director, School of Education Netaji Subhas Open University and Coordinator of the programme heartily embraced all the participants, academicians and dignitaries present in online and offline platform. He expressed it was a long journey of NSOU for getting affiliation of this course from RCI, UGC-DEB. He added that it is a historic moment for NSOU as the University has been accredited with Grade A from NAAC in its 25 years of existence. He conveyed his thanks to Dr. Subodh Kumar, Member Secretary, RCI for his sincere effort, SoE team who wholeheartedly worked continuously, members of Expert Committee, Officials of NSOU for their continuous support and finally to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar who's constant inspiration and support made today's achievement a grand academic success.

Dr. A.N. Dey also announced that Dr. Subodh Kumar, M.S., RCI could not attend the programme online due to sudden illness, but extended his best wishes to NSOU as well as the learners for successful induction of the programme.

Self-Introduction by the learners: Dr. Panigrahi then requested the participants for their self-introduction one by one. It was noteworthy that the enrolled learners were not only from different districts of W.B. but also from other states also like Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Goa, Bihar and Odisha.

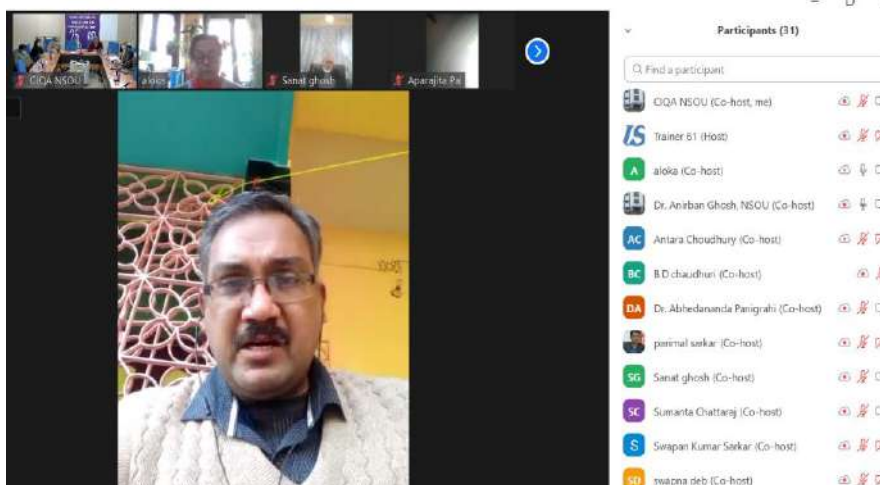


Blessings from the Chief Guest- It was offered by Dr. Aloka Guha, Former Chairperson, National Trust, New Delhi & Senior Consultant, RCI, New Delhi. The Chief Guest, Dr Aloka Guha in her address congratulated NSOU and RCI for launching the course. She said it is an outcome of RPwD Act., NEP 2020 and judgment of October, 2021 of the Supreme Court which demands more such courses for need of more special educators not only in Special Schools but also in Mainstream Schools. She wished all the learners for a truly inspiring journey and excellent experience with lots of blessings.

Address by the Registrar, NSOU: C.A. Kishore Sengupta, Register, NSOU addressed the newly admitted learners with a brief history of NSOU starting from the house of Netaji Subhas Bose at Woodburn Park in 1997. Today's position is NSOU is now functioning from its HQs at Salt Lake City with regional centers at Kalyani, Jalpaiguri & Durgapur. The upcoming main campus at Rajarhat will be started functioning within a very short time. Today, NSOU serves the educational need of around 4.5 lakhs enrollment in different UG, PG, 2nd Degree, Diploma and certificate programmes. He added that M.Ed. Spl Ed (ID) is another feather in NSOU's Crown.

Address by the Director, Centre for Internal Quality Assurance, NSOU: Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Director, Centre for Internal Quality Assurance, NSOU voiced that it is a great opportunity to interact with learners and fellow colleagues. He gladly mentioned 3 landmarks of NSOU in this year.

1. Silver Jubilee of NSOU
2. First State Open University to be accredited with Grade-A by NAAC.
3. Introduction of 3 new PG programmes, one being M.Ed. Special Education (ID).



Address by Smt. Rokeya Roy, Controller of Examinations, NSOU: Madam insisted the stakeholders to follow the University guidelines sincerely.

Course Overview- Smt. Antara Choudhury, Asst. Prof. of Special Education, SoE, NSOU presented a brief overview of the theoretical part of the programme. She deliberated that the total programme is based on RCI norms & regulations. Only matter of 4 (Four) semesters are divided in 5 (Five) semesters. Credit system will be followed as per RCI-ODL norms. She furthered that minimum 18 days face to face classes are compulsory in 1 (One) semester. But presently due to COVID-19 pandemic, online curricular transaction mode will be adopted with a hope that the situation will be normal in near future. She also explained the theoretical part of the course semester wise which is available also in the handbook in detail, already made available to the learners and can be accessed on the University website.

Overview on Practicum & Dissertation- Prof. D. P. Nag Chowdhury, Prof. NSOU, then discussed on practicum and dissertation part of the course congratulating all the learners on the onset. He said that this course has given 40% weightage in practicum which will be completed in 4 (Four) semesters. There are 400 marks in practicum. Then he explained semester wise details of practicum work.

Dr. Nag Chowdhury also clarified the dissertation work to be compulsorily completed by the learners. It has 400 marks and the whole 5th Semester is allotted for dissertation. It is an important one and each learner will have to submit 3 (Three) copies of their dissertation work at the end of 5th semester.

Presidential Address: In his presidential address Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar, Hon'ble V.C., NSOU, said that it is a historical moment in the history of NSOU. He greeted all who were connected with this programme from the beginning. His speech was enticing as he said to establish the programme as a model and effective one in our state. At last, he expressed his hope to the learners that they should be termed as a good Teacher in every aspect.



Interaction with the learners: Dr. Panigrahi moderated the session. It was a vibrant interaction. All doubts, queries and concerns were duly addressed by the faculty members and officers associated with this programme.

Vote of Thanks: Smt. Swapna Deb, Consultant, SoE, NSOU proposed the formal Vote of thanks to one and all present in the programme and clinched the event.

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