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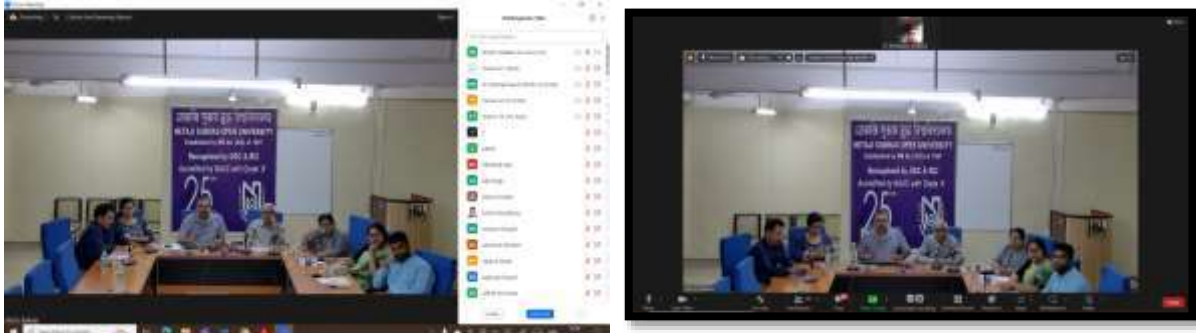
The School of Professional Studies at Netaji Subhas Open University organized an induction program and Sensitization on LMS in the blended mode for learners who have been admitted to various programs offered by the school on May 15, 2024 in the Board Room, Netaji Subhas Open University. The event aimed to raise awareness among new learners about the teaching and learning process in the Open University (OU) system.

The induction program covers essential information for new OU learners, including navigating the learning platform, accessing resources, and understanding study requirements.

Over **150** participants accessed the event via Zoom platform, while **44** individuals joined through YouTube. The participants represented diverse subjects under the School of Professional Studies at Netaji Subhas Open University. The induction program commenced with a visionary welcome address by Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Director (I/c) of the School of Professional Studies, who extended his greetings to all participants and provided an outline of the program's thematic overview. Subsequently, Prof. Ghosh requested Prof. Arun Chakraborty, HOD of DLIS, to address the learners.

Prof. Chakraborty provided a brief overview of the Library and Information Science program, encompassing its modalities and prospects. He introduced the other faculties of the DLIS, NSOU before the audience and asserted on prospects of the program.

Dr. Anamika Das, Assistant Professor at DLIS, explained the MLIS program in detail, highlighting its scope, coverage, and the university's teaching and learning procedures. She provided an overview of pursuing the M. Lib. Sc program in the ODL system, emphasizing the importance of the Personal Contact Programs for learners.



After her speech Mrs Kasturi Sinha Ghosh, Assistant Professor in Social Work introduced the comprehensive aspects of the Social Work subject domain, establishing a clear relationship

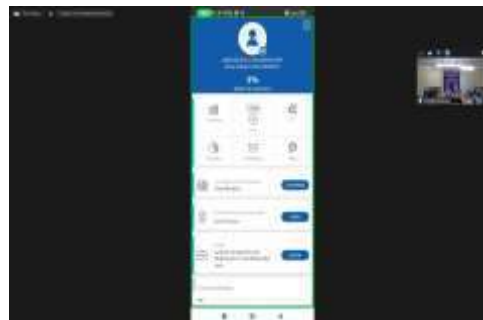
between the subject and society. She encouraged learners to be familiar with the subject and gave them the insights to keep their progress with multi-dimensional aspects of Social Work.

Dr Barnali Roy Choudhury, Assistant Professor, DLIS emphasized the diverse and comprehensive topics covered in Library and Information Science, particularly in the B. Lib. Sc program. She discussed the advantages of interdisciplinary studies and how they enhance the learning experience by utilizing available resources and study skills to help learners prepare their modules. Additionally, she explained how learners can access support services through the university webpage, libraries, and technical assistance. She also stressed the class attendance in the PCP centre which is notified by a notice dated 8.04.2024 regarding the PCP centres for the 2024-25 academic session.

Dr Monojit Garai, Assistant Professor of Social Work delivered his speech focusing on the **teaching-learning Process** in ODL Mode (Open and Distance Learning). He nicely said that learners need to equip themselves with terminologies like PCP (Personal Contact Programme), SLM (Self Learning Material), LSC (Learner Study Centre) etc. to opt for the degree in the open system. Dr. Garai also said that social work philosophy now shifted from charity, and philanthropy to an empowerment and advocacy model. He also stressed upon a very important aspect of MSW, i.e., Field Work for learners of MSW Part-I. For Field Work, learners have to do one month (30 days) placement in an NGO selecting from the empanelled lists of NGOs or from the NGO DARPAN Portal.

Dr Sudarshan Roy, an assistant professor in the Department of Commerce, gave a brief explanation of the course material and what the students would learn or retain from it. Additionally, he talked about the exam patterns, class notes, study guides, homework, assignments, and exams. Dr Roy emphasised the value of taking weekly and class exams as part of the learners' ongoing evaluation and development.

The technical support team of NSOU conducted a live demonstration on how to access the NSOU app and Learning Management System to enhance the learning process in the last segment.



Q&A Session:

During the question and answer session, all the faculty members addressed common questions about university studies and provided insights into what learners can expect. Potential students across 8LSCs raised various questions, such as whether the classes would be conducted online, what the class schedule would be, how class notes are obtained, and what the processes for evaluation and assessment are. The appropriate answers provided thoughtful responses to these inquiries, as well as a few unique to the course. In addition to that all faculties ensure the facility to communicate with respective faculties for any academic support through E-mail.

The program concluded with closing statements and best wishes from Anirban Ghosh, Director (i/c), School of Professional Studies, Netaji Subhas Open University.

---Prepared by Dr Barnali Roy Choudhury
