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LMS Sensitization Programme for PG Science Students

**Organized by
School of Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open University**

PROGRAMME REPORT

Date: March 23, 2022

Time: 01:30 PM

Venue: Board Room (3rd Floor), Netaji Subhas Open University HQ, Salt Lake, Sector I, Kolkata

Mode: Blended Mode (Assembly in NSOU HQ and Virtual Participation)

Programme Introduction

As per the mode of teaching and learning of the ODL mode, the Personal Contact Programme (PCP) of Post Graduate science programmes has been resumed from 6th March 2022 after the long interruption of face-to-face interaction due to Covid-19 pandemic affecting the last two sessions. During this pandemic period our university developed a well-structured virtual mode of teaching-learning delivery system for the learners through the Learning Management System (LMS) of NSOU dedicated to learners. Through this LMS platform NSOU faculties directly reached to the learners when the study centers remained inert due to pandemic related restrictions. Now we are intended to continue the LMS platform for virtual mode of learning from NSOU in parallel with the direct mode of PCP programme organized in 'study centers' so that learners can receive maximum opportunity for teaching learning and discussion. Therefore, we have organized this programme to make the learners aware about the facilities and uses of the NSOU-LMS platform and encourage them to use the application in its user-friendly interface to expedite the learning process.

Programme Objective

- To aware more and more learners of Post-Graduate programme in Geography (PGGR), Mathematics (PGMT) and Zoology (PGZO) about the LMS platform of NSOU and encourage them to utilize the resources for their learning.
- To demonstrate the mode of operation of the 'NSOU' application/app in their devices (Mobile phone, Laptop/Desktop) and personalized use of the app as an user friendly platform to maximize their reach to different learning resources.
- To inform the learners about the general approach of blended mode of learning and how they can participate more efficiently in this process through this 'NSOU' app to fulfil their requirements.



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Participants:

The target participants of this programme was the learners of the Post-Graduate Programmes in Science subjects, viz. Geography (PGGR), Mathematics (PGMT) and Zoology (PGZO) of Part-I and Part-II along with the Academic Coordinators/Academic In-charges of the respective study-centers organizing the mentioned PG courses. Faculty members of the School of Sciences were present either in the venue or in online mode.

The programme was Chaired by the Honourable Vice-Chancellor of NSOU along with the gracious presence of the Director, School of Sciences, Director, CIQA and Director, Study Centers with the Organizing Secretaries of the programme and other faculty members along with the representatives of 'Team Lease EdTech Ltd.', the IT partner and developer of NSOU-App who were all gathered in the Board Room of NSOU-Head Quarters.

The total number of participants in the online Zoom platform was 214 and number of YouTube viewers was 289 as recorded and reported by the IT team.

Members Present in the Board room, NSOU-HQ –

- Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar, Hon'ble VC, NSOU
- Prof. Kajal De, Director, School of Sciences, NSOU
- Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Director, CIQA-NSOU
- Prof. AB Aich, Director, Study Centre, NSOU
- Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Associate Professor of Zoology, NSOU (Organizing Secretary)
- Dr. Biraj Kanti Mondal, Assistant Professor of Geography, NSOU (Organizing Secretary)
- Mr. Chandan Kumar Mondal, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, NSOU (Organizing Secretary)
- Dr. Bibhas Guha, Associate Professor and HOD of Zoology, NSOU
- Dr. Ushnis Sarkar, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, NSOU
- Mr. Mrinal Nath, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, NSOU
- Mr. Sandip Das, Assistant Professor of Botany, NSOU
- Prof. Sumit Roy, Professor of Botany, NSOU
- Mr. Amitava De, Representative, TeamLeaseEdTech Ltd.
- Ms. Sanhita Pal, Representative, TeamLeaseEdTech Ltd.

Details of Programme:

The meeting started at 01:30 PM in the Board Room of NSOU head-quarter in presence of all dignitaries mentioned above and online participants in Zoom platform and YouTube viewers.



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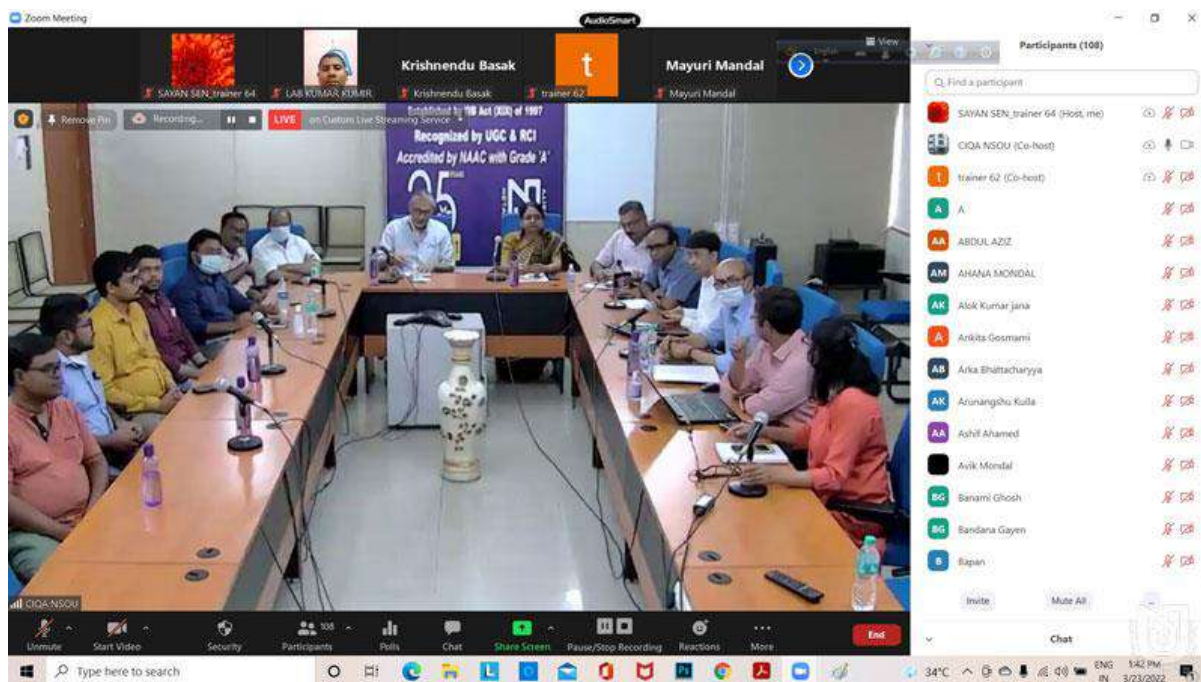
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The programme was conducted by Dr. Anirban Ghosh of Department of Zoology and initiated with a brief introduction of all the dignitaries present in the Board Room including the Hon'ble VC.



Conducting the LMS Sensitization Programme

Prof. Kajal De, Director of School of Sciences welcomed all including our honourable VC, other Directors and faculties and online participants including faculties, academic coordinators and learners in the virtual platform. She also explained the reason and objective of this programme. She invited the Hon'ble VC to Chair this Programme with the support of the house.

Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Director, CIQA explained the utility of the NSOU app and how the learners can exploit this app as their learning and information tool for the NSOU courses. He mentioned that proper and educated use of this app may answer nearly all the queries of the learners both from academic and administrative angles and encouraged learners to use the app properly.



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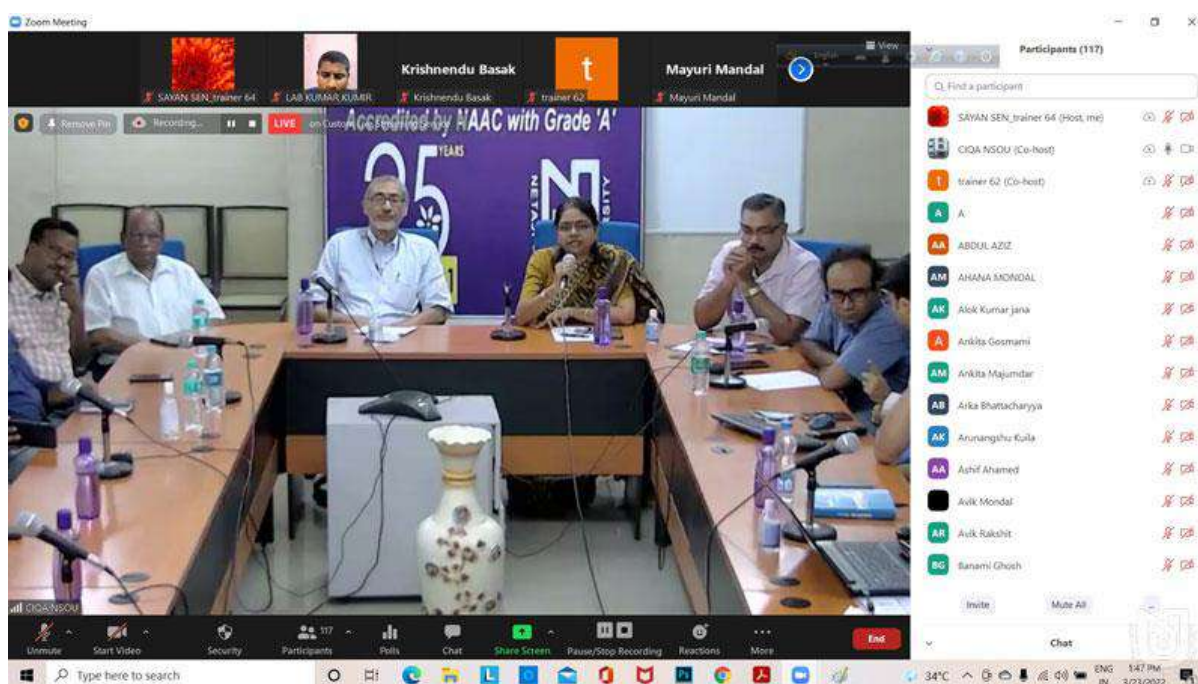
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Welcome Address by Prof. Kajal De

Prof. AB Aich, Director of Study Centers informed the learners that how the ‘Self Learning Materials’ are being made available to the learners and how the NSOU app may be an alternate virtual source of SLM.

Mr. Amitava Dey, representative of ‘TeamLeaseEdTech Ltd.’ demonstrated the NSOU-app for LMS service and he was assisted by Ms. Sanhita Pal. They demonstrated that how to install from ‘Google Store’ and which version, and how to use the application in personalized form in the users mobile phone or laptop/desktop. They also demonstrated the extent of uses of the application which encompasses learning materials, video lectures and other print and audio-video resources for the learners, notices, class and examination related and all other administrative information in a single platform. They reiterated about the ‘on-line’ classes or e-tutorial service which are provided by the university for the learners through this application system. Their vivid description of the platform aware the participants and make them interested in using the same for their learning.



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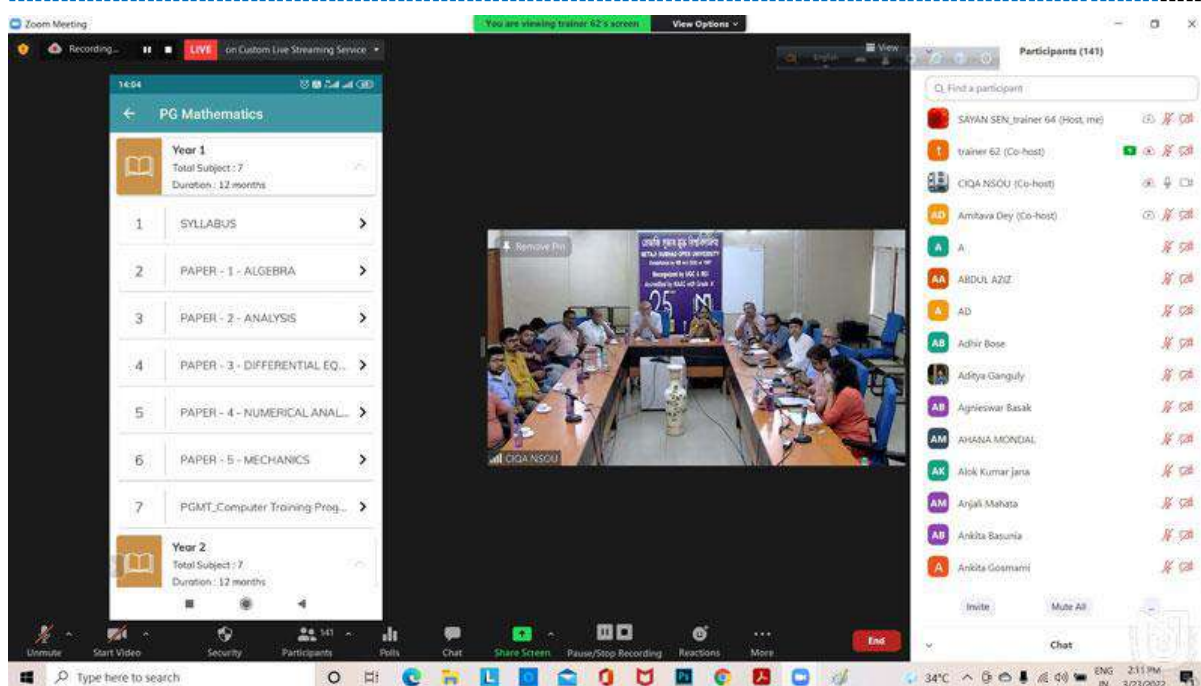
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Demonstration of NSOU-app and LMS platform

After this demonstration, the honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar had given his presidential address. Prof. Sarkar conveyed the thinking behind the development of this newer modality of teaching-learning procedure in virtual as well as hybrid platform and mentioned about the paradigm shift in teaching-learning environment in India in last couple of years. Prof. Sarkar addressed the participants informing that how NSOU is meeting the need of the time as a HEI and facilitating the learners as an ODL university.

Presidential address was followed by the 'Interaction Session' with the learners and other participants. This session was conducted jointly by Dr. Anirban Ghosh of Department of Zoology and Dr. Biraj Kanti Mondal of Department of Geography and the queries of the learners and participants were being answered by Prof. Kajal De, Dr. Bibhas Guha, Mr. Mrinal Nath and other faculty members present in the room.

Finally, the 'Vote of Thanks' was delivered by Mr. Chandan Kumar Mondal of Department of Mathematics where he categorically acknowledged the contributions of all, namely, the Vice-chancellor Prof. S S Sarkar for patronizing the initiative, Prof. Kajal De for developing the programme and all the faculty members of School of Sciences for their active participation and the staff of NSOU to make the programme successful.



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Presidential Address by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor

Concluding Remark

This 'LMS sensitization Programme' was a successful initiative to outreach the learners and encourage them to utilize the facilities provided by NSOU to its learners through the virtual mode with the 'NSOU' app. The large number of participants and their interactions were the indication of the interest of learners about the initiative.



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LMS Sensitization Programme in Hybrid Mode in the Board-Room, NSOU-HQ

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