

PROGRAMME REPORT
One-day Workshop on
‘Empowering Distance Education: A Workshop for
Advancing Laboratory-Based Learning’
Organised by
School of Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open University



Date: 6th October, 2023, Friday

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Venue: Subhas Chandra Sabhaghar, NSOU Head Quarters, DD-26, Salt Lake,
Kolkata-700064

1. Introduction of the Programme:

Laboratory practical is the integral part of Undergraduate programme under the aegis of School of Sciences. Laboratory Counselling cum Evaluation Programme (LCES-23) involving large number of learners and Principals, Centre Coordinators and subject experts from different study centres especially in the ODL context are very challenging. To run this LCES-23 programme smoothly, School of Sciences organised a one-day workshop through face to face mode, which was held on 6th October, 2023 (12:00 PM – 4:30 PM) at the Subhas Chandra Sabhaghar of the Head Quarters of the University.

2. Objectives of the Programme:

Main objectives of this programme were -

- To orient persons from the study centres about the modalities about the Laboratory Counselling and Evaluation Session-2023 for undergraduate science learners.
- To exchange the ideas, information to maintain the quality of the practical programme with the officials and academic persons of different study centres which were selected as the exam centre for this year.
- To meet up various queries and issues regarding the LCES-2023 arises from the Principals, Centre Coordinators and counsellors of study centres.

3. Organizing Committee:

Chief Patron: Professor Indrajit Lahiri, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, NSOU

Chairperson: Dr. Bibhas Guha, Officer-in-Charge, School of Sciences

Convener: Dr. Sintu Ganai, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Organising Secretary: Mr. Mrinal Nath, Assistant Professor of Computer Science & Dr. Puspall Mukherjee, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Treasurer: Mr. Sandip Das, Assistant Professor of Boatny

Members:

Dr. Gahul Amin, Associate Professor of Physics

Dr. Sanjay Roy, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Dr. Soumen Nandi, Associate Professor of Computer Science

Dr. Biraj Kanti Mondal, Assistant Professor of Geography

Dr. Chandan Kumar Mondal, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Sanjib Kumar Chattopadhyay, Assistant Professor of Botany

Mr. Niladri Sekhar Mondal, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science

Mr. Ashif Ahmed, Assistant Professor of Zoology

4. Programme Schedule:

TIME	ACTIVITIES
12.00 Noon -12.30 P.M	REGISTRATION
Inaugural Session	
12.30 P.M-12.40 P.M	Inaugural Address by Dr. Bibhas Guha, Officer-In-Charge, School of Sciences
12.40 P.M-12.50 P.M	Address by Dr. Sudeshna Chatterjee, Joint Registrar (Academic), NSOU
12.50 P.M-1.00 P.M	Address by Smt. Rokeya Ray, Controller of Examinations, NSOU
1.00 P.M-1.10 P.M	Address by Dr. A.B. Aich, Registrar (Acting) & Director, Study Centres, NSOU
1.10 P.M-1.20 P.M	Address by Prof. Kajal De, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, Diamond Harbour Women's University & Kanyashree University
1.20 P.M-1.30 P.M	Presidential Address by Professor Indrajit Lahiri, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Netaji Subhas Open University
1.30 P.M-2.00 P.M	Lunch Break

Technical Session	
2.30 P.M-2.45 PM	Presentation from School of Sciences, NSOU by Mr. Mrinal Nath, Assistant Professor, Organising Secretary
2.45 P.M-4.00 PM	Interactive Session with the coordinator and principal of study centres chaired by Dr. Bibhas Guha, Officer-In-Charge, School of Sciences and Dr. Sintu Ganai, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Convener
4.00 PM - 4.10 P.M	Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks by Dr. Puspall Mukherjee, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Organising Secretary
4.10 PM - 4.30 P.M	Closing Session & Distribution of TA & Certificate

5. Participants: Total 58 participants including Principals, Centre Coordinators and counsellors of study centres, NSOU faculties and officers attended the programme.

6. Details of the Programme:

At the very beginning registration process for participants was done from 12:00 p.m. onwards. All the internal faculties and staff of School of Sciences, University officials and 24 representatives from the LCES examination cum study centres were physically present. The entire programme was hosted by Mr. Ashif Ahamed and Dr. Puspall Mukherjee. The dignitaries were called upon the Dias and they were felicitated by a Flower Bouquet.

The program formally began with the inaugural address by Dr. Bibhas Guha, Officer-in-Charge, School of Sciences, NSOU. In his address Dr. Guha welcomed all the dignitaries and delegates present on the Dias and briefly explained the importance of this workshop. He mentioned it is a path breaking venture to offer the Laboratory Counselling and Evaluation Session (LCES) – 2023 for undergraduate science learners in ODL mode. He also explained various academic aspects of LCES programme including the minimum qualification required to be a counsellor in the LCES programme.

Dr. Sudeshna Chatterjee, Joint Registrar (Academic), NSOU, discussed about administrative aspects regarding the LCES programme.

Dr. A. B. Aich, Director Study centre & Registrar (Acting), discussed the various modalities of the examination centres to maintain the standard of the programme.

Prof. Kajal De, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, Diamond Harbour Women's University & Kanyashree University delivered her speech and helped to enrich the members present in the seminar room with her experience and knowledge.

Smt. Rokeya Ray, Controller of Examinations, NSOU addressed different aspects regarding the examination process for LCES programme.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Professor Indrajit Lahiri, delivered his presidential address. In his speech, he very beautifully focused on the importance of Laboratory Counselling and Evaluation Session (LCES) -2023. He also discussed the role of the University and future directives to spread the knowledge. He further mentioned to maintain transparency in the evaluation process during the laboratory programme and encouraged the study centres to overcome the challenges in collaboration with the respective NSOU authorities.

Dr. Puspal Mukherjee, Assistant Prof. of Chemistry, NSOU gave his vote of thanks for this session on behalf of the School of Sciences, NSOU and announced for the Lunch break from 1:30 p.m.

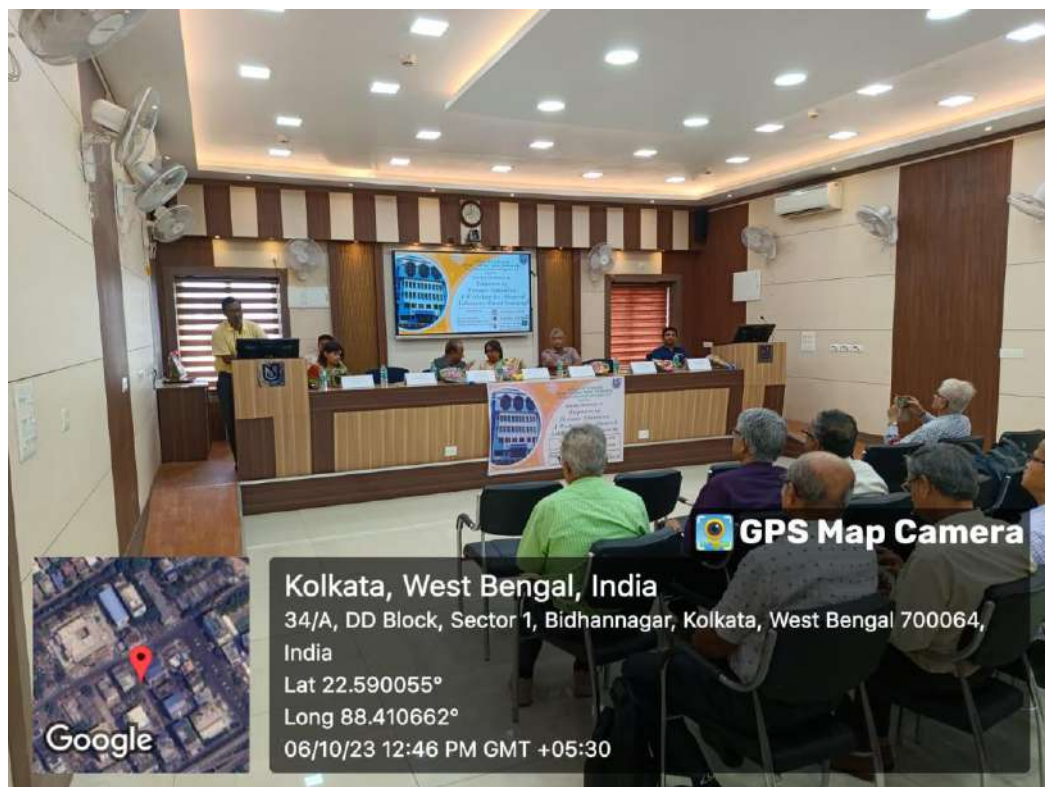
After the lunch break, Technical Session of the workshop began with the presentation from School of Sciences by Mr. Mrinal Nath, one of the Organising Secretary. He elaborately discussed the process and different components of allotments of learners to exam centres for Laboratory Counselling and Evaluation Session (LCES) and gave various suggestions on improvement of Laboratory Counseling.

After that there was an Interactive Session with the coordinator and principal of study centres chaired by Dr. Bibhas Guha and Dr. Sintu Ganai. Principals, Centre Coordinators and counsellors from different study centres actively participated in the technical session and expressed their views about the programme. This interactive session included interesting suggestions and different experiences gathered by different members about Laboratory counselling during their tenure. In this session, Smt. Nilanjana Chatterjee, Assistant Director Study centre, explained the queries about the financial aspects regarding the LCES programme. Dr. Bibhas Guha and Dr. Sintu Ganai both nicely explained the various queries arising from the participants about LCES programme.

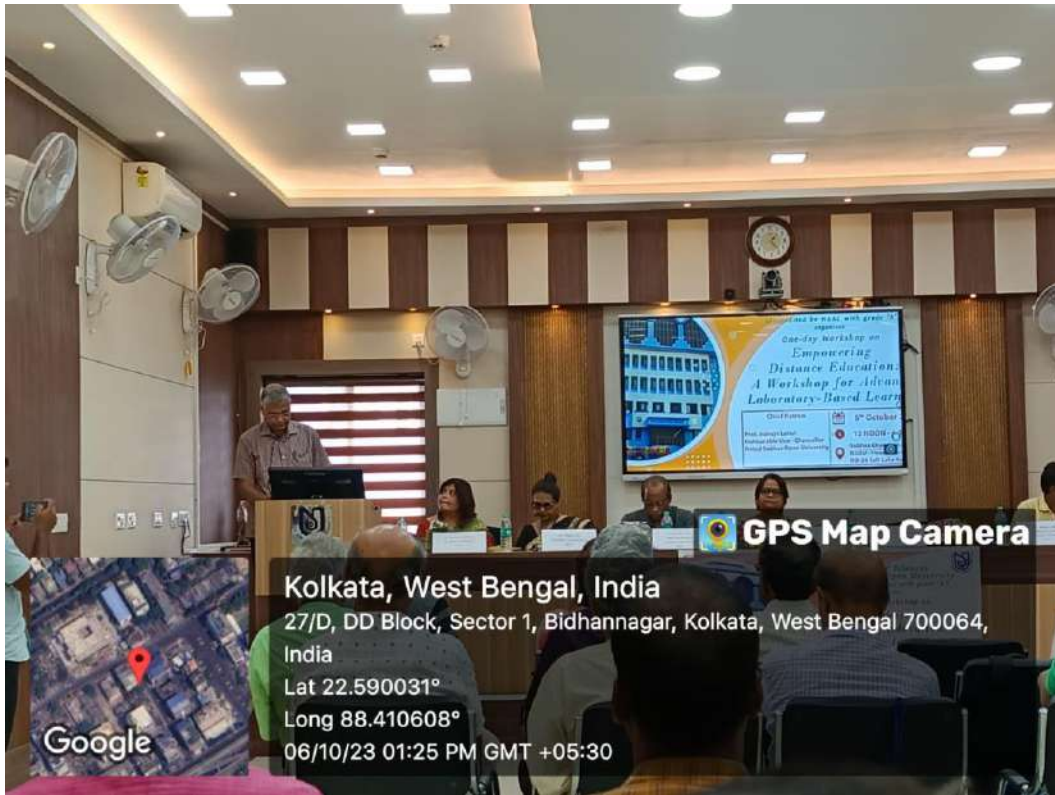
At last the concluding remark was given by Dr. Puspal Mukherjee, Organising Secretary. Dr. Mukherjee in his concluding remark tried to sum up the outcome of this seminar in his short speech and gave formal vote of thanks.

The workshop was completed after the certificate distribution and small photo session. The programme ended with thanks at 4:40 pm.

7. Glimpse of the programme:





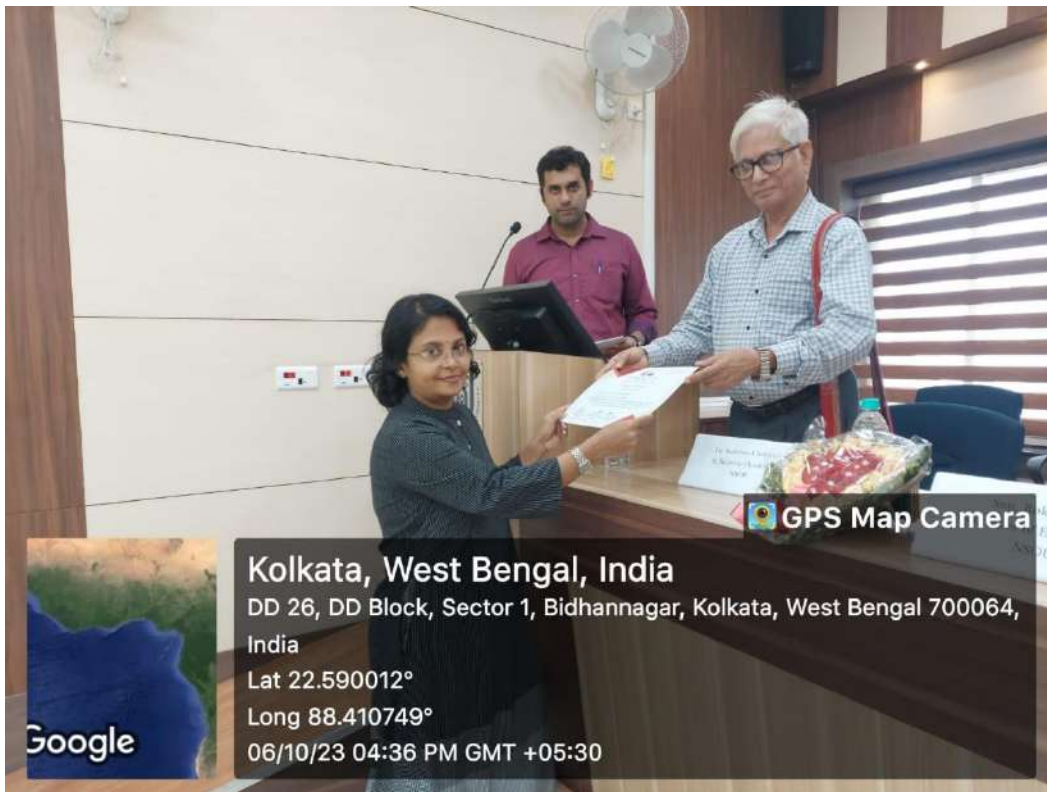


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8. Certificate format:



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