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PROGRAMME REPORT

One-day Workshop on

Implementing NEP 2020 Policy for UG/BDP Four Year Geography Programme of Netaji Subhas Open University

Date 14.08.2024
Time: 11.30 onwards
Venue: Seminar Room (Ist Floor) NSOU Headquarters DD-26, Saltlake Sector I, Kolkata- 64
Target Audience: University Teachers, College Teachers and Academic Staff

Introduction of the Programme

In 2020, the Indian Ministry of Education introduced the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, replacing the 34-year-old National Policy on Education, 1986. Along with the many reforms in the policy to strengthen higher education in the country, the NEP mandated accreditation of all state-run schools, colleges and Universities. It looks at measures such as the quality of teaching, attendance, number of teachers across subjects and grades, safety, financial probity, curriculum, basic sustainable infrastructure, resources, community participation, governance process, and accountability. A fair, transparent, and rigorous accreditation and evaluation process can enable education systems to change the academics, management, and leadership of institutions for the better. There needs to be flexibility in choosing the programs and courses to be launched by the students. There is no proper separation between the arts and science stream, curricular and extra-curricular courses, and vocational and academic streams. There needs to be a multidisciplinary and holistic approach to the educational system.In view of this and in keeping with the directives of the Ministry of Educationa comprehensive workshop was arranged on the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, with a specific focus on the Undergraduate (UG) and Bachelor's Degree Programme (BDP) for four year programme structure in the subject Geography of our University to discuss on the modalities and prepare the coursematerials accordingly for the use of the students.

The workshop was designed to equip educators with the necessary knowledge and tools for effective transition to the new policy framework.

The Department of Geography organized a **One Day Workshop on NEP- 2020 for the implemention of Four Year Programme of UG/BDP Programme in Geography** of our University.

1. **Topic of the workshop**

"NEP- 2020 Workshop for implementing a 4- year UG/BDP Programme in Geography"

2.Aim of the workshop

The aim of the workshop is to discuss about strengthening and development of self learning materials of NEP 2020 Policy for four year UG/BDP Programme .

3.Workshop Objectives.

1. To provide an in-depth understanding of the key components of NEP 2020 related to the UG/BDP four- year course.
2. To discuss the pedagogical and curricular changes required for effective implementation.
3. To share best practices and innovative strategies for curriculum development and student engagement
4. To facilitate a platform for collaborative discussion and feedback.

4.Participants

The participants of the workshop includes the Board of Studies members, teachers of both Undergraduate and Post Graduate Geography.

Keynote Speaker: Professor Guruprasad Chattopadhyay, Retd. Professor of Geography, Visva Bharati**5.Organizing Committee:**

Chief Patron: Prof. Indrajit Lahiri, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NSOU

Chairperson: Prof. Bibhas Guha , Director, School of Sciences, NSOU

Coordinator of the Workshop: Smt. Tinki Kar Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor of Geography, NSOU

Members:

1. Dr. Biraj Kanti Mondal, Assistant Professor of Geography, NSOU
2. Dr. Ajit Kr.Sil, Associate Professor of Geography, NSOU
3. Dr. Chhanda Dana Kundu, Associate Professor of Geography, NSOU
4. Smt. Dipali Kundu, Associate Professor of Geography, NSOU

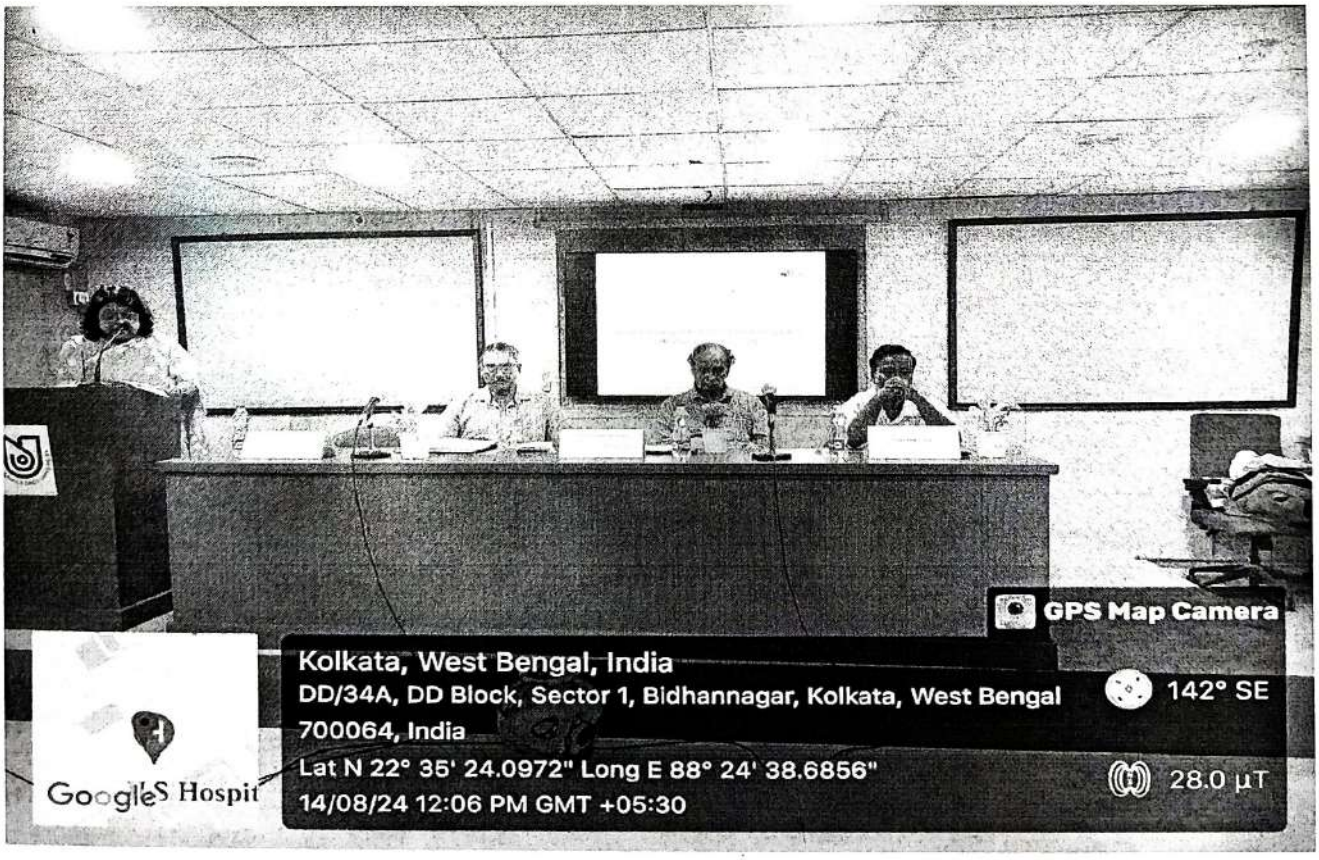
6.Proposed income and expenditure

Sl. No.	Income	Amount	Sl. No.	Expenditure	Amount In rupees
1.	Minutes of the Purchase and Tender Committee dated 22nd March,2024.	60,000.00	1. 2. 3. 4.	Convenience for the Participants WorkshopKits Refreshment (Lunch, Tea, snacks) Sundries(flower,printing,memento)	30,000.00 5,000.00 17500.00 5,000.00
	Total	Rs.60,000.00		Total	Rs.57,500.00

Details of the One Day Workshop:

The Inaugural session of the Seminar started at 12:00 noon with 35 participants in the Seminar Hall (Ist Floor) of the NSOU headquarters, and distinguishedacademicians from various Universities and Colleges, teachers and non- academic staff of our University were joined.

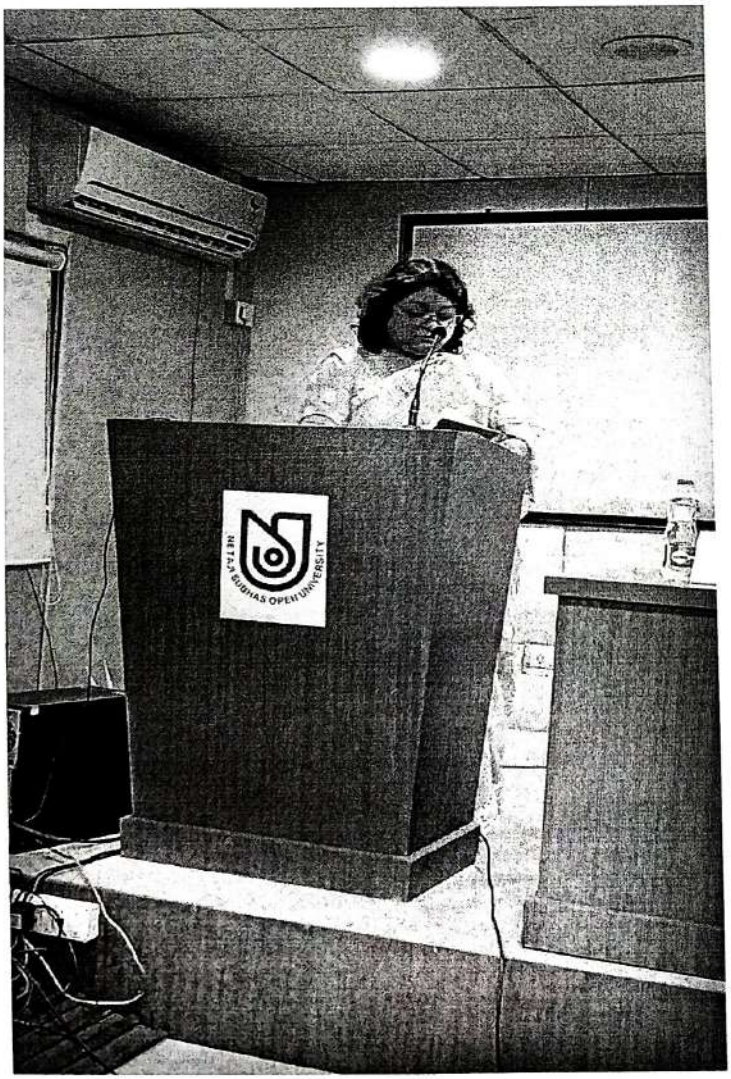
At the outset, Smt. Tinki Kar Bhattacharya, Coordinator ofthe workshop welcomed the guests and gave a brief outline of the Workshop and its need.



The One Day Workshop Implementing NEP 2020 Policy for UG/BDP Four Year Geography Programme of Netaji Subhas Open University



The One Day Workshop



Welcoming the Guests by Smt.Tinki Kar Bhattacharya, Coordinator of the Workshop



Felicitating Prof. Guruprasad Chattopadhyay- The Keynote Speaker



Greeting Prof. Anirban Ghosh, DirectorCIQA

Then Prof. Bibhas Guha, Director, School of Sciences, NSOU, began the program by greeting and welcoming all the delegates and resource persons and explaining the objectives of the workshop according to the directives of the NEP 2020 policy. He also congratulates the Geography Department for shouldering the responsibility of organizing the Workshop .



Prof. Bibhas Guha , Director, School of Sciences delivering the Inaugural speech

Our Keynote Speaker Prof Guruprasad Chattopadhyay delivered his speech highlighting his experiences from his childhood education till his teaching in Visva Bharati where the nature of Real Open Education was incantated within the students. He cited how Openness in education with distant learners could be brought about through the NEP 2020 Policy where choice and credit transfer while studying could be obtained bty the learners. Professor Chattopadhyay vividly explained the audience by his mesmerising delivery quoting Kaviguru Rabindranath Tagore and this thoughts.



The Keynote Address

• Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Director, CIQA, NSOU addressed the audience and give his speech about the Credit system and how it will benefit the students.

Last but not the least Smt. Tinki Kar Bhattacharya thanked all the esteemed dignitaries, faculties from various Universities, colleges and non academic staff of the University for participating in the Workshop and invited them to participate in the Interactive Session.

Thespeakers of the Interactive Session wereDr. Chandan Surabhi Das from Barasat Government College, Dr. Maitrayee Das from Chandernagore Govt. College, Dr.DebPrakash Pahari from Burdwan University and Dr. Pushpita Sengupta from Puras Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya.



The Interactive Session

Dr. Chandan Surabhi Das highlighted that Research Methodology should be added in the curriculum and must be an integral part and discussed that the minor papers of our proposed Newsyllabus should be modified and the scope of Open Distance learning is vast since in regular courses the student admission is facing a decreasing trend.

Dr.Maitrayee Das highted on the fact that a human and social content of Geography paper should be present in the 1st and 2nd Semester. Value added course such as Yoga or Art and Culture should be there.In the 4th year a project to be done so that they can apply it in their higher studies.

Dr. Pushpita Sengupta said that the University does not give any time limit to complete a part of syllabus. She insisted that AI application was necessary tfor the students to learn and apply in their work. For value added course application of basic items like statistics could be incorporated for all and lastly group discussion to be done but no provision is given.

Dr.Pahari while talking about Remote Sensing and GIS highlighted that most students think the subject is cost-effective but from Google many items can be learnt. GPS can be taught with the help of mobile App. Free data is available in Mobile. If all subjects use same satellite data, Cost may be minimised. Community participation is needed for this ,they can prepare a project RS and GIS data can be obtained from open space, Meta data Concept should be introduced. Some portions in the SLM should be colour printed instead of Black and White print for the sake of understanding by the students.

After this almost all the esteemed BoS members, faculties one by one shared their views regarding the Implementation of the NEP Policy in the Undergraduate Level of the Geography Curriculum.

They thanked the University for the initiative taken and promised to extend their support, cooperation and expertise in writing of SLM's or in any other manner as and when required by the University requires.

The workshop ended through the distribution of Certificates and thanks to the Chair and all the participants.

Overall the workshop was fruitful in gathering experiences and suggestions from everyone present.

Prepared by

Tinki Kar Bhattacharya
Coordinator Workshop
Assistant Professor of Geography