



Netaji Subhas Open University

# School of Humanities Newsletter

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## VC's Message

It is heartening to note that the School of Humanities of Netaji Subhas Open University has decided to bring out a Newsletter at periodic intervals. As the School with the largest number of learner enrolment figures amongst the conventional academic streams of the university, this mode of reaching out to the wider community is a welcome move. I take this occasion to congratulate all members of the School and appreciate the initiative taken in this regard.



The imparting of higher education in the Humanities through the Open and Distance (ODL) mode is a challenge, for heterogeneous cultural mores have to be inculcated through minimal and diverse instructional strategies. The School of Humanities has been striving in this direction through a mix of experience and experiment, venturing into an adroit mix of classroom and technology enabled practices. I am sure that with time, results will begin to show both in the learner quality, the worth of their degrees in a competitive educational scenario, and in research outcomes.

I conclude by wishing the best in the present endeavour of the School.

### **Subha Sankar Sarkar**

Vice Chancellor  
NSOU

## From the desk of the Officer-in-charge

The study and the area of Humanities as a discipline is expanding in various layers of academics in today's global matrix. Interdisciplinary discourse has juxtaposed in humanities and become more relevant in the contemporary rubrics of academia. Within the ambit of an Open university, the endeavour of humanities is really interdisciplinary in nature and the pedagogy it has unleashed is truly praxis oriented. We, the faculty of a State Open University, are constantly engaged in this loop of open praxis, searching for new coordinates, new points of departure. Teaching-Learning pedagogy, delivery system of learning material, working on new fields in research areas, fascinating experience of policy decision –all these are the challenges that we face everyday in this Open University System.

This is the first official Newsletter of the School of Humanities, which illuminates a brief account of various areas of our working praxis– from the installation and development of infrastructural amenities to academic developments, and new intervention in the field of ODeL. It is a team work that marks a sincere effort of all the faculty members and staff of our School.

With Best Wishes,

### **Manan Kumar Mandal**

Associate Professor in Bengali & Officer-in-charge  
School of Humanities

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## About Netaji Subhas Open University:

Netaji Subhas Open University is the premier State Open University in India. The year 1997 was the birth centenary year of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The Chief Minister of West Bengal made an announcement at a State function that an Open University would be set up soon, and dedicated to Netaji's hallowed memory. The then Higher Education Minister, Govt. of West Bengal spearheaded the idea after his visit to the Open University in U.K. Under his instruction was set up a ten-member steering committee headed by late Dr. Bhaskar Ray Chowdhury, former Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University.

Following this, a State Act (W.B. Act (XIX) of 1997 and Recognised by U.G.C.) was passed on the 20th August 1997 in favour of opening a university for imparting Distance Education. Netaji Subhas Open University was established by bifurcating Netaji Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS) in terms of the Act of West Bengal State Legislative Assembly. It was housed in the historic residential building of Sri Sarat Chandra Bose, elder brother of Netaji. The University started functioning with effect from July 1998 Semester, only with the Bachelor's Degree Programme in Arts & Commerce to provide an opportunity of higher education in the vernacular medium to various disadvantaged groups of aspiring learners. It is the tenth Open University of the country and the ninth State Open University.

## Recognition:

The University is recognized by the following Policy-making bodies:

- 1) University Grants Commission (UGC) u/s 2(f) vide letter No.F.9-2-97 (CPP-I) dated 26 August, 1998.
- 2) Distance Education Council (DEC) vide letter No.f:DEC/OU/Recog/2008 dated 8 April,2008.
- 3) Govt. of West Bengal vide letter No.316-SE(Appt.) dated 21 March 2000 and 501-SE(A)/10M-51/99 dated 15 May 2000.
- 4) Continuation of recognition for offering Programmes in Open & Distance Learning(ODL) mode for the Academic Year 2016-18 has been received vide letter no: 12-3/2016 (DEB-1) /355 dated July 2016.

## Memberships:



The Association of India Universities (AIU)  
AIU House,  
16, Com.I Gupta Marg, New Delhi - 110 002.  
Website : [www.aiuweb.org](http://www.aiuweb.org)



The Association of Asian Open University (AAOU)  
Wawasan Open University,  
54, Jalan Sultan Ahmad Shah,  
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Website : [www.aaou.net](http://www.aaou.net)



The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)  
Woburn House,  
20-24, Tavistock Square, London,  
WC1H 9HF - United Kingdom.  
Website : [www.acu.ac.uk](http://www.acu.ac.uk)

## About the School of Humanities:

The School of Humanities is one of the newest entities at Netaji Subhas Open University, culled out of the erstwhile School of Humanities and Social Sciences on 5th June 2015 vide Memo No. Reg/1010 which is a follow through to clause 15.(1) of Netaji Subhas Open University 1st Statute (Revised) 2014.

The establishment of the School of Humanities (SOH) marks a reiteration of the commitment of Netaji Subhas Open University to underline the need of devising strategies for capacity building through Humanities. With this broad goal in mind, the SOH intends to pursue serious academic research and offer programmes to learners within the precincts of the Open and Distance Learning mode. With dynamic and vibrant faculty to moot, the vision of the School is to intensify outreach through ODL so as to inculcate an ambience of cultural-literary pursuits that has always been the forte of the state of West Bengal. The mission of SOH is to foster a community, cutting across institutional lines, that will disseminate the study of language and literatures in vernaculars and English, encourage trans-literary activities, become a centre for pan-India literary confluence and in due course of time evolve as a window to the wider world from this part of the country. In a nutshell, the endeavour of the SOH will be to rear itself in the true spirit of Open Learning.

Our hand-picked human resource is well augmented with a state of the art Interactive Learning Centre that serves as a hub in the creation of next generation multimedia materials, a full fledged Editing laboratory for training learners of Journalism and Mass Communication courses, infrastructure for smart classrooms and a well stocked library. The faculty of the SOH have engaged themselves in UGC-DEB sponsored projects and this keeps them in constant interactions with the wider academia. Our faculty are also invited for consultancy and special academic exchanges by institutions both in the ODL and regular modes.

As regards our regular way of functioning, while keeping up the trend of intensive Personal Contact Programmes (PCP's) that is characteristic of NSOU, the new School eagerly awaits the resuming of PhD programmes in conformity with revised UGC rules. In the context of our existing courses both at Graduation and Post Graduation levels, we are on constant vigil in updating and revising syllabi, monitoring academic delivery, organising counselor workshops and learner interactions as also nurturing our learners with an individualised holistic approach.

The School is located at the following Campuses:

## Academic Campus

School of Humanities  
Netaji Subhas Open University  
2nd Floor, Academic Building,  
Ghoshpara Station Road,  
Kalyani, Nadia, Pin - 741 235  
Phone : 033 2582 0103

## City Campus

School of Humanities  
Netaji Subhas Open University  
DD-26, Sector-I, Salt Lake,  
Kolkata - 700 064.  
Phone : 033 406 63214

## Courses Currently Offered by the School of Humanities

Subject	Courses
Bengali	BDP Elective Bengali Honours Post Graduate Bengali
English	BDP Elective English Honours Post Graduate English
English Language Teaching (ELT)	PG ELT, Post Graduate Diploma in ELT Certificate in Communicative English
Journalism and Mass Communications	Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communications Post Graduate Diploma in Public Relations and Advertising

## Enrollment:

Year	PG Level	BDP level	Diploma/ Certificate Level
July 2014	Bengali- 3302 English- 1253 ELT- 70	Bengali- 10,752 English- 2046	ELT-18 PGDJMC-101
July 2015	Bengali- 5052 English-1948 ELT- 89	Bengali-12764 English-2589	ELT-8 PGDJMC-48
July 2016	Bengali- 3408 English- 1645 ELT- 59	Bengali- 18,569 English- 3878	ELT-9 PGDJMC-48

## Faculty

 <p><b>Manan Kumar Mandal</b></p>	<p>Designation: Associate Professor in Bengali &amp; Officer-in-charge, School of Humanities Co-ordinator, CLTCS Qualifications: M.A; PhD (JNMF Scholar) Area of Interest: Bengali Fiction, Indian Literature, Partition Studies For details: <a href="http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student_zone/courses/humanities/faculty.shtml#sh_faculty">http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student_zone/courses/humanities/faculty.shtml#sh_faculty</a></p>
 <p><b>Srideep Mukherjee</b></p>	<p>Designation: Assistant Professor in English(Salt Lake Campus) Qualifications: M.A., M.Phil Area of Interest: Modern Indian Literature in English, <i>Bhasa</i> Literature Faculty Details available at: <a href="http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student_zone/courses/humanities/faculty.shtml#sh_faculty">http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student_zone/courses/humanities/faculty.shtml#sh_faculty</a></p>
 <p><b>Dr Oindrila Ghosh</b></p>	<p>Designation: Assistant Professor in English (Kalyani Campus) Qualifications: MA, PhD Area of Interest: Thomas Hardy, Victorian Studies, 19th-20th Century Bengal, Indian Women Poets Faculty Details available at: <a href="http://www.wbnsou.in/studentzone/humanities/faculty/20170512_Dr_Oindrila_Ghosh.pdf">www.wbnsou.in/studentzone/humanities/faculty/20170512_Dr_Oindrila_Ghosh.pdf</a></p>
 <p><b>Dr Anamika Das</b></p>	<p>Designation: Assistant Professor in Bengali (Kalyani Campus) Qualifications: MA, PhD. Area of Interest: Detective fiction especially Byomkesh Bakshi, Rabindranath, 20th Century Calcutta, Politics of literary criticism Faculty Details available at: <a href="http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student_zone/courses/humanities/faculty.shtml#sh_faculty">http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student_zone/courses/humanities/faculty.shtml#sh_faculty</a></p>
 <p><b>Dr Sumana Bandyopadhyay</b></p>	<p>Designation: Assistant Professor in English Language Teaching (Kalyani Campus) Qualifications: M.A. PhD Area of Interest: Cognitive Linguistics, Indian Writing in English, Language Teaching and Second Language Acquisition. Faculty Details available at: <a href="http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student_zone/courses/humanities/faculty/20170403_CV_Sumana_Bandopadhyay.pdf">http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student_zone/courses/humanities/faculty/20170403_CV_Sumana_Bandopadhyay.pdf</a></p>



Arijit Ghosh

Designation: Lecturer in Journalism and Mass Communication (Salt lake Campus)  
Qualifications: M.A.  
Areas of Interest: Advertising , Public Relations and Business Communication.  
Faculty Details Available at:  
[http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student\\_zone/courses/humanities/faculty/Profile-Arijit\\_Ghosh.pdf](http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student_zone/courses/humanities/faculty/Profile-Arijit_Ghosh.pdf)

## Office Staff:

Pabitra Naskar	Jr Proof Reader, SoH	Salt lake Campus
Gautam Samanta	Jr Assistant, SoH	Kalyani campus

## Establishment and Functioning of Academic Campus of SOH at Kalyani

The most important task before the nascent School of Humanities was setting up of its second office in the Kalyani Academic Campus--- a task which was undertaken with promptitude and efficiency through the rapid work of constructing faculty cubicles, an office of the School, setting up of two classrooms for Post Graduate PCPs, including a smart classroom with State-of-the-Art facilities and shifting of the language laboratory from the first to the second floor of the building. The Kalyani campus SOH is now functional since November, 2015 with regular PCPs for Bengali post graduate learners being conducted there. The language laboratory has also been functional as editing studio of the Audio-visual lectures recorded by the School faculty. Updation of facilities at the School in Kalyani is a continuous process in order to improve the teaching-learning processes of the University.



## Infrastructural Development

Since the inception of the School and recruitment of a host of new faculty in 2015, there has been an ongoing process of developing infrastructure at both premises of the School at both Campuses---At Salt

Lake and in Kalyani. In this regard there has been the partitioning and setting up of faculty cubicles and the SOH office in both places. LAN Connected printing and photocopying machines have made work faster. A **Smart Classroom** with state-of-the-Art facilities for conducting ICT enabled Lectures and upgradation of A existing **Language Laboratory cum Media Laboratory** at the Kalyani Campus of SOH, have been feathers in the cap of this newly -formed School this session.

## Report on the Regular Academic Activities of the School

Apart from seminars, workshops and colloquiums the School of Humanities engages in regular academic activities, bringing in innovative patterns in its teaching-learning paradigm, to improve upon the existing academic practices of the Open University System. Here is a brief report of the regular and new activities undertaken by the School in the years 2015-2016.

### Personal Contact Programme (PCP)

In the Open University System, the Personal Contact Programmes are an innovative practice to bridge the distance between the Learner and the facilitator, where the learner already well-equipped through the Self Instructional Materials is given further support in the classroom by providing opportunities to clarify doubts and satisfy queries. The School of Humanities conducts PCPs for PG English, Bengali, ELT and Journalism and Mass Communications at PCP Eight centres in Kolkata, such as---Women's Christian College(English, ELT), Gurudas College (English), Maharaja Manindra Chandra College (JMC, PRAD)--- and in the districts such as---Coochbehar College (English, Bengali), R.L.Khan college Midnapore (English, Bengali), Bankura Christian College (English, Bengali). There is good response of interested learners at all these centres.

### School Programmes (2015-16)

Since its inception as an independent entity, from the bifurcated erstwhile School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Humanities has actively engaged in richly contributing to the burgeoning pedagogical and research components of the University through its activities.

1. The first initiative of the nascent School, under its newly appointed Officer-In charge, was to organize 4th Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture on 07.02.2015. at the Seminar Hall, Salt Lake Campus. The Speaker of this memorial Lecture was Sri Jawhar Sircar, CEO, Prasar Bharati





2. A Bachelor's Degree Programme (BDP) English Workshop for Counsellors was held on 30th June, 2015 at the Seminar Hall, at the Salt Lake Campus. The thrust of the workshop was to formally announce the release of the First Four books of the Self Instructional Materials (SIM) of the Elective English Honours (New syllabus) and also to create an interface between the Content-writers/Editors of the SIMs and counselors who would teach them in the undergraduate classes.



3. The 9th Colloquium of the UGC DEB Research Project titled "Reading Indian Literature in Bengali: An ODL Praxis" of Dr M K Mandal was held at NSOU headquarters. The two illustrious speakers were Shri Manohar Mouli Biswas, noted activist and writer on Dalit identities, and the noted Bengali writer Shamim Ahmed. On this occasion *Adhunik Bharatiya Sahitya Prasange Vol II* was published.



4. The 10th Colloquium of the UGC DEB Research Project titled "Reading Indian Literature in Bengali: An ODL Praxis" of Dr M K Mandal was held on 28th August, 2015 at NSOU headquarters. The two speakers at this Colloquium were Dr Anamika Das Assistant Professor in Bengali, NSOU who spoke brilliantly and exhaustively on the History of Bengali Detective Stories and Sharadindu's Byomkesh Bakshi. The other half of the Colloquium was illuminated by the engaging talk of Dr Antara Mitra, Assistant Professor in Sanskrit on on different variations of 'Panchatantra'

5. A One-Day Orientation Programme on BDP Bengali Counselling in ODL System was organized by the School on 16th September, 2015. Like all regular and continuing orientation programmes of the University this Orientation programme sought to engage in discussions to devise a concrete methodology to ensure the proper teaching and dissemination of the syllabus, in keeping with the spirit of ODL systems. Honourable Vice Chancellor was preside over the inaugural session.



6. The School organized a One-Day UGC-DEB Project-Based National seminar on 1st October, 2015 on "Postcoloniality, Subalternity and Indian Writing in English: The Open Learning Praxis."



7. The School of Humanities organized a One Day UGC-DEB Sponsored National Seminar on 8th October, 2015 on 'Translation Studies in Open Praxis', a pioneering event under the newly established Centre for Language, Translation & Cultural Studies of the University under the aegis of the School of Humanities. It brought together noted academicians of Translation studies such as Tagore Professor Uday Narayan Singh, Professor Debaprasad Bandyopadhyay, Professor Mahidas Bhattacharya and Translators of Asamiya (Dr Mukti Choudhury), Odiya (K.C. Bhuinya) Kokborok (Dr Tanuja Majumdar) to Bangla such as, thus seeking to explore the logistics of effective translation and also to build a pool of ready translators who would undertake upcoming projects at the behest of this Centre in the coming days. Prof U N Singh was the Key-note speaker.



8. The 11th Colloquium of the UGC DEB Research Project titled 'Reading Indian Literature in Bengali: An ODL Praxis" of Dr M K Mandal was held on 8th January, 2016 at NSOU headquarters where the eminent speaker was Professor Biplab Chakraborty, who spoke on 'Early Phases of Bengali and Marathi Novel: A Comparative Study'. His talk enriched an audience with hitherto unknown or relatively scant knowledge of Marathi literature.

9. One of the most Prestigious Lecture of the University—The Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture---this year was given by noted Professor of Linguistics Ganesh Devy on 12th March, 2016. It is a Lecture which is organized by the School of Humanities and it was a rare honour this year to be able to host Professor Devy, whose lecture on "Silence and Freedom: The Paradox of the Future" left every member of the audience thinking about the eventual fate of human speech and expression dwindling into the black hole of silence.



10. A One-Day Orientation Programme on PG Bengali Counselling in ODL System was organized by the School on 19th March, 2016. Like all regular and continuing orientation programmes of the University this Orientation programme sought to engage in discussions to devise a concrete methodology to ensure the proper teaching and dissemination of the syllabus, in keeping with the spirit of ODL systems. Prof Biswanath Ray, Prof Gopa Dutta Bhoumik, Prof S K Naskar and Prof Sraboni Pal were acted as resource person.



11. A Colloquium on ELT on 'Action Research and Teaching Through Feedback' was held on 10th June, 2016. The speaker at the Colloquium was Professor Julu Sen of The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad. It saw the packed-participation of several interested counselors of ELT, who sought to implement these strategies in their own classroom situations.



12. An Orientation Programme on Documentary, with Shri Debjyoti Chanda, faculty of Mass communication and Videography at Rabindra Bharati University, as resource person was held on 19 July 2016 for the students of Journalism and Mass Communication, 2015-16 batch was held on 14th July, 2016 at the NSOU Headquarters.

13. A meeting of Centre Coordinators and Academic in Charge of PGBG & PGEG for ensuing PCP was held on 16th November 2016 at the NSOU headquarters. Discussions and deliberations were focused to the management of PG English PCP and to enhance the academic quality of the learning process.

14. Centre of Language, Translation and Cultural Studies (CLTCS) organize an International Colloquium on 12th December, 2016. The speakers of the Colloquium were Dr. Ahmed Ahsanuzzaman, Professor, English Discipline & Director, Fine Arts Institute, Khulna University and Dr. Sabiha Huq, Professor, English Discipline, Khulna University. Professor Krishna Sen was preside over the colloquium. On this occasion, the book Living the Post-colonial: Indian Literature in Perspective, Ed. by Srideep Mukherjee was published.



15. A National Level Symposium Under UGC-DEB on "Exploring Learning Management Systems" was held on 10.01.2017 at the NSOU headquarters. The first phase of Educational DVDs for PG Bengali, English, ELT was also released during the occasion. Prof Kandarpa Das, Former Director IDOL, Guwahati was the main speaker. Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. S S Sarkar was preside over the programme.



16. An International Colloquium under UGC-DEB Project was held on 6th February, 2017 at the NSOU headquarters where the eminent speaker was Geraldine Forbes, Distinguished Professor Emerita, State University of New York, Oswego. She spoke on "White Women and Native Doctors: race and Gender in Western Medicine for Bengali Women in the late nineteenth/ early Twentieth century.



17. Twelfth Colloquium on Indian Literature under UGC-DEB Project of Dr M K Mandal on Assamese writer Rajanikanta Bardadui and odia writer Fakirmohan Senapati held on 12/04/2017 at Board Room, Salt Lake campus. Speakers were Prof K C Bhuiyan & Basudev Das. On this occasion the third volume of *Adhunik Bharatiya Sahitya (Vol III)* was published.



18. Workshop on "The Art of Documentary" held on 14.05.2017. Shri Debajyoti Chanda and Mr Pradip Biswas were the resource persons. Satyajit Ray's documentary "Sikkim" was screened. Enrolled learners of PGDJMC were actively participated in the programme.



19. Workshop on ELT, held at the School of Humanities, NSOU Kalyani Campus on 18th May 2017. Prof. Arpita Banerjee delivered the Keynote address on the topic CPD (Continous Professional Development). On behalf of School of Humanities Dr Manan Kumar Mandal was preside over the inaugural session. Dr Sumana Bandopadhyay was the coordinator in the second academic session.



## Research Projects Under the School of Humanities

<b>COMPLETED</b>	
1.	<p><b>Title : Reading Indian Literature in Bengali: Curricullum based Open &amp; Distance Praxis (First Phase)</b></p> <p>Name of the PI : Dr. Manan Kumar Mandal</p> <p>Duration : 1 year (2012-2013)</p> <p>Funding Agency : Distance Education Council, New Delhi</p> <p>Sanctioned Amount : 1,20,000 [One Lac Twenty Thousand only]</p>
2.	<p><b>Title : Reading Indian Literature in Bengali: Curriculum based Open &amp; Distance Praxis [Second Phase]</b></p> <p>Name of the PI : Dr. Manan Kumar Mandal</p> <p>Duration : 1 year (2013-2014)</p> <p>Funding Agency : UGC-Distance Education Bureau, New Delhi</p> <p>Sanctioned Amount : 1,50,000 [One Lac Fifty Thousand only]</p>
3.	<p><b>Title : Reading Indian Drama in English and in Translation : An Open Praxis Project on Representations of Dalit Identity</b></p> <p>Name of the PI : Srideep Mukherjee</p> <p>Duration : 1 year (2013-2014)</p> <p>Funding Agency : Distance Education Council, New Delhi</p> <p>Sanctioned Amount : 1,50,000 [One Lac Fifty Thousand only]</p>
4.	<p><b>Title : Open Repository of Bengal Partition Memory: An Open University Initiative</b></p> <p>Name of the PI : Dr Manan Kumar Mandal</p> <p>Website : <a href="http://www.partitionlit.com">www.partitionlit.com</a></p> <p>Duration : 2 year (2013-2015)</p> <p>Funding Agency : UGC-Distance Education Bureau, New Delhi</p> <p>Sanctioned Amount : 2,50,000 [Two Lacs Fifty Thousand only]</p>
5.	<p><b>Title : মুক্ত ও দূরশিক্ষায়বাংলা সাহিত্য পাঠক্রমের প্রাসঙ্গিকতা বিচার ও বিশ্লেষণ</b></p> <p>Name of PI : Dr Anamika Das</p> <p>Duration : 1 Year (2016-17)</p> <p>Funding Agency : UGC-Distance Education Bureau, New Delhi</p> <p>Sanctioned Amount : 25,000</p>



## ONGOING

1. **Title : Depiction of Womanhood in Victorian Literature: Enriching the Post Graduate English ODL Curriculum (Completed)**

Name of PI : Dr Oindrila Ghosh  
Duration : 1 Year (2016-17)  
Funding Agency : UGC-Distance Education Bureau, New Delhi  
Sanctioned Amount : 25,000

2. **Title : Pedagogy of Curriculum Framing in Literature through ODL Mode (Ongoing)**

Name of PI : Srideep Mukherjee  
Duration : 1 Year (2016-17)  
Funding Agency : UGC-Distance Education Bureau, New Delhi  
Sanctioned Amount : 25,000

3. **Title : Learning Strategies in ELT (Ongoing)**

Name of PI : Dr Sumana Bandopadhyay  
Duration : 1 Year (2016-17)  
Funding Agency : UGC-Distance Education Bureau, New Delhi  
Sanctioned Amount : 25,000

## Online Student Support Services (SSS) through Social Media and Google Chat

One of the pioneering Pilot projects undertaken by the nascent School of Humanities was the introduction of Online Student Support Services for Post Graduate Learners of English, Bengali and ELT, spread all over the state of West Bengal. The mechanism of operation was simple--- all that the learners were required to do initially was to create valid Gmail account on an internet enabled computer/smart phone; log into this account, go to chat option and send invite to the relevant faculty ID from the lists circulated at study and PCP centres. Users of facebook were asked to send friend requests to the relevant facebook ID. Once the request was accepted, the learner could then initiate subject specific chat with the concerned faculty according to timings mentioned. For five days a week between 15<sup>th</sup> February-29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 the in-house faculty of the School in English, Bengali and ELT were available to chat live via the facebook pages created for the purpose or via google chat. This was a novel way to introduce support for distance and distant learners; from providing answers to their specific academic queries, to encouraging them for learning wholeheartedly, it was a unique and never-before-attempted means to establish links between the learners and the facilitators, above and beyond the existing PCPs organised by the University. It is the unique brain-child of the School, which it hopes will be a trendsetter in the ODL practices at the University.

The online support service was executed in the second year of its operation in the 2016-17 academic session with similar participation by in-house faculty, and to the enthusiastic response of the learner community. The service was made available for the period between 15th January and 31 March 2017 for Post Graduate programmes in Bengali, English and ELT.

## Induction Meetings at Study/PCP Centres in the Districts

Conducting yearly induction programmes for the newly-enrolled UG and PG learners of the University in the study centres of the Districts is an important task of every school of the university to establish vital links with learners spread over a wide geographical area, with whom such contact is otherwise difficult during the course of the academic year. In this connection the School of Humanities conducted the following Induction Programmes in the session 2015-16:

- a) Induction Meeting at N.L.Khan Women's College, Midnapore on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2015
- b) Induction meeting for UG learners of English and Bengali at Bankura Christian College, Bankura Study Centre, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2015
- c) Study Centre Visit by Faculty of English and Bengali at Burdwan raj College Study Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2015
- d) Induction Meeting/PCP for PG English and Bengali learners on 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> February at Cooch Behar College Study centre.
- e) Study Centre visit for PCP by English Faculty Sridip Mukherjee at Malda College Study Centre, Malda.

## Audio-Visual Lectures

A vital and indispensable component of the Open Learning system is the supplementing of SLMs with audio-visual lectures to make learning more vivid and meaningful for the distance-learner. It is with this aim that the School of Humanities planned its Project of recording Audio-Visual Lectures in English, Bengali and ELT for PG learners. A core team of technicians assisted in the recording and editing process, giving final shape to the endeavors of the faculty---who not only planned, designed but also edited their lectures with multimedia elements. The first phase of this project, with 65 lectures, is complete and released in the form of DVDs with ISBN, ultimately designed to reach interested learners of the University.

No of AVL - 67, No of DVD - 20, Time Duration: Bengali - 900 min, Eng - 360 min, ELT - 360min.

Details of DVD Lecture catalogue available at: [http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student\\_zone/courses/humanities/AVL\\_Series/2016/20170106\\_AVL\\_Series\\_dvd\\_catalogue.pdf](http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student_zone/courses/humanities/AVL_Series/2016/20170106_AVL_Series_dvd_catalogue.pdf)







## Self Instructional Materials (SLM) Development

It is commonly and unanimously accepted, the creation of good quality Self Instructional Material still remains one of the core and indispensable role of an Open University. Hence, in keeping with this spirit of Open learning, the School of Humanities has been able to revise or rewrite its Self Learning Materials in English, Bengali, ELT and Journalism. Specifically to be noted is the syllabus revision of Elective English Honours course, which has led to the stupendous task of producing 8 fresh SLMs for learners enrolled in the BDP course since the 2015 Session. The first phase of the SLMs saw the release of the First 4 books, the 5<sup>th</sup> Book has come out in the month of June and the others should be out before the close of the year.

Revision of SLM: BDP-EBG- I to VII, (New Syllabus) PGB-IV, VIII

Rewriting of SLM: EBG I to VII (New Syllabus) PGB VIII

New development of SLM: New Syllabus has been introduced in Under Graduate level of English (BDP-EEG). Already, Paper I to Paper VII has been developed under the new syllabus.

## Centre for Language, Translation & Cultural Studies (CLTCS)

Pursuant to the Resolution No. 9 (vide Memo. Reg /135/2016; Dt. 16/02/16) of the 35th meeting of the Academic Council and subsequently approved by the Executive Council in its 71st meeting held on

14/03/16 (vide Resolution No. 4 : Reg/242; Dt. 18/03/16), the following guidelines relating to creation of a Centre under the aegis of the School of Humanities (SoH) of Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU)

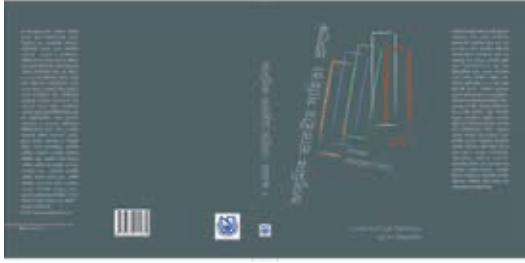


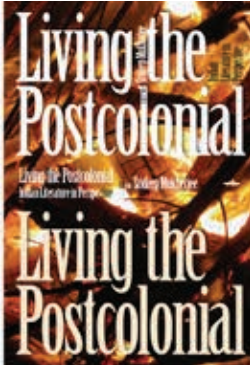
Objective:

- (a) To promote capacity building of faculties working in ODL system
- (b) To expand the multi-lingual domain of knowledge sharing by conducting need based Language Training / Orientation / Refresher Programmes/ Certificate Course etc.
- (c) To promote knowledge based repositories of various regional level socio-cultural specificities to be made available as Open Source materials.
- (d) To make available by translation the SLM's of NSOU to multi-lingual target learners.
- (e) To promote collaborative partnerships with private enterprises towards publications of
  - i) Open and Distance Learning Pedagogy
  - ii) Seminar/Conference deliberations/proceedings
  - iii) Research oriented work in Humanities
  - iv) Curriculum based Reference/Supplementary Reading materials.
  - v) Publication of Journals/ Periodicals/ Bulletins in print or in ICT enabled electronic media etc.
- (f) To offer various language and translation related self-financed courses preferably not exceeding the duration of 6 months. Such courses shall not involve the Examination department of NSOU. Such courses may be designed in consultation with Experts Committees duly constituted by the Centre.

## Fellowship/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences participated by the School Faculties

1. Dr. Oindrila Ghosh- Was awarded UGC-IUC Associateship at Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla; She availed the offer in September (1st-30th Septmber), 2016. Worked on a Comparative study on "New Woman' in Tagore and Hardy.
2. Dr. Manan Kumar Mandal – Attended the 30th AAOU Conference held in Manila, Philippines, 2016. Commonwealth of Learning (C OL) sponsored support to pay the registration fees. Dr Mandal presented a paper titled "Augmenting Post Graduate Curricula in Literature studies through ODeL: An Experience of Netaji Subhas Open University.
3. Arijit Ghosh- Attended International Conference on News Literacy organized by the Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Surendranath College for Women, Kolkata held on January 18, 2016. Presented a paper titled – 'Teaching Online Journalism Ethics in the era of Digitization.'
4. Srideep Mukherjee- Attended two-day national Seminar on Gender in Translation: Fidelity Reconstructed on February 9 &10, 2017, Organised by Indira Gandhi National Open University, School of translation studies and Training(SOTST). Presented a paper titled – 'Galled Breasts. Otherring Motherhood- Translating Gender in Mahesweta Devi's Bayen.

## Books Published from the School

	<p><i>Adhunik Bharatiya Sahitya Prasange (Vol. II)</i>          - Edited by Dr. Manan Kumar Mandal, Associate Professor,          ISBN: 978-93-82112-23-5          Price: Rs. 200</p> <p>গ্রন্থটি আধুনিক ভারতীয় সাহিত্য বিষয় একটি গবেষণা প্রকল্পের অধীনে প্রকাশিত দ্বিতীয় গ্রন্থ। এতে সংকলিত হয়েছে চারটি মৌলিক প্রবন্ধ, ভারতীয় সাহিত্য বিষয়ক তিনটি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ইংরাজি প্রবন্ধের বাংলা অনুবাদ। এছাড়া ধপুপাণি জয়কান্তনের পাঁচটি তামিল গল্প ও ইন্দিরা গোস্বামীর ছ'টি গল্পের বাংলা অনুবাদ; জয়কান্তনের একটি সাক্ষাৎকারের অনুবাদ, ইত্যাদি।</p>
	<p>Third Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture          - by Hasan Azizul Haque.          ISBN: 978-93-82112-14-3          Price: Rs 20/-</p> <p>স্মারক বক্তৃতার শিরোনামঃ “একবিংশ শতাব্দীতে রবীন্দ্রনাথ”</p>
	<p><i>Adhunik Bharatiya Sahitya Prasange ( Vol III) Phase</i>          (ISBN: 978938211 209 9), Edited by: Dr Manan Kumar Mandal.          Price: Rs 200/-</p> <p>এটি আধুনিক ভারতীয় সাহিত্য বিষয়ক একটি গবেষণা প্রকল্পের অন্তর্গত তৃতীয় খণ্ড। এতে সংকলিত হয়েছে ৫টি মৌলিক প্রবন্ধ, ৬টি অনূদিত প্রবন্ধ এবং ২টি সাময়িকপত্রে প্রকাশিত ভারতীয় সাহিত্য বিষয়ক লেখালিখির অনুসন্ধান।</p>
	<p><i>Living the PostColonial: Indian Literature in Perspective</i>, Edited by Srideep Mukherjee          ISBN: 978-93-84002-93-0          Price: Rs 850/-</p> <p>Published in collaboration with Gangchil Publishers, Kolkata</p> <p>The book is a collection of 22 well-written essays on postcoloniality and the perspective of Indian Literature, segmented into five parts with an introduction that evokes new ideas on the post-colonial studies of Indian Literature.</p>

	<p><i>Partition Literature: Open Praxis</i>, Edited by : Srideep Mukherjee and Manan Kumar Mandal ISBN: 978-93-82112-11-2 Price: Rs 750/-</p> <p>The Title is a comprehensive collection of essays on Indian Partition and the Partition Literature in particular. It also be identified as a proceedings of an three-day long International Conference on Partition Literature in 2014. Some contributors are Basabi Fraser, Bidyut Chakraborty, Anjali Gera Roy, Nukhbah Taj Langah and more..</p>
	<p><i>Structure and Dimensions of Screen Writing: An ODL Initiative</i>, Ed- Arijit Ghosh ISBN: 978-93-82112-18-1 Price: Rs 200/-</p> <p>The book consists of eleven essays on script writing covering different areas of the field with a structured introduction.</p>
	<p><i>Aphasia and the Future of Memory</i>, Fifth Rabindranath tagore Memorial lecture by Ganesh Devy ISBN: (978-93-82112-55-6) Price: Rs. 50</p>
	<p><i>Protean Images: A Study of Womanhood in Victorian Society and Literature</i> Ed- Dr Oindrila Ghosh (to be published). In collaboration with Adhayan Publisher, New Delhi.</p>

## PhDs Awarded Under the aegis of the School of Humanities

*Disclaimer: All the PhDs awarded had been registered under old regulations and prior to UGC New Regulations, 2009.*

Name of the Supervisor	Professor Nirmal Das
Name of the Awardee	Anima Barai
Subject	Bengali
Topic	প্রাথমিক স্তরের শিক্ষায় মাতৃভাষা বাংলা শেখানোর সমস্যা ও সম্ভাবনা

Name of the Supervisor	Professor Saumendranath Bera
Name of the Awardee	Baisakhi Nag
Subject	Journalism & Mass Communication
Topic	Changing Phases of Business Journalism in India with reference to Print Media
Name of the Supervisor	Professor Santanu Majumdar
Name of the Awardee	Dipak Kar
Subject	English
Topic	Wordsworth's Idea of Consciousness and Freedom in The Prelude: An Indian Perspective
Name of the Supervisor	Dr Suman Jana
Name of the Awardee	Jayatee Chakrabarty
Subject	English
Topic	Marriage and Womenhood in Contemporary Indian English Novel by Women: A feminist Approach
Name of the Supervisor	Professor Khetra Gupta
Name of the Awardee	Krishnendu Bandopadhyay
Subject	Bengali
Topic	মধ্যযুগের বাংলা আখ্যানকাব্যের মুসলমান কবি
Name of the Supervisor	Professor Munmun Gangopadhyay
Name of the Awardee	Laksmikanta Manna
Subject	Bengali
Topic	বাংলা মঙ্গলব্যের আর্থ-সামাজিক পটভূমিতে পারিবারিক সম্পর্কের বিন্যাস
Name of the Supervisor	Dr Jharna Barman
Name of the Awardee	Ramjan Ali
Subject	Bengali
Topic	ঘনরামের ধর্মমঙ্গলে রাঢ় বঙ্গের সাংস্কৃতিক ও ভাষাতাত্ত্বিক উপাদান
Name of the Supervisor	Dr Saktinath Jha
Name of the Awardee	Mausumi Majumdar
Subject	Bengali
Topic	মধ্যবাংলার লোকগল্প
Name of the Supervisor	Dr Dhruba Acarya
Name of the Awardee	Arpita Saha
Subject	Sanskrit
Topic	Samkhyiya Prakriti – Purusatattva Evam Bhagavatapurana
Name of the Supervisor	Prof. Arun Kumar Ghosh
Name of the Awardee	Achintya Gangopadhyay
Subject	Bengali
Topic	আলকাপের বিবর্তন

Name of the Supervisor	Prof. Ashis Kumar Dey
Name of the Awardee	Asit Kumar Ghosh
Subject	Bengali
Topic	সুন্দরবনের লোকজীবনের সাহিত্য ও সংস্কৃতি
Name of the Supervisor	Prof. Achintya Biswas
Name of the Awardee	Chandan Chowdhury
Subject	Bengali
Topic	গাঙ্গেয় পশ্চিমবঙ্গের মেলা: সাহিত্য, সংস্কৃতি ও সমগ্রয়
Name of the Supervisor	Prof. Barun Kumar Chakraborty
Name of the Awardee	Kajal Bagchi
Subject	Bengali
Topic	ছগলি জেলার উৎসব ও মেলাঃ লোকসাহিত্যের উপাদান
Name of the Supervisor	Prof. Rabindranath Bandopadhyay
Name of the Awardee	Keya Chakraborty
Subject	Bengali
Topic	বঙ্গরঙ্গমঞ্চ ও দ্বিজেন্দ্রলাল রায়
Name of the Supervisor	Prof. Tarun Kumar Mukhopadhyay
Name of the Awardee	Lena Bhattacharya
Subject	Bengali
Topic	গোলাম কুদ্দুসের জীবন ও সাহিত্য
Name of the Supervisor	Prof. Ramaprasad Dey
Name of the Awardee	Sudipta Roy Chowdhury
Subject	English
Topic	Medea and other Protesting Women of Euripides
Name of the Supervisor	Prof. Amzad Hossein
Name of the Awardee	Krishnendu Dasgupta
Subject	English
Topic	Ted Hughes and Mother Goddess
Name of the Supervisor	Prof. Munmun Gangopadhyay
Name of the Awardee	Soumen Das
Subject	Bengali
Topic	মঙ্গলকাব্যে দেবতা ও মানুষ: সম্পর্কের রূপান্তর