REPORT - Inauguration Ceremony of Online Skill Enhancement Programmes

- **TITLE OF EVENT/ PROGRAMME (SEMINAR/ WEBINAR/ WORKSHOP/ EXTENSION LECTURE/ EXTENSION ACTIVITY/ ANY OTHER ACTIVITY):** Inauguration Ceremony of Online Skill Enhancement Programmes

- **THEME OF THE EVENT/ PROGRAMME:** Inauguration Ceremony of Online Skill Enhancement Programmes for Teaching Staff, Non-Teaching Staff and Students

- **ACADEMIC SESSION:** 2023-2024

- **DATE:** 2nd February, 2024

- **VENUE:** Asutosh Memorial Hall

- **OBJECTIVE/ PURPOSE:**

1. To inform teaching and non-teaching staff as well as students about the Skill Enhancement Programmes to be introduced by the college
2. To make the audience aware of the importance of such courses in the present times
3. To introduce the faculty members who would teach on the programmes
4. To encourage participation in the Skill Enhancement Programmes

- **SPEAKER/S / RESOURCE PERSON/S: TARGET AUDIENCE/ PARTICIPANTS:**

1.Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya, Department of Library Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

2. Prof. Ranjan Samanta, Librarian, Naba Ballygunge Mahavidyalaya

3. Dr. Swapan Khan, Librarian, Narasinha Dutt College, Howrah

4. Ms. Jaya Sharma, Librarian, Singhur Government College, Hooghly

Target Audience: Teaching and non-teaching staff as well as students of Asutosh College

- **BRIEF REPORT ABOUT THE EVENT/ PROGRAMME:**

The committee for Skill Enhancement Programmes in association with IQAC, Asutosh College organised an inaugural ceremony for the Online Skill Enhancement Programmes to be introduced by the college for Teaching Staff, Non-Teaching Staff and Students. The three courses include Professional Development Programme for Teaching Staff, Administrative Training Programme for Non-Teaching Staff, and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for students.

The ceremony began with Dr. Bidisha Dutta Roy requesting the principal, Dr. Manas Kabi to deliver the welcome address to the audience. Dr. Kabi informed the audience about the three courses and inspired the teaching and non-teaching staff as well as students to eagerly embrace this learning opportunity. He further emphasised that the courses would be initially made available to around 100 participants from each of the groups but would be repeated in the subsequent times so that every interested participant gets an opportunity to learn. It was announced that the courses, aimed at the holistic development of all the stakeholders of the college, would be of 30 hours each for students and non-teaching staff members and of 36 hours for the teaching staff members. The welcome address was followed by the felicitation of the guests by the faculty members of the college. Next, Dr. Bhaskar Mridha, member of the Governing Body, inspired students to make the best use of this course and also inspired teachers and non-teaching staff members to develop their technological toolkits using these courses. Dr. Sayani Mukhopadhyay, another member of the Governing Body, emphasised the importance of technology in today's world and encouraged every participant to learn whole-heartedly on the courses.

The courses were then declared open by the Principal and the invited speakers. Dr. Bidisha Dutta Roy next requested the first speaker, Prof. Udayan

Bhattacharya, Department of Library Science, Jadavpur University, to introduce the courses to the audience. Dr. Bhattacharya spoke of the necessity to embrace a new digitally-oriented pedagogy in an era of digital natives (individuals who grew up in a digital world) and digital immigrants (individuals who are coping with the digital revolution). He highlighted the need for interactive sessions and audience feedback rather than one-sided lectures as part of the course. The next speaker, Prof. Ranjan Samanta, Librarian, Naba Ballygunge Mahavidyalaya, stressed that the courses would benefit the overall teaching-learning process in the college, the growth and development of individual members undertaking the course, and the college as a whole. Prof. Samanta spoke about the various components that would be covered as part of the courses, including plagiarism, accessing information from databases, as well as other technological tools that support pedagogy. He also named the twenty resource persons including University professors from around the country who would be involved in the course. The next speaker, Dr. Swapan Khan, Librarian, Narasinha Dutt College, spoke about the diverse conglomeration of resource persons on the course who specialise in various disciplines that would meaningfully contribute to the learning process. Addressing the non-teaching staff in particular, he emphasised the need for hands-on practical training on the course rather than merely listening to lectures. The principal summarised that the college looks forward to smooth e-governance, technologically-aided pedagogy, and paperless operations in the upcoming days, empowered by the training imparted through the courses. The programme ended with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Shikhi Chatterjee.

◆ **EXPECTED OUTCOMES:**

1. The teaching and non-teaching staff as well as students of the college would become aware of the Skill Enhancement Programmes to be introduced by the college.

2. The audience would develop awareness about the importance of such courses in the present times.

3. The teaching and non-teaching staff as well as the students would be introduced to some of the faculty members who would teach on the courses.

4. The audience would be encouraged to actively embrace this new hassle-free learning opportunity without hampering the working hours.

➢ **GEO-TAGGED PHOTOGRAPHS:**

➢ **ATTENDANCE SHEET:**