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ACTIVITY REPORT
2017-18

1. **Name of Department / Committee / Cell:** *Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), P.N. Das College*
2. **Name of the Event / Activity:** *One-day Seminar on FOSS*
3. **Date(s) of the event:** *19.08.2017*
4. **Venue of the Event:** *IQAC Room*
5. **Nature of the Activity (Tick / underline the applicable choice):** *programme / function / event / competition / lecture / exhibition / camp / workshop / training / extension activity / rally / campaign / drive / celebration of days / extending help in terms of students, expertise, experience, etc.:* *Seminar*
6. **Level of the activity (Tick / underline the applicable choice):** *International / National / State / University / District / College / Local / Village / Gram Panchayet:* *College*
7. **Name of the Sponsor / Collaborator, if any:** *College*
8. **Names and designations / professions of dignitaries, guests, participants:**

Capacity	Name	Designation / Profession / Affiliating Institute / Organization
Chairperson	*Dr Sharmila De*	*Principal, P.N. Das College*
Resource Person(s)	*Dr Bablu Biswas*	*Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics*
	Prof Bonny Samanta	*Assistant Professor, Department of Education*
	Sri Prasenjit Pramanick	*Librarian, P. N. Das College*

9. **Beneficiaries / participants / audience (Type and/or number):** *17 teaching staff*
10. **Outcome of the activity [Tick or underline the suitable alternative(s) and give details]:** *awareness / prizes won / social service / personality development (name the aspects) / skill testing or development, etc.:* *Development of knowledge of the software*
11. **Evidence produced (Lists, Certificates, letters, newspaper cuttings, etc.):** *Attendance Sheet and Photographs of the event*

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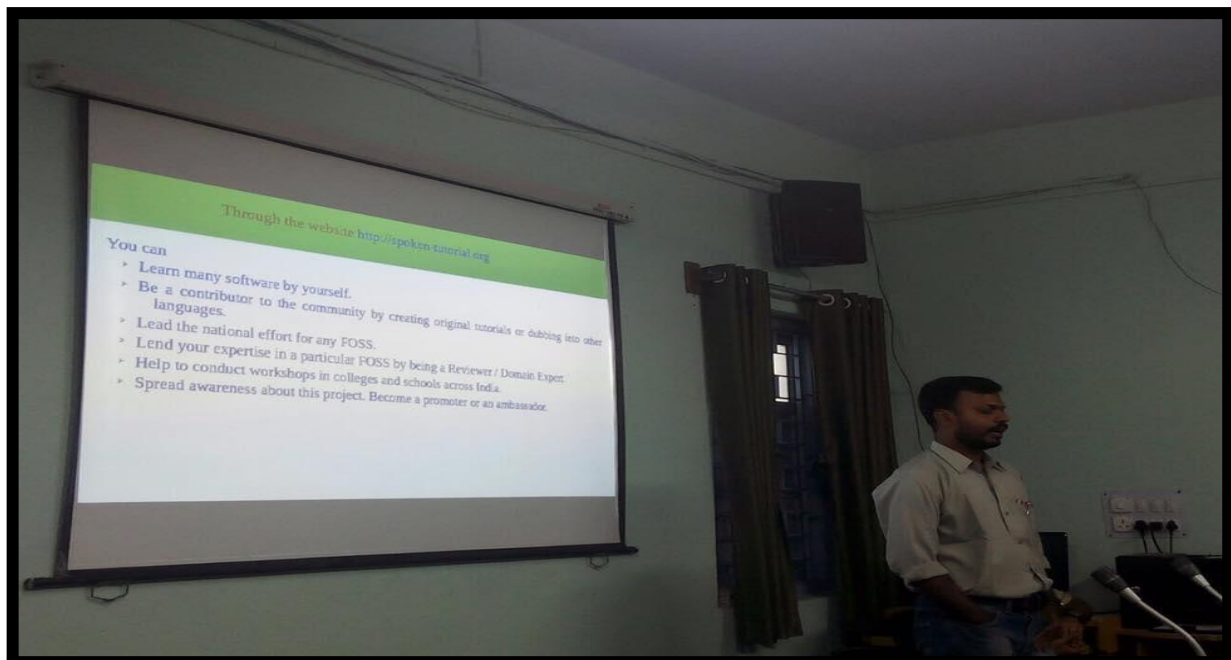
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One-Day Seminar on Free and Open Source Software (FOSS)
on 19.08.2017
Attendance Sheet

SL No.	Name of the Teacher(S)	Department
1.	Sumanojan Bandyopadhyay	English
2.	Madhuchhanda Lahiri	Economics
3.	Kakoli Sen Banerjee	English
4.	Santanu Kr. Singha	Sanskrit
5.	Mohasin Mallick	Commerce
6.	Amal kumar Saha	Commerce
7.	Goutam Biswas	History
8.	Antara Bhattacharya	Political Science
9.	Sangita De	Political science
10.	Basumita Tarafdar	Bengali
11.	Ajit Das	Physical Education
12	Chakrodas Oren	Political Science
13.	Sanjib Kumar Dhar	History
14.	Benoy Samanta	Education
15.	Sakhawat Hossain	Bengali
16.	Dipa Chakraborty	Philosophy
17.	Basumita Tarafdar	Bengali

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Summary of The Seminar on " FOSS " on 19/08/2017

A Seminar on "Free Open Source Software" (FOSS) was arranged by IQAC P.N.DAS COLLEGE on at the IQAC room. It was attended by The Principal, IQAC Convenor, and all members of the Teaching Staff and The Librarian. The Speakers and resource persons were Prof. Bablu Biswas, Deptt. of Mathematics, Sri Prasenjit Pramanik, Librarian, Central Library, P.N. Das college, Prof. Bony Samanta, Deptt of Education.

This is a programme developed by the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay an initiative of NMEICT, MHRD and Govt. of India to promote IT literacy .It primarily deals with Learning through Audio-Visual especially for those who lack the opportunity to use software while learning, and is striving to build in more varied sorts of programmes shortly. Prof. Biswas reported that at present a certificate course is conducted with three levels, namely; Beginners, Intermediate and Advance. At the end of the programme there is an evaluation, and a certificate is provided. The target group for the programme are :- school children, college students, professionals and women who are not in any specified services.

Prof. Biswas said the programme is also popularly known as " SPOKEN TUTORIAL" which is a part of the "TALK TO TEACHER" project of MHRD. This tutorial can be prepared by the teachers and submitted. After proper verification they will be uploaded by technicians if found suitable. A remuneration has also been arranged for this. The Spoken tutorial will promote Learners' Autonomy. Principal suggested that Teachers may prepare scripts for our own students. The course can be hyperlinked and the website is called spoken-tutorial.org and the instruments like headphones, computers and high speed wi-fi will be needed.

The college took a decision of catering the programme to our students and students and others from the locality and even other colleges.

The Training course will involve:-

- Certificate Course for teachers from IIT Bombay.
- Certificate Course for Students from IIT Bombay.
- Interested candidates to be mailed.
- To register in the 'Students dashboard'.
- A faculty co-ordinator from our college, (Prof. Biswas's Name had been recommended and sent) to co-ordinate with personnals from IIT Bombay.
- Selection of Master batch.
- Uploading of master batch.
- Downloading and Installing of the link.
- Evaluation/Assessment after 4 weeks of course work OR 6 weeks of Course work.
- Certification.

Principal Suggested that:

- College will begin the entire process from the end of this year 2017.
- Students can avail this course free of cost.
- Neighboring colleges will be informed and asked to join.
- Guardians of the students will be called and informed about the programme.
- Infrastructure, will be upgraded eg. High speed wi-fi system,etc.

Prosenjit Pramanik, the next speaker talked profusely on the importance of this programme , on " Libre Office" and FLOSS (Free Open Source Software) and OCRA (for visually impaired) . He gave substantial information on the website and the procedures, and presented the features and its usages.

Prof. B. Samanta provided us with important information they gathered on the subject, from the training programme that they had attended recently on the same.

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