

Report on the One-Day Talk on “Exploring Career Opportunities and Distance Education Pathways for Undergraduate Students”

The Social Science Forum, Mariani College, in collaboration with the KKHSOU Study Centre and IQAC, Mariani College, successfully organized a One-Day Talk on “Exploring Career Opportunities and Distance Education Pathways for Undergraduate Students” on 22nd June, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. onwards in the Conference Hall, Arts Complex, Mariani College. The programme was organized with the objective of creating awareness among undergraduate students regarding diverse career opportunities available after graduation and the various avenues for pursuing higher education through distance and online learning modes.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome by Mr. Kundan Hazarika, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and member of Social Science Forum, who acted as the host for the event. This was followed by the seating of the dignitaries on the dais, namely Dr. Horen Gowalla, Principal, Mariani College, Mr. Rupeswar Sonowal, President, Social Science Forum, Mariani College, Dr. Binud Ch. Borah, Registrar, Assam Women’s University, Jorhat, and Dr. Sanjib Ghimire, Assistant Regional Director, KKHSOU. The dignitaries were felicitated by members of the Social Science Forum as a mark of respect and appreciation.

The programme formally began with the statement of the objectives of the event by Mr. Bikash Dutta, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Member of Social Science Forum, who highlighted the importance of career planning and informed decision-making among students in an increasingly competitive and dynamic educational environment. He emphasized the need for students to explore diverse career options and remain aware of opportunities for higher education through flexible learning systems.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Horen Gowalla, Principal, Mariani College, underscored the significance of career guidance programmes in helping students identify their strengths and align their aspirations with emerging opportunities. He encouraged students to take advantage of such interactive sessions and actively engage with experts to gain valuable insights into academic and professional pathways. He also mentioned about the successful completion of 4 years of the KKHSOU Study Centre of the College and appreciated the contribution of the Co-ordinators, Dr. Arupanjali Borah and Mr. Rupeswar Sonowal in the success of the Study Centre.

Thereafter, Mr. Rupeswar Sonowal, President, Social Science Forum, spoke about the objectives and activities of the Forum and highlighted the relevance of organizing such programmes for the holistic development of students. He expressed his gratitude to the Resource persons for their support and participation.

The first technical session featured Dr. Binud Ch. Borah, Registrar, Assam Women’s University, Jorhat, whose introduction was delivered by Dr. Arupanjali Borah, Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Member of Social Science Forum. In his presentation, “NEP 2020, ODL and New Generation Learners”, Dr. Borah elaborated on the changing landscape of higher education and employment opportunities in contemporary India. He discussed various career avenues available to graduates in government services, private sectors, entrepreneurship, research, academia, and emerging interdisciplinary fields. He also stressed the importance of developing communication skills, digital competencies, leadership qualities, and lifelong learning habits for career success. The session was highly informative and motivated students to think proactively about their future career goals.

An interactive question-and-answer session followed, during which students actively participated and sought clarification on career prospects, higher education opportunities, and skill development requirements. The session enabled students to engage directly with the resource person and gain practical guidance. An appreciation letter was subsequently presented to Dr. Binud Ch. Borah by Dr. Arupanjali Borah, Secretary, Social Science Forum, Mariani College, in recognition of his valuable contribution.

The second technical session was delivered by Dr. Sanjib Ghimire, Assistant Regional Director, KKHSOU, who was introduced by Mr. Dhananjay Biswas, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Member of Social Science Forum. Dr. Ghimire provided a comprehensive overview of the distance and online education opportunities available through Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU). He explained the various undergraduate, postgraduate, diploma, and certificate programmes offered by the University and highlighted the flexibility and accessibility of open and distance learning. He also discussed the admission process, learner support services, digital learning resources, and career benefits associated with distance education. The presentation helped students understand how they could pursue higher education while balancing personal and professional commitments.

The session was followed by another interactive discussion, where students raised queries regarding admission procedures, programme structures, examination systems, and employment prospects after completing distance education courses. Dr. Ghimire responded to the questions in a detailed and encouraging manner. An appreciation letter was presented to him by Dr. Arupanjali Borah as a token of gratitude for his enlightening presentation.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Nivedita Sarmah, Associate Professor, Department of History and Member of Social Science Forum who expressed sincere gratitude to the Principal, resource persons, faculty members, students, KKHSOU Study Centre, IQAC, and all members of the Social Science Forum for their support and cooperation in making the event a success. The programme ended with the distribution of refreshments to the students.

The One-Day Talk proved to be highly beneficial for the students of Mariani College. It enhanced their awareness of emerging career opportunities and provided valuable information regarding higher education pathways through distance learning. The enthusiastic participation of students and faculty members reflected the relevance and success of the programme.

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- **Dr. Sanjib Ghimire**
Assistant Regional Director
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DATE: 22nd June, 2026

VENUE: Conference Hall, Arts Complex,
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Welcome Speech and Seating of Dignitaries on the Dais



Felicitation of Dignitaries



Statement of the Objective of the Programme



Inaugural Speech by the Principal



About the Programme by President of Social Science Forum



Introduction of Resource Person



Presentation by Resource Persons



Presentation of Appreciation Certificates to Resource Persons



Delivery of Vote of Thanks



Glimpse of Students present in the Programme

