

BARDHAMAN MASS EDUCATION SERVICE TRUST:

PREFACE

Mass refers to people and We have been working till 20 years to make people to pupil, how it can help our society – in a word it has provide traditional education for all types of people who never touch book in their life . The Organization has made an opportunity for all classes and all ages to continuing their desire on education.

As formal education could not reach out to all sections of society covering all categories of people, Open Learning System makes it possible to include different sections of men and women of different age group. To meet the need for Open Learning System State Open School came up as a wing of the School Education Department in 1997. Renamed as Rabindra Mukta Vidyalaya (RMV)in 1998, it grew into a Statutory Organization with effect from 1st August, 2001 on the basis of Rabindra Mukta Vidyalaya Act, 2001, passed by the West Bengal State Legislature. The Act has been amended first in 2002 and next in February 2006. The amended Act has come into effect from the 1st January, 2007. According to the amendment of February, 2006 the Rabindra Mukta Vidyalaya has been renamed as the West Bengal Council of Rabindra Open Schooling (WBCROS). The West Bengal Council of Rabindra Open Schooling imparts open learning through self-study materials and personal contact programmes. More flexible and less rigid rules and procedures have been formulated taking into account the special needs. 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 Higher Education Minister, Govt. of West Bengal spearheaded the idea after his visit to the Open University in U.K.

The Department of Mass Education Extension came into existence from the year 1988 through amendment of the West Bengal Rules of Business vide Home(C & E) Department Notification No 5106-AR dated 21.04.1988, setting up this Department to look after all matters relating to adult education, on-formal education, education for children with special needs and social education not connected with Higher Education. The pre-existing Department of Library Services was also merged into this Department which became the Department of Mass Education Extension & Library Services thereafter.

The basic purpose behind the creation of the Department was to direct the Literacy and Library Movements in the State for the benefit of the common people. With the assumption of office by the present Government in May 2011, the whole spectrum of activities of the Department received a fresh lease of life, and accordingly, it has redefined its role, redesigned its functional pattern and reworked its priorities for catering to the needs of the people across the State.

The Department has under its administrative control two Directorates viz. (1) Directorate of Mass Education Extension and (2) Directorate of Library Services. Besides, West Bengal State Literacy Mission Authority (WBSLA), a body registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961, functions under the overall administrative control of the Department.

Directorate of Mass Education Extension is responsible for execution of the various policies formulated by the Government and is assigned the responsibilities for implementation of various programmes of the Department in a time bound manner. At present, the Directorate is entrusted with the responsibilities of carrying out the following activities:

- Running of Educational Welfare Homes
- Education and training for the disabled students.
- Articles, and case studies, in the various fields of **Distance Learning, Open Education, E-learning, Integrated education and Hybrid learning.**