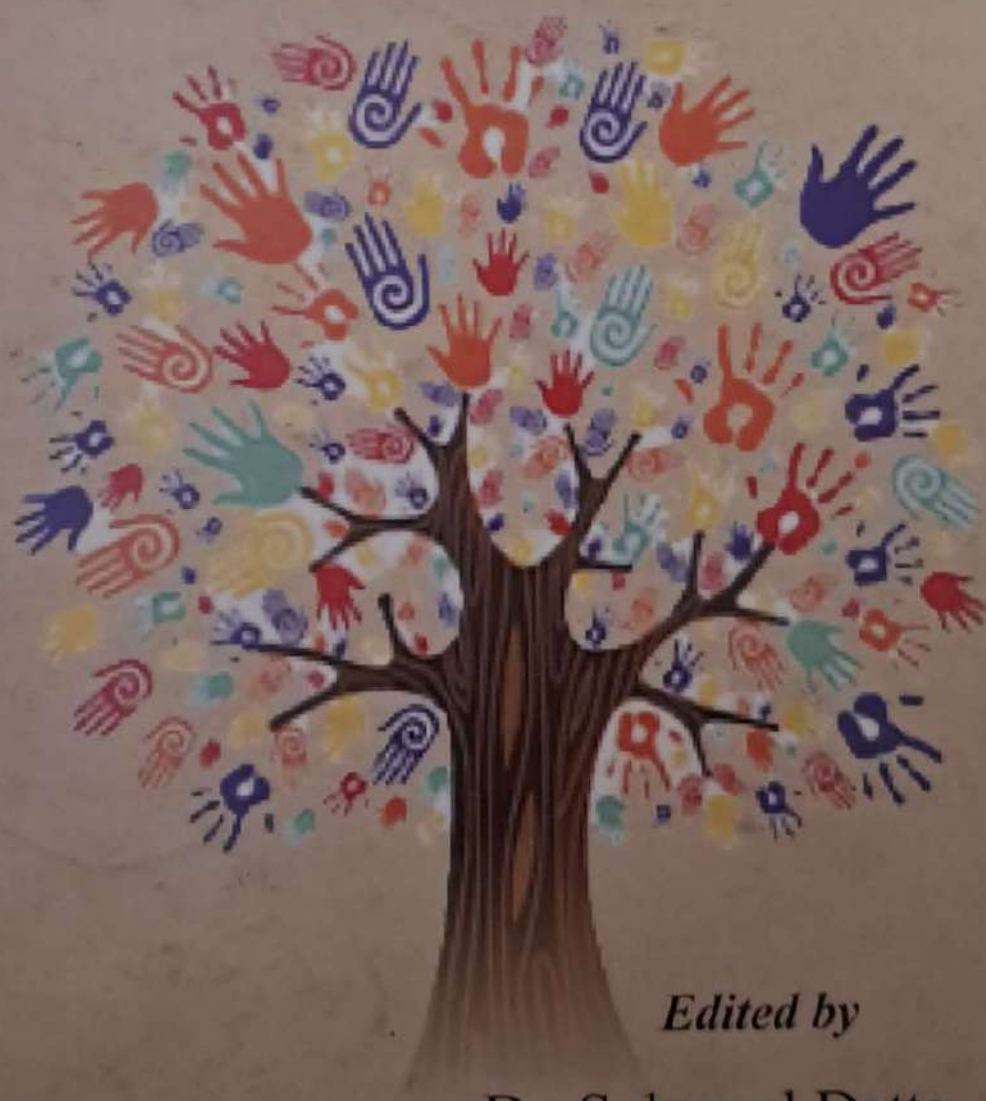
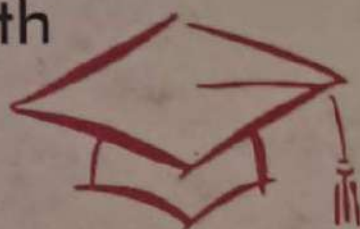


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the most efficient pricing of higher education might also guarantee equal participation. Self-financing courses may be in high demand, even though exclusive reliance on, rather the dominance of, such courses would not serve the equity objective of higher education.

The policies need to be dynamic and responsive to the practices. If it is not responsive to the practices, the alternatives will not be debated and the commercial practices will continue to adversely affect the objective of inclusiveness in higher education. There is a need to broad base the scholarship scheme and follow the target oriented approach. There is an urgent need to follow the diversified approach to the funding of higher education rather than put exclusive reliance on state funding.

The Economics Department of Naba Ballygunge Mahavidyalaya organised a UGC sponsored National Seminar on "Inclusive Growth and Economic Sustainability of Self Financed Courses in India" in collaboration with the Department of Economics of Acharya Girish Chandra Bose College, Kolkata on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2016 to discuss this issue of economic sustainability of self financed courses and whether these courses are correlated to inclusive growth which is attracting a lot of attention in the post modern era. This book contains some carefully selected and edited articles presented in the seminar.

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