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Celebration of International Day of Sign Language

Date: - 23rd September (Saturday), 2023

Time: - 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Zoom Meeting Link

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/82256767630>

Programme Schedule:-

- **5.40pm-5.50pm:-Welcome Address:- Smt. Baby Dutta Choudhury,**
Asst. Prof. of Special Education, NSOU
- **5.50pm-6:00pm: - Introducing the Theme: - Sri. Prabir Naskar,**
Asst. Prof. of Special Education, NSOU
- **6.00pm-6:45pm:- Technical Session-I:- Smt. Indira Ghosh,**
Linguist, Sign Language Interpreter,
Ali Yavar Jung National Institute Speech and Hearing Disability
(Divyajagn), RC- Kolkata.

Topic:- Sign Language and Inclusivity

- **6.45pm-7:30pm:- Technical Session-II:- Smt. Rajani Banerjee**
Sign Language Interpreter & Special Educator

Topic:- Role of Sign Language Interpreters in the Court Room

- **7.30-7:40pm:- Vote of Thanks:- Smt. Swapna Deb,**
Consultant of Special Education, SoE, NSOU

Programme Flayer

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Celebrating International Day of Sign Language

Organizing
Committee

Chief Patron:

Prof. Indrajit Lahiri
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Netaji Subhas Open University

Chairman:

Dr. A. N. Dey,
Director, SoE, NSOU

Organizing Secretary:

Mr. Prabir Naskar,
Asst. Prof. Dept. of Spl. Ed

Virtual Platform
23 September, 2024, Saturday
5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Sequence

Anchor:

Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi

Welcome Address

Mrs. Baby Dutta Choudhury

Asst. Prof. of Special Education, SoE, NSOU

Introducing the Theme

Sri. Prabir Naskar,

Asst. Prof. of Special Education, NSOU

Presentation

Sign Language and Inclusivity

Smt. Indira Ghosh,

Linguist, Sign Language Interpreter
Ali Yavar Jung National Institute Speech and
Hearing Disability (Divyajagn), RC- Kolkata

Role of Sign Language Interpreters in the
Court Room

Smt. Rajani Banerjee

Sign Language Interpreter & Special Educator

Vote of Thanks

Ms. Swapna Deb

Consultant of Special Education,

Participation Link

<https://us02.zoom.us/j/622857634>

Participants

- Learners of B.Ed. and M.Ed.
- Parents of CWSN
- Representatives of LSCs
- Teachers
- Individuals Learners & Alumni
- Officer, Faculties, Staff Members & Students of NSOU

Rapporteur

Mrs. Mandira Chakraborty

Asst. Prof. of Special Education, SoE.

REPORT

Preview:-

The International Day of Sign Language is celebrated on September 23rd each year to raise awareness about the importance of sign languages and their role in promoting the rights of deaf people. It is a day dedicated to highlighting the cultural and linguistic diversity of deaf communities worldwide. The day serves as a platform to advocate for the recognition of sign languages as a means of communication and to promote equal opportunities for deaf individuals. On this day, various events, conferences, and activities are organized to showcase the beauty and significance of sign languages. Deaf organizations, schools, and communities come together to celebrate their languages and culture, emphasizing the need for inclusion, accessibility, and empowerment. The International Day of Sign Language is an essential occasion for promoting awareness and understanding of the challenges and achievements of the deaf community, fostering respect for sign languages, and advocating for their widespread recognition and support in education, legal systems, and social environments.

So, it is decided by the Department of Special Education, School of Education, NSOU to organize the Special Lecture in virtual mode on the Celebration of International Day of Sign Language on **23rd September (Saturday), 2023 at 5:30pm to 7:30pm.**

Objectives:-

- To raise awareness about the importance of sign languages and the rights of deaf individuals.
- To increase public awareness of the importance of sign languages in the lives of deaf individuals
- To help promote and preserve the diversity of sign languages around the world, emphasizing that they are as valuable and legitimate as spoken languages.
- To underscore the need for inclusion and accessibility for deaf individuals.
- To advocate for the rights of deaf individuals, including their right to use sign language as their primary mode of communication.

Session Arrangements:-

- ❖ **Opening:** - The programme was initiated by **Dr. A Panigrahi**. He cordially invited of Smt. Baby Dutta Choudhury, Asst. Prof. of Special Education, NSOU. In the inception Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi, Co-ordinator, B.Ed Special Education cordially invited all the participants and dignatories. He, in a nut shell, said that sign language requires object specific movement of hand and arm to communicate with others which is called 'Sanketik Vasha.'

- ❖ **Welcome Address:** - **Smt. Baby Dutta Choudhury**, Asst. Prof. of Special Education, NSOU presented welcome address. Smt. Baby Dutta chowdhury, Asst. Prof., in her Welcome address, delivered that "**International Sanketic Vasha Dibas**" was celebrated first by Sanmilito Jatipunjya in 1951 to include all in the main stream in inclusion. NSOU is also trying to make the mission successful. Dr. Panigrahi added that the first school for deaf was established in 18th century at America.

- ❖ **Introducing the Theme:** - **Sri. Prabir Naskar**, Asst. Prof. of Special Education, NSOU presented the Theme of the Programme. Mr Prabir Naskar, Asst. Prof. of Special Education introduced and explained the theme of sign language in deaf culture to bridge the gap in communication with other culture and language.

The Theme of the Programme

This year, on International Day of Sign Language, we have gathered to celebrate the rich tapestry of communication that sign languages bring to our global community. The theme for this September 23, 2023, revolves around "Connecting Cultures through Sign Language." In a world that often emphasizes differences, sign languages serve as a bridge, uniting individuals from diverse backgrounds and cultures. They break down barriers and foster understanding, emphasizing the importance of linguistic and cultural diversity. On this special day, let us recognize the invaluable contributions of sign languages and the remarkable people who use them. Together, we can work towards a more inclusive and accessible world, where everyone has the opportunity to express themselves and connect with others through the beauty of sign language. Join us in celebrating the power of sign language to connect hearts and cultures, and let us continue to strive for a world where communication knows no bounds. Happy International Day of Sign Language.

Technical Session-I: - Smt. Indira Ghosh, Linguist, Sign Language Interpreter, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute Speech and Hearing Disability (Divyajagn), RC- Kolkata.

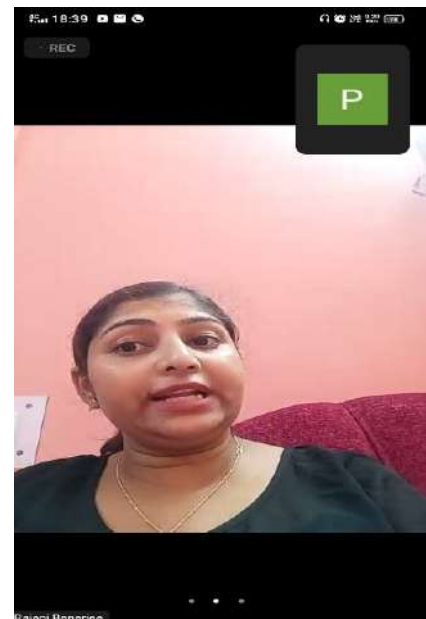
Topic: - Sign Language and Inclusivity

Mrs. Indira Ghosh, Linguist, Sign language interpreter discussed on sign language and inclusivity. She explained communication problems of HI in detail and mentioned 5 important steps which are very essential to communicate with HI and requested all to learn sign language for a barrier free inclusive society.



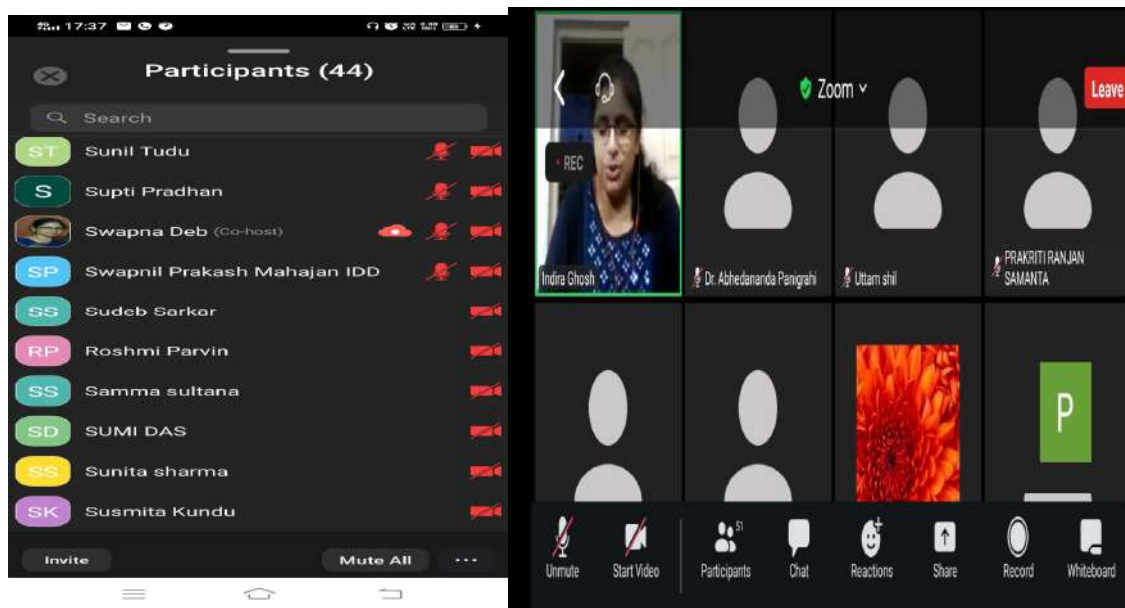
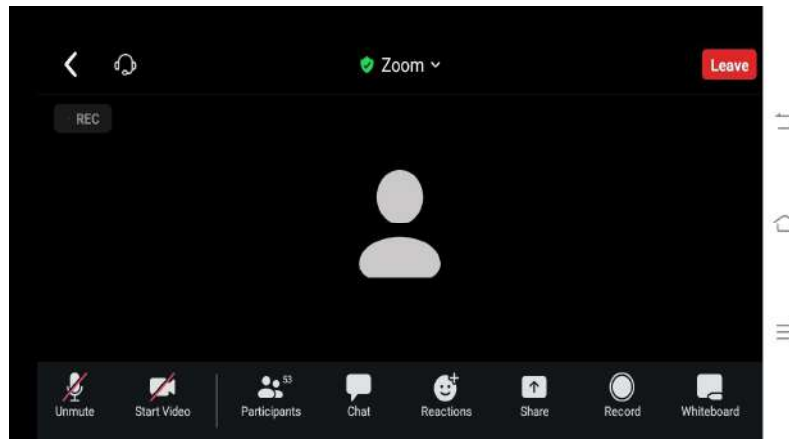
Technical Session-II: -Smt. Rajani Banerjee, Sign Language Interpreter & Special Educator
Topic: - Role of Sign Language Interpreters in the Court Room

Smt. Rajani Banerjee, Language interpreter and special educator discussed on role of sign language interpreters in the court room. She shared her practical experiences in different court cases of HI victims (both boys & girls) who suffered a lot along with the interpreter.



The programme was ended with a very special **vote of thanks by Smt. Swapna Deb**, consultant, with the famous song of R.N. Tagore – “Olo sai ... moner katha koi.”

Participants: - The total no. of the participants were 68 in the programme.



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