

EVENT REPORT: FELICITATION CEREMONY

Introduction and Context

The School of Education at Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU) organized a Felicitation Ceremony on Monday, November 2, 2026, starting at 1:00 PM at the Seminar Hall (1st Floor), NSOU Headquarters, Salt Lake City, Kolkata. The ceremony was convened to honour Shri Santanu Patra, a Ph.D. Scholar in Education at NSOU and Assistant Master at Govt. Model School, Nayagram Block, Jhargram, West Bengal. Shri Patra was conferred the prestigious National Teachers Award - 2026 by the Ministry of Education, Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of India, in New Delhi on September 5, 2026, in recognition of his outstanding merit and dedicated service to the community. His exemplary contributions toward shaping young minds and furthering educational excellence were also acknowledged through a congratulatory message from Shri R. N. Ravi, Governor of West Bengal. The session was anchored by Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi, Coordinator-B.Ed., SoE, NSOU, while Dr. Papiya Upadhyay served as the rapporteur.

Around 60 attendees (comprising of academic heads, officers, faculty members, staff and research scholars of the university) joined for the event.

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Address

The event officially commenced at 1:00 PM with the solemn rendition of the National Song. Following the opening, Prof. D.P. Nag Chowdhury, Director of the School of Education, NSOU, delivered the Welcome Address from 1:05 PM to 1:10 PM. He warmly welcomed the dignitaries, faculty members, scholars, and attendees, highlighting the significance of celebrating high achievement and academic dedication within the institution.

Profile Presentation of the Honouree

From 1:10 PM to 1:20 PM, Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, Assistant Professor of Education at SoE, NSOU, and Ph.D. supervisor of Shri Santanu Patra, took the stage to introduce him. She presented an insightful overview of his academic and professional journey, highlighting his dedicated service as an educator at Govt. Model School, Nayagram Block, Jhargram, along with his doctoral research and thesis submission at NSOU, emphasizing the key accomplishments that earned him national distinction.

Felicitation Segment

The central segment of the event took place between 1:20 PM and 1:30 PM, during which Shri Santanu Patra was formally felicitated. The honors were presented jointly by Smt. Ananya Mitra, Registrar (Acting), Prof. D.P. Nag Chowdhury, Director-SoE, Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Director-CIQA, and Dr. Antara Choudhury, who congratulated him on bringing distinction to the university.

Video Presentation

Following the felicitation, a brief video presentation was showcased, highlighting Shri Santanu Patra's inspiring endeavors and key achievements across his academic and professional career-spanning from 'what to teach to how to teach'.

Keynote Address by the Awardee

From 1:30 PM to 1:45 PM, Shri Santanu Patra addressed the gathering, sharing his inspiring personal and professional journey towards educational excellence. He reflected on his practical experiences in grassroots teaching, the pivotal role of academic research in enriching classroom pedagogy, and the valuable guidance he received throughout his doctoral research at NSOU. Shri Patra also expressed his sincere gratitude to the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), the Centre for Cultural Education (CCE), and his Ph.D. supervisor, Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, for their constant support.

Special Address and Presidential Remarks

The executive addresses commenced at 1:45 PM with a Special Address by Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Director of CIQA, NSOU, who emphasized the importance of maintaining high-quality standards across education, research, and community outreach. He also proposed a village adoption initiative at NSOU, suggesting a collaboration with Shri Santanu Patra in Nayagram or its adjoining regions to drive impactful community extension activities. Immediately following at 1:50 PM, Smt. Ananya Mitra, Registrar (Acting), NSOU, delivered the Presidential Address, commending Shri Patra's outstanding accomplishments and reaffirming the university's steadfast commitment to fostering scholarly excellence.

Vote of Thanks and Conclusion

The formal proceedings concluded between 1:55 PM and 2:15 PM with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr. Parimal Sarkar, Assistant Professor of Education, SoE, NSOU, who expressed gratitude to all organizers, dignitaries, and participants. The ceremony officially drawn to a close with the standing rendition of the National Anthem.

Event snippets













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