

Celebrating

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Special Lecture (Virtual)

on

Contributions of Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das towards Independence of India Date: 20th July 2023 Time: 8pm

Programme:

8.00 pm: Welcome address: Dr. Atindranath Dey, Director, SoE, NSOU.

- 8.05 pm: Introduction of the Speaker: Mrs. Antara Choudhury, Asst. Professorof Special Education, SoE, NSOU.
- 8.10 pm: Speech: Professor Shouvik Mukhopadhyay, Professor of History, Calcutta University

8.50 pm: Interaction.

9.00 pm: Vote of Thanks: Ms. Swapna Deb, Consultant, SoE, NSOU.

Announcement:Mrs. Antara Choudhury, Asst. Professorof Special Education,SoE, NSOU.

Rapporteur:

- 1. Mrs. Mandira Chakraborty, Asst. Professorof Special Education, SoE, NSOU.
- 2. Mrs. Baby Dutta Chowdhury, Asst. Professorof Special Education, SoE, NSOU.



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Report

Preview:As announced by Govt. of Indiaa festival of '*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*'is being celebrated all over India on the 75th or PlatinumJubilee year of Indian Independence. The celebrations will be continued for one year, till August15, 2023. This is a fantastic strategy for teaching Indian citizens, including children and adults, a sense of love, respect, pride, and duty towards the country. Reviving Indian independence history, culture, and other facets is a crucial step. To play a part in this campaign Indian Citizens are urged to participate actively.

In this context, the School of Education at NSOU cherished the concept of commemorating 75 years of Independence under the banner of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* by organising a series of special lectures. It is the sixth special lecture programme on Contribution of **Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das**to Independence of India held on July20, 2023, at 8pm, online using the Zoom platform.

Participants: 15

Objectives of the event:

✤ To commemorate the 75 years of Independence of India



- Celebrating the awe and delight of India's freedom and the struggle that led to it
- Must use what has been learned from the past, revitalise the present, and get ready for the future
- To emphasise Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das's contribution India's freedom

Session arrangements:

Opening:

The ceremony was initiated by Ms.Swapna Deb, Consultant, SoE, NSOU conveying the well wishes expressed by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

Welcome Address:

Dr.A.N. Dey, Director, SoE, heartily welcome all the participants, virtually present in the programme.In his deliberation he recollected the glorious history of India's people, Culture and achievements.

Introduction of the Speaker:

With the permission of the chair, Smt. Antara Choudhury, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Sp. Education introduced Prof. Souvik Mukhopadhyay with the participants. Prof. Mukhopadhyay is a Senior Professor of Calcutta University, Dept. of History. He has many works regarding Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das.

The Special Lecture:

Prof. Mukhopadhyay reviewed the life of Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das with the help of presentation of various sources.

Chittaranjan Das . Popularly remembered as "Deshbandhu' or friend of the nation, by the people of India was born on 5th Novemberand died on 16th June 1925. He started his career as an eminent lawyer practicing in the HighCourt at Calcutta, and first distinguished himself by successfully defending Aurovinda Ghose in the famous Alipore Bomb Case.He then built up a very lucrative practice which he threw up in 1920 in order to join the non-co- Operation movement started by Gandhiji. He gave all his wealth and his palatial house in Calcutta to the National cause. He became the first elected Mayor of Calcutta Corporation. He tried to solve



the problem of Hindu Muslim differences by concluding a pact with the Muslims which would give them a large number of posts in the services.

He became the President of the Indian National Congress in 1922.

He was the Founder of the Swarajya Partyin undivided Bengal during the British Colonial rule in India. In 1925, Chittaranjan, broken by his immense exertions, passed away in 16th June at Darjeeling. The whole country mourned his death and came reverentially to call him Deshbandhu. Tagore mourned his lost in a couplet of intense grief and deep reverence; "*Enechhile sathe kare mrityu-heen pran Marane tahai tumi kare gele dan*".

At the end of his discourse, some evaluative feedback was received.

The one-hour speech was fascinating and really educational.

Vote of thanks:

Finally, Ms. Swapna Deb,Department of Special Education, through her eloquent speech, thanked everyone appeared everyone in the virtual session as well as the entire fraternity of NSOU.

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