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Celebrating  
*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*  
**Special Lecture (Virtual)**

On

*Contributions of Madam Helen Keller in the field of  
Special Education*

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 Time: 8pm

**Programme:**

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

**8.05 pm:** Introduction to the Speaker: **Mrs. Antara Choudhury**, Asst.  
Professor of Special Education, SoE, NSOU.

**8.10 pm:** Speech: **Mr. Swapan Mukhopadhyay**, Eminent Researcher and  
Writer

**8.50 pm:** Interaction.

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

**Announcement:** **Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi**, Coordinator, B.Ed. SoE,  
NSOU.

**Rapporteur:**

- 1. Mrs. Mandira Chakraborty**, Asst. Professor of Special Education, SoE,  
NSOU.
- 2. Mrs. Baby Dutta Chowdhury**, Asst. Professor of Special Education, SoE,  
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## Report

### Preview:

**Helen Adams Keller** (June 27, 1880 – June 1, 1968) was an American author, disability rights advocate, political activist and lecturer. Born in West Tuscumbia, Alabama, she lost her sight and her hearing after a bout of illness when she was 19 months old. She then communicated primarily using home signs until the age of seven, when she met her first teacher and life-long companion Anne Sullivan. Sullivan taught Keller language, including reading and writing. After an education at both specialist and mainstream schools, Keller attended Radcliffe College of Harvard University and became the first deaf blind person in the United States to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Madam Keller was also a prolific author, writing 14 books and hundreds of speeches and essays on topics ranging from animals to Mahatma Gandhi Keller campaigned for those with disabilities, for women's suffrage, labor rights, and world peace. In 1909, she joined the Socialist Party of America. She was a founding member of the American Civil Liberties Union.

So, it is decided by the Department of Special Education, School of Education, NSOU to organize the Special Lecture in virtual mode on the contribution of Hellen Keller in the field of Special Education on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 at 8 P.M.

**Participants:** 23

### Objectives:

- Awareness about **Helen Adams Keller** (June 27, 1880 – June 1, 1968).
- To know her contribution in the field of special education.



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### **Session arrangements:**

#### **Opening:**

The programme was initiated by Dr. A Panigrahi. He cordially invited of Dr. A. N. Day, Director, SoE, NSOU to deliver welcome address.

#### **Welcome Address:**

Dr. A. N. Dey presented his welcome address to all participants and Prof. (Dr.) Swapan Mukhopadhyay, who won Gold Medal for his famous book, History tell the truth.

#### **Introduction of the Speaker:**

With the permission of the Chair, Smt. Antara Choudhury, Asst. Professor, SoE, NSOU, introduced Mr. Swapan Mukhopadhyay, who is an Eminent Researcher and Writer and also a well-known person for his Special contribution for Hellen Keller.

#### **The Special Lecture:**

Dr. S. Mukhopadhyay thanked all and started his speech mentioning that Louis Braille invented Braille in 1828 as the process of reading writing for the sightless. Then it is used as a script to all languages all over the world for education, Communication & socialization for the sightless.

Hellen keller was born in 27<sup>th</sup> June 1880 & died in 1<sup>st</sup> June 1968. She lost her sight & hearing due to illness at the age of 19 months. Her First book is the story of my life published in (1903). She wrote 14 books.

She was graduated from Radcliffe college (B.A. in Arts) of Harverd College in 1904.and became the first Deaf Blind person in the unite states. She came to India to meet Rabindra Nath Tagore whom she respected as Guru. She enjoyed the song sang by R.N. Tagore through touching his lips & tongue.

She stepped 40 countries all over the world for the person with PwD.

Prof. Mukhopadhyay discussed so many achievements of Hellen Keller specially for education & Rehabilitation effort for PwDs..

She tries to speak & uttered the word 'water' at first. She used to communicate with other person by keeping her finger on that person's lip & touching his tongue. Dr. Mukhopadhyay discussed so many topics regarding Hellen Keller.

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

The one-hour speech was fascinating and really educational.



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## Vote of thanks:

Smt. S. Deb conveyed heartfelt vote of thanks to Dr. Mukhopadhyay, all dignitaries, V.C of NSOU, Director of SoE & all other persons present in virtual mode including the operators of the virtual mode.

Report prepared by,  
Mrs. Baby Dutta Choudhury & Mrs. Mandira Chakraborty,  
Asst. professors, SoE, NSOU.

The image is a virtual lecture invitation card. It features the Netaji Subhas Open University logo in the top left and a NAAC Grade A accreditation logo in the top right. The text on the card reads: "NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY School of Education Cordially invites you to A Special Lecture (Virtual) on Helen Adams Keller Speaker Mr. Swapan Mukhopadhyay Eminent Researcher and Writer". A "ZOOM" button with a downward arrow points to a "Click Here" button. On the left, there is a circular inset image of a bust of Helen Adams Keller. At the bottom left, it specifies "Date : 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023", "Time: 8 pm", and "Mode: Virtual". At the bottom right, it lists "DR. A. N. DEY DIRECTOR SOE, NSOU" and "DR. ABHEDANAND PANIGRAHI COORDINATOR B. ED., SOE, NSOU".



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