

***Report on Celebrating Teachers' Day by First-Year Students of MA in Education of Netaji
Subhas Open University and Its Importance in the Open University System***

Event Coordinates: September 03, 2023, Sunday, 11:30am-2pm

Programme: Celebration of Teachers' Day by the M.A. Education, First-Year (January 2023 batch) students of SoE, NSOU

Venue: SoE, Kalyani Regional Centre, NSOU

Participants: Around 30 comprising of M.A first year, second year students, faculty members, office staff and other support staff of SoE NSOU

Executive Summary

This report documents the celebration of Teachers' Day by the first-year students of MA in Education at Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU), Kalyani and discussed the importance of this celebration within the open and distance university system. The event was held on September 3, 2023, and was organized with great enthusiasm to express gratitude to our educators and understand the pivotal role teachers play in open and distance learning system and education.



Introduction

Teachers' Day is a day dedicated to honoring and appreciating the contributions of educators in our lives. In the context of open universities like NSOU, where the mode of education is different from traditional brick-and-mortar institutions, the role of teachers becomes even more critical. This report highlights the events and activities carried out by the first-year students of MA Education to celebrate Teachers' Day and underscores its significance in the open university system.

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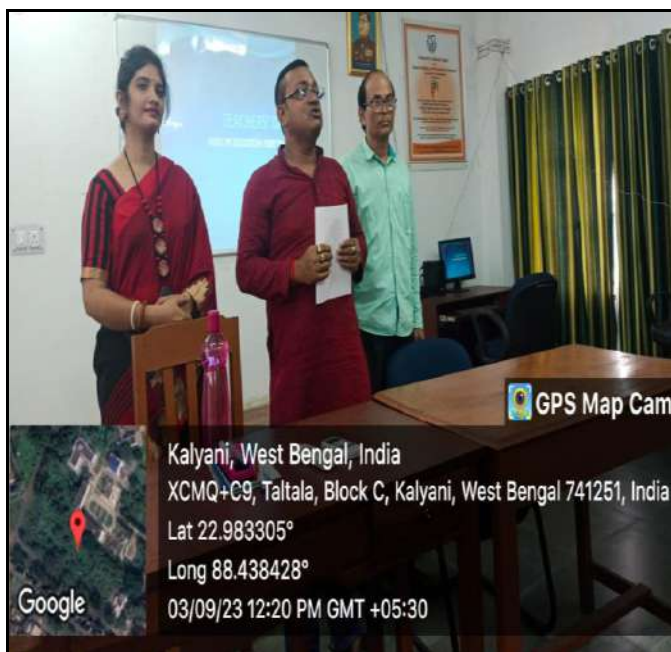


Event Details

1. Inauguration

Shri Pranab Sarkar, Shri Samar Saha & Shrimati Sreedipta , all students of MA , Part-I anchored the programme.

The event commenced with an inaugural song by fellow student, Shrimati Dipawanita Ganguly. The anchors emphasized the importance of teachers in shaping the future of open education and in detail deliberated about the importance of this celebration.



2. Speech by the Teachers:

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Prof. D.P Nag Chowdhury, Dr. Parimal Sarkar, and the Coordinator of the M.A. Education (PGED) programme, Dr. Papiya Upadhyay were present on the day. The teachers delivered lectures on the aspects of “importance of being the Teacher”. The lectures covered topics such as the role of teachers, our teachers, role of being the teacher, the challenges faced by educators in open systems and various aspects of learning and “**Learn-Unlearn-Relearn**” continuum. These talks provided valuable insights into the unique challenges and opportunities in open and distance education.



3. Presentation by the Students:

Students had the opportunity to engage with their teachers in discussions about their academic journey and some of them became emotional. These exchange of thoughts and sharing of experiences encouraged open communication and allowed students to present their ideas and concerns. Shri Samar Saha, Shri Pranab Sarkar, Shrimati Sree Dipta, Shrimati Sanghamitra Ghosh, Shri Amit Mohon Kundu, Shri Asish Biswas, Shri Biswanath Sarkar and Sri. Nilanjan Bala participated in the interaction on behalf of the first-year students.



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4. Felicitation:

The faculty members including Shrimati Arpita Mitra, Office staff & Shri Pratap Hazra. Security personnel of SoE, NSOU were recognized for their exceptional dedication and commitment to the open education with small tokens of gratitude by the students. This recognition served as an appreciation for their tireless efforts in supporting and managing the academic works of the faculty members.



The students arranged for a small refreshment for the teachers and staff. The teachers in turn treated the students with a sumptuous lunch.



Significance of the Celebration

This celebration brought into prominence the importance of Celebrating Teachers' Day in Open and distance learning (ODL) Universities and they are –

1. Acknowledging the Unique Challenges

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ODL universities face distinctive challenges, such as providing education to a diverse and geographically dispersed student body. Celebrating Teachers' Day in open universities allows us to recognize the educators who navigate these challenges with dedication and innovation.

2. Fostering a Sense of Community

In open education, students often study remotely, which can lead to a sense of isolation. Celebrating Teachers' Day brings students and teachers together, fostering a sense of belonging and community, which is crucial for effective learning.

3. Motivation and Recognition

Teachers' Day celebrations provide an opportunity to motivate educators by acknowledging their hard work and commitment. This recognition serves as a source of motivation for teachers to continue delivering quality education in the open university system.

4. Promoting Effective Teaching and Learning

By organizing guest lectures and workshops, students gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and innovations in open education. This exposure can lead to more effective teaching and learning practices in the future.

Conclusion

The celebration of Teachers' Day by the first-year students of MA Education at Netaji Subhas Open University serves as a testament to the importance of educators in the open university system. It is not only an occasion to express gratitude but also a platform to understand and address the unique challenges faced by teachers and students in open education. This event reaffirms the commitment of NSOU to provide quality education and build a strong sense of community within the open university system. We look forward to continuing this tradition and further strengthening the bond between teachers and students in the years to come.



The event clinched with proposing vote of thanks by the one of the M.A students.

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