

**Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Swami Vivekananda Memorial Lecture**

**Topic: “স্বামী বিবেকানন্দের আবির্ভাবের তাৎপর্য”**  
(Swami Vivekananda Abirbhaber Tatparya)

**Speaker: Swami Tattwasarananda,**  
**Principal, Brahmachari Prashikshan Kendra,**  
**Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Math, Belurmath**

Organized by: **School of Education, Netaji Subhas Open University**

Date: **30<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Time: 12 - 2 pm**

Venue: **Subhas Chandra Sabhagar, NSOU HQs, Salt Lake, Kolkata**

Participants: 75 including Learners, Research Scholars, Faculties, Officers, Alumni & Staff of NSOU

**Initiation of the programme**

The programme was anchored by **Dr. Parimal Sarkar**, Assistant Professor of Education, NSOU. He cordially requested Prof. Indrajit Lahiri, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor & the President of the programme and Smt. Ananya Mitra, Registrar (Add'l Charge) to take the chairs on the dais. The Research Scholars and the Research Assistants of School of Education felicitated Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Indrajit Lahiri, Swami Tattwasaranda Maharaj and Smt. Ananya Mitra, Registrar (Add'le charge) with Uttariya and potted plants. Dr. Parimal Sarkar presented the main theme of the programme. Then the Vedic Chanting was performed by **Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi**, Co-ordinator, B. Ed., SoE, NSOU.

**Welcome Address**

The welcome address was delivered by **Smt. Ananya Mitra**, Registrar (Add'l Charge). She cordially welcomed the speaker revered Sw. Tattwasaranda Maharaj and all the participants present on the session. She emphasised on the main theme of the lecture and the relevance of arranging such type of memorial lecture. Her critical thinking on Sw. Vivekananda's words & messages, along with the

application of its relevance in the Open University, were nicely illuminated, where NSOU has unfolded the scopes and opportunities for the deprived, marginalized and weaker sections of the people.



### Memorial Lecture

Revered **Swami Tattwasarananda Maharaj** started with the chanting of ‘Shlokas’ from ‘Upanishada’, the meaning of which is:

“May He protect us together;  
May He nourish us together;  
May we work conjointly with great energy;  
May our study be vigorous and effective;  
May we mutually dispute (or may we not hate any)”.

In his main speech Maharaj elucidated different aspects of the contribution of Swami Vivekananda both in the individuals and the society. He stated Swamiji’s views in relation to thinking and reflecting of mind (Chintan-Manan) that essentially means to deep contemplation, knowledge & cognition, imitation & assimilation and inculcation of self-independency. He emphasized very lucidly the new concept of ‘Service to man is to service to God’ – which pedagogically exists in ancient theology, but not in ‘Bedanta’ and the way of salvation to dedicate ‘self’ for the welfare of the world – thought of ‘self’ to ‘universe’, through practical implications. This new model of salvation – self-sacrifice for welfare of all living being – is based on ‘Upanishada’ where Swamiji put it in real life.

In the next phase of his deliberation, Maharaj focussed on ‘Religious practice’ & ‘Spiritualism’ and its effects on social activities and potentiality of machinery activities with ‘Ramakrishna Sangha’, where diversity of thoughts and ideas are implemented through ‘Work-Activity-Service’. He also mentioned about the diversity in opinions & doctrines, that are nothing but the ways and means to reach to the ‘Ultimatum’ – the ultimate salvation. The educational philosophy of Swami Vivekananda was discussed and co-relative features of ‘Yoga’ – Jnan Yoga, Karma Yoga, Bhakti Yoga and Raj Yoga – with the psychological domains – cognitive, affective & psychomotor – were illustrated by him. The triangular thoughts of ‘cherished divinity’ (God), ‘Ramakrishna’ (Super Humanity) and ‘Motherland’ (India) were centralised with the concept of Spiritualism, apart from Religion – a thoughtful ideal of Swamij Vivekananda was focused by him.

He concluded his oration by narrative exposition of Swami Vivekananda’s ideals regarding awakening of potentiality of discrimination of ‘good & evils’, ‘virtues & vices’, ‘removal of inertia’ (inert states of

mind) in relation to educational theology of ‘man-making’ education to find out the ‘truth’. He also mentioned that “All education and all training should be man-making and to make the man God” – as said by Swami Vivekananda. The speech on the significance of Swami Vivekananda’s emergence was ended by conveying the thanks to all by Swami Tattwasarananda Maharaj.



### Release of Booklet on 3<sup>rd</sup> Swami Vivekananda Memorial Lecture

The booklet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Swami Vivekananda Memorial lecture, delivered by Swami Suparnananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata and former Secretary, Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission was released by Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Indrajit Lahiri, Swami Tattwasaranda Maharaj and Smt. Ananya Mitra, Registrar (Add’l Charge). The booklet was compiled and formatted by Dr. Papiya Upadhyay and Dr. Debi Prosad Nag Chowdhury.



### Presidential Address

The Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor **Prof. Indrajit Lahiri** delivered the presidential address when, after conveying his respect to sw. Vivekananda, delineated, in brief, the thoughts and ideals of Swamiji in relation to philosophical and educational aspects. He stated Swamiji’s concept of developing self-confidence and self-reliance along with the education for humanism and patriotism. In the nutshell he enlightened with the interactive concept of social phenomena of ‘East & West’ and its specific dimension of developmental concept of Swamiji’s thoughts and ideas. His short speech of Presidential

address enriched the audience; so far, the input of Swami Vivekananda's contribution on our life is concerned. He conveyed his thanks to School of Education for organizing this memorial



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### Vote of Thanks

**Dr. Debi Prosad Nag Chowdhury**, Professor of Edn., SoE, NSOU extended his vote of thanks to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Sw. Tattwasarananda Maharaj, Officers and all other participants with gratitude to all for their valuable presence and active participation. Last but not the least he conveyed his thanks to the Team Lease for providing each and every technical support towards the successful completion of the event.



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