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EVENT REPORT OF DR. SYAMA PRASAD MUKHERJEE MEMORIAL FORTNIGHT

Day 1

NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY
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Observes
Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee Memorial Fortnight
Online Special Lecture
Date: 03/07/2026, Friday
Time: 8 pm to 9 pm
“যুগদ্রষ্টা শ্যামাপ্রসাদ মুখার্জী: জীবন ও কর্মের আলোচনা”
Speaker: Smt. Swapna Deb, Asst. Prof., SoE, NSOU
Chairperson: Prof. Debi Prasad Nag Chowdhury, Director, SoE, NSOU
Convener: Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi, Coordinator, B.Ed., SoE, NSOU
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TIME	SESSION	RESOURCE PERSON / FACULTY
8.00pm-8.10pm	Welcome Address	Prof. D.P. Nag Chowdhury Director, SoE, NSOU
8.10pm-8.15pm	Introducing the Theme	Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi Coordinator, B.Ed. & Convener, SoE, NSOU
8.15pm-8.50pm	Special Lecture: যুগদ্রষ্টা শ্যামাপ্রসাদ মুখার্জী: জীবন ও কর্মের আলোচনা	Ms. Swapna Deb Assistant Professor SoE, NSOU
8.50pm-9.00pm	Vote of Thanks & Closing	Sm. Sarbari Baksi Associate Professor, SoE, NSOU.

❖ Chairperson: Prof. Debi Prasad Nag Chowdhury, Director, SoE, NSOU
❖ Convener: Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi, Coordinator, B.Ed., SoE, NSOU
❖ Rapporteur: Dr. Parimal Sarkar, Asst. Professor, SoE, NSOU

Event Type: Online Special Lecture (Virtual Mode via Zoom)

Date & Time: 03/07/2026, Friday | 08:00 PM – 09:00 PM

Theme: যুগদ্রষ্টা শ্যামাপ্রসাদ মুখার্জী: জীবন ও কর্মের আলোচনা (Visionary Syama Prasad Mukherjee: A Profile of Life and Works)

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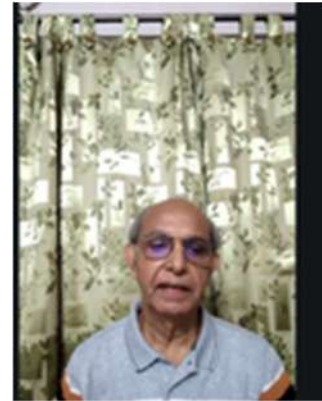
No. of Attendees: 63+

Introduction & Objective

The School of Education, Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU), formally initiated the observance of the "Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee Memorial Fortnight" on 3rd July 2026 with a highly engaging Online Special Lecture. The primary objective of this event was to commemorate and deeply reflect upon the monumental academic, political, and socio-educational contributions of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee, analyzing his visionary legacy in contemporary relevance.

Welcome Address

The virtual program commenced promptly at 8:00 PM with an administrative and warm Welcome Address delivered by **Prof. D.P. Nag Chowdhury**, Director, School of Education, NSOU. He welcomed the faculty members, research scholars, and participants across various disciplines, highlighting the importance of studying the structural foundations laid down by historic visionaries like Dr. Mukherjee.



Introducing the Theme



Following the introductory welcome, the structural theme of the fortnight was formally introduced by **Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi**, Coordinator of B.Ed. and Convener, SoE, NSOU. Dr. Panigrahi contextualized the rationale behind dedicating a fortnight-long memorial series to delve into the comprehensive facets of Dr. Mukherjee's multi-dimensional career.

Plenary Lecture

The main attraction of the programme was the Special Lecture entitled "Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee: Life and Contributions," delivered by Ms. Swapna Deb, Assistant Professor, School of Education, NSOU.

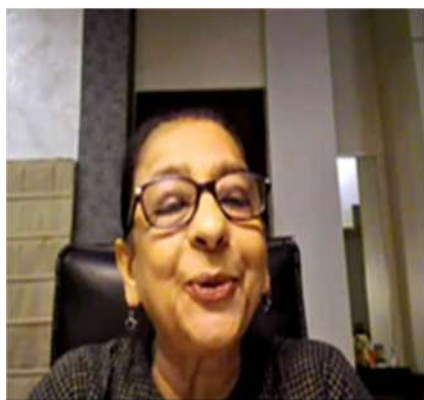
Ms. Deb delivered a comprehensive lecture on Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee's life, highlighting his birth on 6 July 1901 to Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee and Yogmaya Devi, his excellent academic achievements, and his education at College, and the University of he secured first place in the M.A. Language and Literature and vision of promoting higher the mother tongue. She also the administration of the his legal studies, and his qualification as a barrister in England. At the age of thirty-three, he became the youngest Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta, where he introduced important



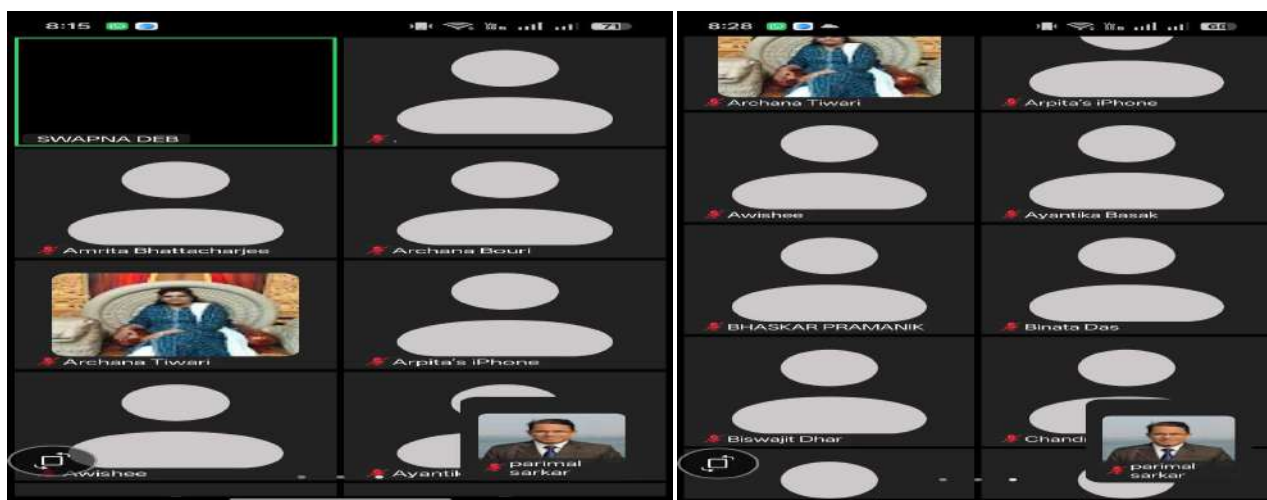
Mitra Institution, Presidency Calcutta. She explained that examination in Bengali carried forward his father's education through described his early role in University of Calcutta,

reforms such as promoting Bengali as a medium of education, developing the curriculum, creating scientific terminology in Bengali, improving teacher education, supporting student welfare, and encouraging research. Ms. Deb further discussed the personal tragedies he faced, including the deaths of his sister, father, and wife, which strengthened his commitment to public service and education. She then outlined his political career, mentioning his service as the Finance Minister of Bengal, his relief work during the 1942 Midnapore cyclone, his role as the first Minister for Industry and Supply in independent India, and his founding of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh in 1951. Finally, she explained his strong belief in national integration, especially regarding the constitutional status of Jammu and Kashmir, his arrest there in 1953, and his death in custody, concluding that his life continues to inspire educators, administrators, and citizens through his dedication to education, democratic values, national service, and leadership.

Vote of Thanks



The event concluded smoothly with a formal Vote of Thanks and closing remarks delivered by **Sm. Sarbari Baksi**, Associate Professor, School of Education, NSOU, who extended gratitude to the leadership, technical staff, and attendees for making the inaugural day a resounding success.



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