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REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF DR. SYAMA PRASAD MUKHERJEE MEMORIAL FORTNIGHT

Day 3

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**Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee
Memorial Fortnight**

Online Special Lecture

Date: 05 | 07 | 2026, Sunday
Time: 8 pm to 9 pm

CHAIRPERSON:
Prof. Debi Prasad Nag Chowdhury
Director, SoE, NSOU

CONVENER:
Smt. Sarbari Bakti
Associate Professor, SoE, NSOU



**DR. SYAMA PRASAD MUKHERJEE'S
EDUCATIONAL IDEAS AND IDEALS
REFLECTED IN THE NEP 2020**

SPEAKER
Prof. Sibaprasad De
Professor, SoE, NSOU

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83124618258>

All are cordially invited to join.

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Organized by: School of Education, Netaji Subhas Open University
Date: Saturday, 05/07/2026 | **Time:** 8PM-9PM
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Programme Schedule (Day-3)

Time	Session	Resource Person/ Faculty
8:00pm-8:10pm	Welcome address	Prof. Debi Prasad Nag Chowdhury (Director, SoE, NSOU)
8:10pm-8:15pm	Introducing the theme	Smt. Sarbari Bakti (Associate Professor & Convener, SoE, NSOU)
8:15pm-8:50pm	Special Lecture : Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee's Educational Ideas and ideals reflected in the NEP 2020	Speaker - Prof. Sibaprasad De (Professor, SoE, NSOU)
8:50pm-9:00pm	Vote of Thanks & Closing	Dr. Pabitra Upadhyay (Assistant Professor, SoE, NSOU)

- Chairperson: Prof. Debi Prasad Nag Chowdhury (Director, SoE, NSOU)
- Convener: Smt. Sarbari Bakti (Associate Professor, SoE, NSOU)
- Rapporteur: Smt. Swarnajit Dhar (Assistant Professor, SoE, NSOU)

ALL ARE CORDIALLY WELCOME

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

Date & Time: 05/07/2026, Sunday | 08:00 PM – 09:00 PM

Theme: Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee's Educational Ideas and Ideals Reflected in the NEP 2020

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No. of Attendees: 92+

Introduction & Objective

The third day shifted the focus specifically towards an academic policy framework, linking the past administrative vision with contemporary reforms. Organized by the School of Education, NSOU, this webinar intended to examine how the original philosophies of Dr. Mukherjee—as a legendary Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University—align with the fundamental shifts proposed under India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

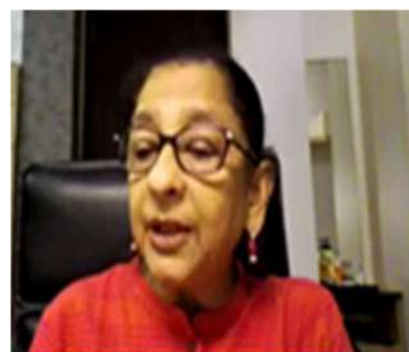
Welcome Address



The academic program started on schedule at 8:00 PM with the initial Welcome Address by **Prof. Debi Prosad Nag Chowdhury**, Director, SoE, NSOU. He set an academic baseline highlighting the pedagogical vision required to implement national policy structural changes effectively.

Introducing the Theme

The dynamic context of the session was introduced by **Sm. Sarbari Baksi**, Associate Professor and Convener, SoE, NSOU. She discussed Dr. Mukherjee's early historical advocacy for mother-tongue education, holistic development, and interdisciplinary learning systems as precursor models to current policy structures.



Plenary Lecture

The principal speaker, Prof. Sibaprasad De, Professor, School of Education, NSOU, presented an exhaustive paper on "Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee's Educational Ideas and Ideals Reflected in the NEP 2020". Prof. De seamlessly mapped out the conceptual overlap between Dr. Mukherjee's historic university policies and modern frameworks including regional-language instruction, vocational integration, universal accessibility, and administrative transparency outlined within NEP 2020 parameters.

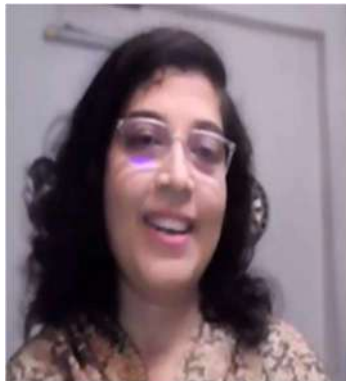
Dr. Dey stated that Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee possessed a multidimensional personality characterized by two defining qualities: a unique personality and selfless patriotism. Born into a highly educated and cultured family, he inherited values of patriotism, social responsibility, and cultural awareness from his mother, while his father shaped his political, national, and educational philosophy. As a result, Dr. Mukherjee emerged as a great patriot, educationist, and nationalist who believed that education should build character, impart knowledge, and cultivate love for the nation.

As the youngest Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta, he worked tirelessly to improve higher education and inspired students to become responsible citizens. His educational philosophy emphasized humanism, moral values, social responsibility, and the holistic development of



individuals by nurturing their intellectual, physical, emotional, and spiritual growth. He believed that education should produce not only skilled professionals but also ethical leaders and nation-builders committed to serving society and strengthening national unity. Dr. Mukherjee advocated a balanced approach that combined India's rich cultural heritage, traditions, and values with modern scientific knowledge and the best practices of Western education. He encouraged research, innovation, intellectual freedom, and excellence while maintaining moral and cultural integrity. His political philosophy was rooted in nationalism, stressing that education should foster patriotism, respect for diversity, and a spirit of selfless service to the motherland. Influenced by the ideals of great Indian thinkers, he promoted the integration of Eastern wisdom with Western knowledge to build a progressive society. Dr. Dey highlighted that many of Dr. Mukherjee's educational ideals are reflected in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes value-based education, ethical reasoning, holistic and multidisciplinary learning, creativity, critical thinking, skill development, community engagement, environmental awareness, constitutional values, promotion of Indian languages and culture, research, innovation, and flexibility in education. Concluding his address, Dr. Dey remarked that Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee's vision remains highly relevant in contemporary India, continuing to inspire students, teachers, and policymakers to create knowledgeable, ethical, skilled, socially responsible, and patriotic citizens dedicated to the nation's progress and development.

Vote of Thanks



The closing segment of the formal session was managed by **Dr. Papiya Upadhyay**, Assistant Professor, SoE, NSOU, who delivered the comprehensive Vote of Thanks and synthesized the analytical points raised by the speaker before concluding the meeting.

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