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

Day 4



NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY
School of Education
OBSERVES
Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee
Memorial Fortnight
Online Reading Session
শ্যামাপ্রসাদ মুখার্জীর রাজনৈতিক, সামাজিক এবং শিক্ষা বিষয়ক
ভাষণের প্রধান কিছু বক্তব্যের মূল ভাবানুবাদ

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

CONVENER: Mr. Prabir Naskar
Asst. Prof., SoE, NSOU

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89910922940>

Resource Person
Sm. Sarbari Baksi
Associate Professor, SoE, NSOU
Date: 06/ 07/2026, Monday
Time: 8 pm to 9 pm

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OBSERVANCE OF
DR. SYAMA PRASAD MUKHERJEE
MEMORIAL FORTNIGHT
Programme Schedule (Day-4)

Organized by: School of Education, Netaji Subhas Open University
Date & Day: Monday, 06 July 2026
Time: 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89910922940>

Time	Session	Resource Person/Faculty
8:00 PM – 8:10 PM	Welcome Address	Prof. Debi Prasad Nag Chowdhury Director, School of Education, NSOU
8:10 PM – 8:15 PM	Introducing the Theme	Shri Prabir Naskar Assistant Professor & Convener, School of Education, NSOU
8:15 PM – 8:50 PM	Special Lecture শ্যামাপ্রসাদ মুখার্জীর রাজনৈতিক, সামাজিক এবং শিক্ষা বিষয়ক ভাষণের প্রধান কিছু বক্তব্যের মূল ভাবানুবাদ	Smt. Sarbari Baksi Associate Professor, School of Education, NSOU
8:50 PM – 9:00 PM	Vote of Thanks & Closing	Smt. Rakhi Bhattacharyya Assistant Professor, School of Education, NSOU

Programme Committee

Chairperson:
Prof. Debi Prasad Nag Chowdhury
Director, School of Education, NSOU

Convener:
Shri Prabir Naskar
Assistant Professor,
School of Education, NSOU

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Prof. Sibaprasad De
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ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

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

Date & Time: 06/07/2026, Monday | 08:00 PM – 09:00 PM

Theme: শ্যামাপ্রসাদ মুখার্জীর রাজনৈতিক, সামাজিক এবং শিক্ষা বিষয়ক ভাষণের প্রধান কিছু বক্তব্যের মূল ভাবানুবাদ (Translation & Crux of Political, Social, and Educational Speeches of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee)

Platform Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89910922940>

No. of Attendees: 63+

Introduction & Objective

The fourth session of the memorial observance took the form of a specialized Online Reading Session. Organized by the School of Education, NSOU, the session targeted a primary literary extraction and critical contextual interpretation of the iconic historic speeches delivered by Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee across his legendary administrative and public career.

Welcome Address

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM with the introductory Welcome Address by **Prof. Debi Prosad Nag Chowdhury**, Director, SoE, NSOU. He addressed the absolute necessity of accessing foundational text and original archives to ensure authentic research practices within open education platforms.



Introducing the Theme

The structural layout and baseline parameters of the reading session were systematically explained by **Shri Prabir Naskar**, Assistant Professor and Convener, School of Education, NSOU, who contextualized how textual translations preserve the philosophical spirit of archival documents.



Plenary Lecture

The main segment was delivered by the designated Resource Person, **Smt. Sarbari Baksi**, Associate Professor, School of Education, NSOU. Smt. Baksi led an exceptional text-based reading session titled "শ্যামাপ্রসাদ মুখার্জীর রাজনৈতিক, সামাজিক এবং শিক্ষা বিষয়ক ভাষণের প্রধান কছু বক্তব্যের মূল ভাবানুবাদ". She systematically presented translated excerpts of Dr. Mukherjee's historic addresses, providing detailed insights into his strategic thoughts on nationalist policies, academic independence, social security, and constitutional responsibilities.

Smt. Bakshi highlighted his multidimensional contributions as an educationist, social reformer, patriot, and statesman through writings and speeches. She philosophy, particularly his based education as the development. As the youngest University of Calcutta, Bengali as a medium of research in Bengali, and deliver the convocation



references to his original emphasized his educational advocacy of mother tongue- foundation and cultural Vice-Chancellor of the Dr. Mukherjee introduced instruction, encouraged invited Rabindranath Tagore to address in Bengali.

Smt. Bakshi also discussed his vision of integrating Eastern cultural values with Western scientific knowledge, his humanitarian efforts during the Bengal Famine through the Bengal Relief

Fund, his work for refugee rehabilitation, and his commitment to national integration and social reconstruction.

Dr. Mukherjee protested against the inclusion of the whole of Bengal in Pakistan. He stated: “একটি স্বাধীন এবং অখন্ড বাংলা আসলে হবে একটি ‘ভার্চুয়াল পাকিস্তান’, যেখানে সংখ্যাগরিষ্ঠ মুসলিমলীগের সাম্প্রদায়িক শাসনের অধীনে হিন্দুরা তাদের রাজনৈতিক, অর্থনৈতিক, সামাজিক এবং ধর্মীয় অধিকার সম্পূর্ণ রূপে হারিয়ে ফেলবে।”

He wrote a letter to Viceroy Mountbatten regarding the partition of Bengal and the determination of the border:

“যদি ভারত বিভক্ত নাও হয়, তবুও বাংলাকে অবশ্যই বিভক্ত করতে হবে। বাংলার হিন্দুরা বিগত বছরগুলোতে শিক্ষা, অর্থনীতি এবং রাজনৈতিক ক্ষেত্রে চরম বৈষম্যের শিকার হয়েছে। যদি এই প্রদেশকে ভাগ করে ভারতীয় ইউনিয়নের অধীনে একটি অংশ রাখা না হয়, তবে এই অঞ্চলের হিন্দু সংস্কৃতি ও জাতিসত্তা চিরতরে বিলুপ্ত হয়ে যাবে।”..... “সংখ্যার হিসাব এখানে বড় কথা নয়, বড় কথা হোল আত্মমর্য্যাদা ও বেঁচে থাকার অধিকার। আমরা বাংলার সেই অংশটিকে রক্ষা করতে চাই যেখানে ভারতীয় সংস্কৃতি, ভাষা ও জাতীয়তাবাদী চেতনা সুরক্ষিত থাকবে। একটি নতুন পশ্চিমবঙ্গ গড়ে উঠবে, যা ভারতীয় ইউনিয়নের অংশ হিসেবে ভারতের সার্বভৌমত্ব ও অখন্ডতা রক্ষা করবে।”

The lecture further examined Dr. Mukherjee’s political foresight and nationalist ideals, particularly his opposition to the inclusion of the whole of Bengal in Pakistan, his advocacy for the creation of West Bengal, and his strong stand against the Nehru–Liaquat Agreement to safeguard minority rights. Smt. Bakshi highlighted his belief in constructive parliamentary democracy, protection of civil liberties, and the role of a responsible opposition. She also discussed his opposition to Article 370, his 1953 protest against the permit system for entering Jammu and Kashmir, and his subsequent mysterious death in custody, describing it as a significant event in Indian history.

Concluding the lecture, she paid tribute to Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee on the occasion of his 125th Birth Anniversary, remembering his enduring legacy with honour and reverence.

Vote of Thanks

The session formally closed following a detailed Vote of Thanks proposed by **Smt. Rakhi Bhattacharyya**, Assistant Professor, School of Education, NSOU, recognizing the administrative staff, technical infrastructure teams, and the highly engaged scholarly audience.

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