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Celebrating *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*

Special Lecture (Online)

on

‘Contribution of Rabindranath Tagore towards Independence of India’

Date: 22nd May 2023 Time: 8pm-9.30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83426024096>

Report

Preview: The School of Education, NSOU has very timely come up with the idea of commemorating 75 years of Independence and under the auspices of celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav has organized the second special lecture programme on contribution of Rabindranath Tagore towards independence of India on 22nd May 2023, 8 pm, online through ZOOM platform.

Participants: 36 comprised of faculties across HEI including NSOU, learners, scholars and alumni

Objectives of the event:

- ✚ To commemorate the 75 years of Independence
- ✚ To celebrate the reverence and joy for India’s independence and the struggle associated with it
- ✚ To take lessons from the past and rejuvenate the present and prepare for the future
- ✚ To reiterate the contribution of Tagore in the independence of India

Session sequences:

Opening: Dr. Papiya Upadhyay started off the event. At the outset, she expressed best wishes conveyed by the Hon’ble V.C., NSOU, Prof. Chandan Basu in absentia.

Welcome Address was delivered by Prof. A. N. Dey, Director, School of Education, NSOU. He warmly greeted the esteemed speaker, and all learned attendees on the virtual platform.

Introduction of the Speaker was announced by Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Education. She introduced Jyotirmoy Goswami, a retired associate professor of

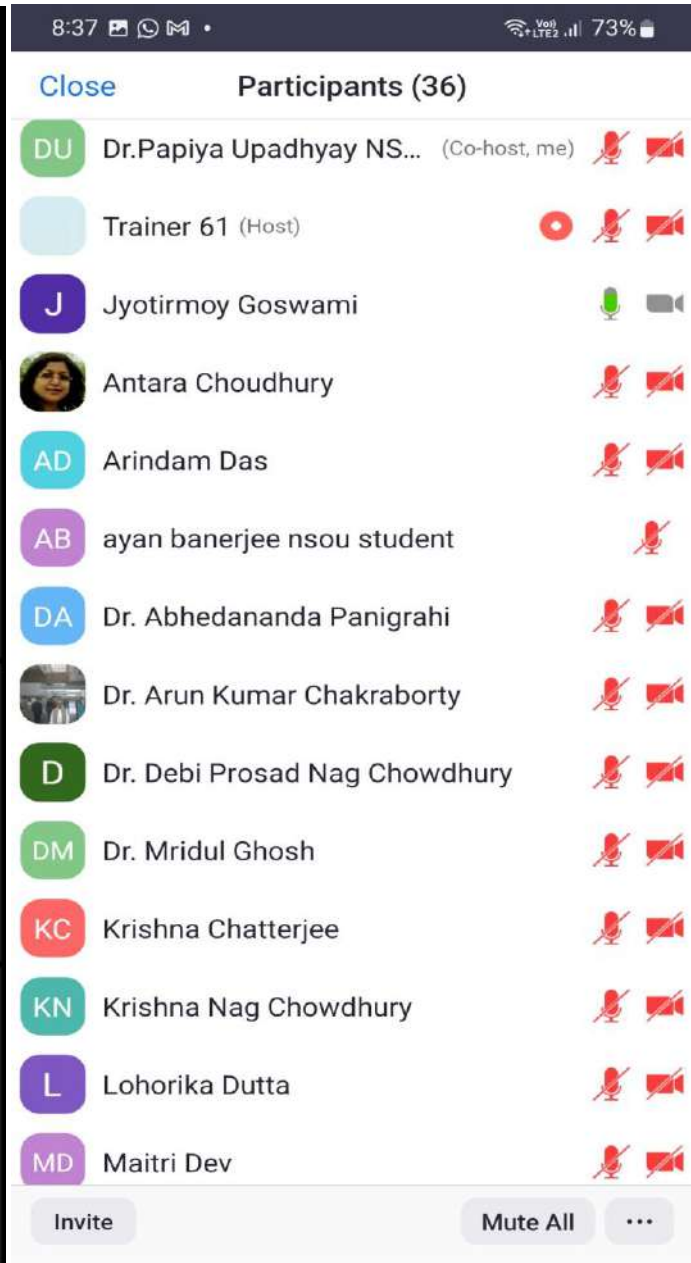
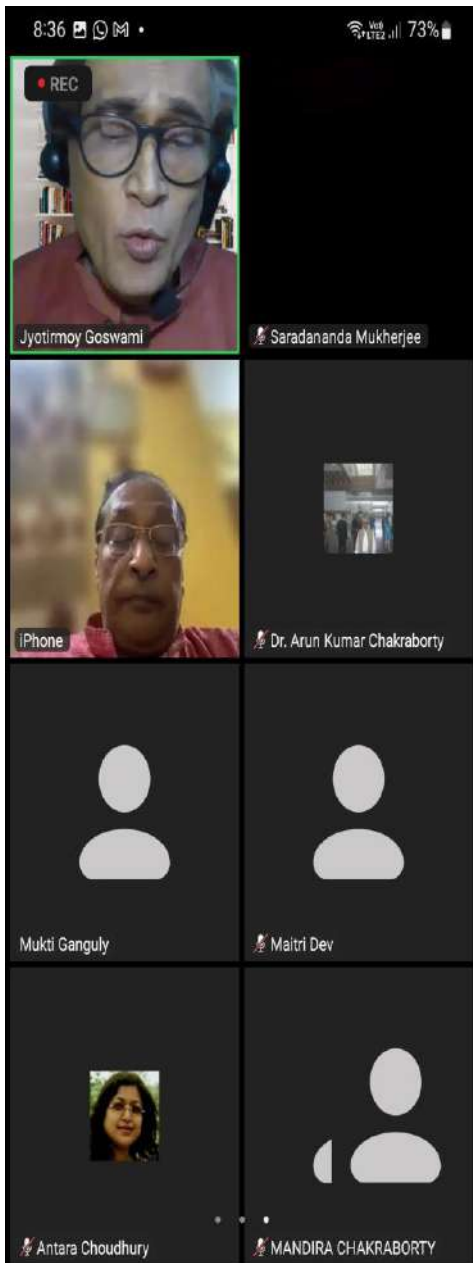
Bengali literature. He has a strong passion for music. He earnestly believes that soil sings its music in the language of greenery, therefore, he has also become passionate in greenery making right from his childhood. His proposal for “Auto-functional Green Movement “ or later known "Glob-cal Green Mission" for promoting Permaculture as well as addressing three major issues like environment, employment and agriculture is directed to be implemented by the Higher Education and Rural Development Ministries of the State of West Bengal, India. Now, following Tagore, he is involved in pursuing research on how to make the best possible utilization of all kinds of resources a grassroots community already has. He is devoted to actualising the brilliant idea of Tagore's educational reforms combined with rural reconstruction as an intrinsic part. The honourable speaker was then invited for the deliberation.

The special Lecture: Dr. Jyotirmoy Goswami, Former Associate Professor of Bengali, Vivekananda Mahavidyalay, Burdwan through his erudition and rendition essayed upon the different scape of Rabindranath Tagore and his prolific association with the India’s struggle for independence. With eloquence, Dr. Goswami narrated the incidents, chronicles and anecdotes that featured the contribution of Tagore and his ultimate vision on freedom and nationalism. Dr. Goswami reinstated that Tagore was a philosopher of universal humanism. His educational philosophy and its reincarnation towards society and development is noteworthy especially rural reformation. His results of experiments-Shantiniketan and Sriniketan are exemplary. He also revealed that Tagore denounced British imperialism, yet he did not fully agree with Gandhiji and his non cooperation movement. According to Tagore, British rule was a symptom of the overall sickness of the social disease of the public. Tagore through his writings also voiced his support of Indian nationalists. The one-hour speech was enticing and very enriching.

Interaction: A brief interactive session with the speaker and audience sparked ideas and encouragement to inspire the present and ensure a better future through Tagore’s philosophy and discourses. It was a very fruitful exchange of thoughts and extrapolation of ideas and understanding of India yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

The formal **Vote of thanks** was proposed by Prof. Debi Prosad Nag Chowdhury, Dept. of Education. He acknowledged the participation, contribution, and support of one and all who made the event successful and memorable.

The entire programme was courteously moderated by Dr. Papiya Upadhyay.



Report prepared by—
Dr. Papiya Upadhyay