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Celebrating *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*

Special Lecture (Online)

On

'Contribution of Matangini Hazra towards Independence of India'

Date: 7th June, 2023 Time: 2pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89415624986>

Report

Preview: As announced by the Govt. of India, the festival of '*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*' is being celebrated all over India on the 75th or Platinum Jubilee year of Indian Independence. The celebrations will be continued for one year, till August 15, 2023. This is a fantastic strategy for teaching Indian citizens, including children and adults, a sense of love, respect, pride, and duty towards the country. Reviving Indian independence history, culture, and other facets is a crucial step. To play a part in this campaign, Indian Citizens are urged to participate actively.

In this context, the School of Education at NSOU cherished the concept of commemorating 75 years of Independence under the banner of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* by organising a series of special lectures. It is the third special lecture programme on Contribution of Matangini Hazra to Independence of India held on June 7, 2023, at 2pm, virtually using the Zoom platform.

No. of Participants: 12

Objectives of the event:

- ❖ To commemorate the 75 years of Independence;
- ❖ Celebrating the awe and delight of India's freedom and the struggle that led to it;
- ❖ Must use what has been learned from the past, revitalise the present, and get ready for the future;
- ❖ To emphasise Matangini Hazra's contribution to India's freedom



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Session arrangements:

Opening:

The ceremony was initiated by Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi, Coordinator, B.Ed. conveying the well wishes expressed by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NSOU, Prof. Chandan Basu, and the Director, School of Education, NSOU, Dr. Atindranath Dey.

Welcome Address:

Professor Debi Prosad Nag Chowdhury, a senior professor of Education, SoE, NSOU, delivered the Welcome Address on behalf of the Officer-in-Charge, Smt. Antara Choudhury. He cordially welcomed Dr. Harogobinda Dolai, the renowned speaker and all the august participants on the virtual platform.

Introduction of the Speaker:

Prof. Nimai Chand Maiti, Dept. of Education, SoE, NSOU, delivered a brief introduction of the speaker, Dr. Harogobinda Dolai, President, Vidyasagar Memorial Rural Library, Birsingha, Ghatal, Paschim Medinipur. Dr. Dolai was born at Shyamsunderpur under Daspur Police Station. A teacher and musician Suresh Chandra was his father and his mother's name is Renuka Devi. He took his education from Daspur Vivekananda High School, Ghatal College, Calcutta University, Vidyasagar University and Jodhpur Central University. In his working life he was a Bengali teacher of Virsingha Bhagabati School. He is also fond of music and literature. Several anthologies and publications have featured several essays and short tales. Currently he is a president of that library and involved in the survey of folk literature and culture of Ghatal.

The Special Lecture:

Through his knowledge and skill, Dr. Hargobinda Dolai, a former teacher of, Bengali Virsingha Bhagaboti School, explored the various aspects of Matangini Hazra and her extensive involvement in the country's liberation movement. Dr. Dolai described the events, anecdotes, and chronicles that highlighted Matangini Hazra's dedication and her final vision for freedom and nationalism with eloquence. Dr. Dolai confirmed that Matangini Hazra was a global humanist philosopher. Matangini Hazra was a revolutionist who struggled to



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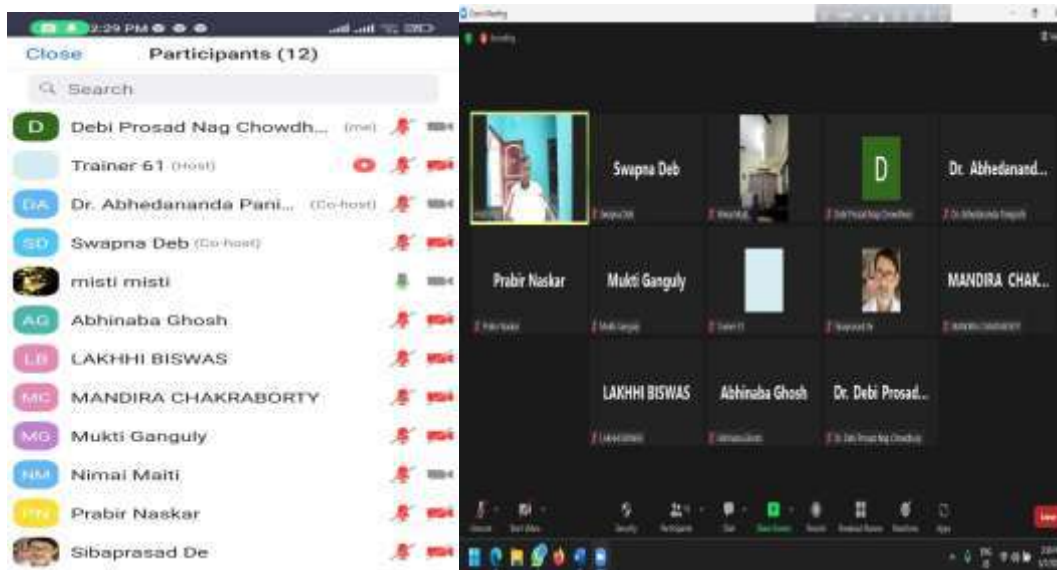
defend Gandhian beliefs throughout the Indian independence movement. She actively participated in the Quit India Movement and on September 29, 1942, she led a group of revolutionaries to take control of the Tamluk Police Station in West Bengal. The 73-year-old heroic heart was killed as the cops fired shots into the throng. Even though the first bullet had struck her in the left arm, causing her entire body to tremble in agony, she refused to let the flag of her cherished country touch the ground. In order to hold the flag and raise it as high as she could while yelling "Vande Mataram" at the top of her lungs, she let go of the bugle in her right hand.

The one-hour speech was fascinating and really educational.

Vote of thanks:

The formal Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi, Coordinator, B.Ed. He exposed his sincere thanks to Dr. Dalai for his eloquent speech and 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. Abhedananda Panigrahi.



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