

Celebration of 76th Independence Day

Held on 15th August, Monday 2022, 11.15 AM-1: 00 PM

Venue: NSOU HQs, Salt Lake Premises following Covid Appropriate Behaviour and Health guidelines

Attendees: 35 comprising of faculties, officers, staff and other employees of the University

Relevance of the Celebration:

India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world with a kaleidoscopic variety and rich cultural heritage. It has achieved all-round socio-economic progress since Independence. India's gaining of independence was a tryst with destiny, as the struggle for freedom was a stretchy affair, witnessing the sacrifices of many freedom fighters, who laid down their lives for the independence of the country. The Independence Day of India, which is celebrated religiously throughout the Country on the 15th of August every year, was special this year as the country completed 75 years and celebrated its 76th Independence Day.

Like every year, Netaji Subhas Open University commemorated this day with solemn activities. NSOU plans and organizes activities to increase awareness about the fundamental duties and rights of Indian citizens, universal and national values, human values, national integration and communal harmony. Efforts are made for organizing national festivals and birth and death anniversaries of great Indian personalities. In other words, the concerns for social responsibilities as well as the values held by the institution are explicit in its regular activities.

The celebration marked the day featuring flag hoisting and assembly of NSOU employees at 3 RCs and HQs.

Cascade of Events:

Garlanding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose:

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar wreathed the Netaji's sculpture placed at the heart of the entrance of the HQs premises with reverence.

Flag Hoisting:

Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar, **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor** unfurled the tri-colour national flag. The attendees chanted Jai Hind and Vande Mataram.



Sri. Sachindra Ch Kar, Finance officer deftly conducted the short event.

All the Directors of the schools of studies, Officers and few faculty members were invited for short addresses.



- Sri. Kishore Sengupta, Registrar, expressed his respect to the national heroes and reminded all about the responsibilities to keep this independent Nation with sustaining efforts.
- Prof. Kajal De, Director, School of Sciences narrated few verses relevant to Swadeshi Movement. She reinstated the life and sacrifices of Indians in achieving the freedom and well being of all citizens.

- Prof. A. N Dey, Director, School of Education, offered reverence to the soldiers who had relentlessly fought all these years and also continuing to keep dangers at bay. They are safeguarding the country from external threats and miseries that may occur.
- Prof. Chandan Basu, Director, School of Social Sciences, elucidated on some identified realms of historical patches which the history speaks of and also dissolute knowledge and information those are not in terms with history as an academic discipline. He exemplified Netaji and ideas hovering his life and contribution. He hinted upon India as a land of cultural heritage and assemblage of all culture.
- Prof. Manan Kr Mandal, Director, School of Humanities, addressed on the activities, reforms and status of the country ever since she gained independence. His speech enunciated the spirit of the citizens and their responsibilities towards its nation.
- Prof. Arun Chakraborty, Professor, DLIS, SoPS focused on making society inclusive and disseminate true knowledge to elevate the Indian society from all social evils.
- Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Director, CIQA, in his thought-provoking speech echoed all the reforms that India has witnessed for a better nation. In his brief speech, he captured almost all laws, commission, right from Income Tax, Banking, RTE, Knowledge commission, Women empowerment, Panchayati raj, Science & Technology etc. His address propelled the spirit of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.



- Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, Assistant Professor, School of Education represented how University can play an active role in the bringing out the reforms as envisaged in NEP 2020. She focused on the roles of NCERT and SCERTs in promulgating National and State Curriculum Frameworks to carve the executionary lines in the education system under robust reforms scripted in the NEP 2020.
- Dr. Shibani Ghosh, Executive Secretary to the V.C. shared some of the memories of her childhood days on celebration of Independence Day. She recollected how this day was regarded as a glorious festival in her family.

- CA Sachindra Ch Kar presented a note on what India has achieved so far and also how she can be kept better and prosperous in all fronts of developments.
- Hon'ble Vice Chancellor was invited for the presidential address. He thanked everyone for being present to celebrate the event. He also acknowledged the contribution of all the employees who are the brick and stones of NSOU.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor presented NSOU Badge and mask to all employees as a mark of completing 25 years of NSOU and 75 years of Independence.

The celebration concluded with harmonic national anthem sung by one and all present in the event. This was followed by group photo, tea and small refreshment.



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