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Report on Observance of International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Department of Special Education, SoE, NSOU celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3rd December 2022; 11.00 am at the Subhas Chandra Sabhaghar, 7th Floor, DD 26, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700064.

Several events, cultural and academic sessions were planned to commemorate the occasion.



The programme started with the collective presentation of chanting of vedic hymns by Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi, Coordinator, B.Ed Special Education, song by Dr. Madhusri Ghosh Upadhyay, Dy.Librarian, NSOU and Dance by Ms. Ratna Paul, Student, B.Ed Special Education, NSOU.

Smt. Antara Choudhury, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Special Education, set the tone of the programme, through her beautiful deliberation. In a nutshell, tracing the history of beginning of the observance of the Day, she depicted the programme flow of the day. She also invited the dignitaries on the dais.



Dr. A.N. Dey, Director, SoE, heartily welcomed all the participants present, as well as the eminent personalities on the dais. In his address, he talked about the want for qualified special educators. He also expressed his hope that the newly introduced M Ed (IDD) course is the only course on ODL Mode in India. He expressed his hope that this course would make the learners qualified professionals like Master Trainers, Special Educators, Researchers, Planners, Curriculum Developers etc. For making society Inclusive he mentioned the role to be played by NEP 2020.



Dr. Aloka Guha, Former Chairperson, National Trust, New Delhi and Chief Guest of the programme conveyed her blessings and good wishes for the success of the programme.

Prof. Swapan Kr. Sarkar, former HoD, SoE, explained the special necessity of the day. He also stated the importance of spreading disabilities awareness to all sectors of society.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Ranjan Chakrabarti NSOU sent his blessings for the success of the programme.

In the absence of the Hon'ble V.C., Prof. A.B. Aich, Registrar (acting), NSOU Chaired the Programme. In his Presidential address, he mentioned that 2.2 per cent of the total population of India is PWD. He explained the various types of services offered by NSOU for making the education and services accessible in society.

The inaugural session was ended with the vote of thanks given by Ms. Swapna Deb, Faculty Consultant, SoE NSOU . She ended quoting Rabindranath Tagore '*Dibe r nibe milibe melabe, jabe na phire,/ ei bharater mahamanaber sagar tire*'.

Technical Session I:

Topic: Legal Guardianship

Speaker: Dr Aloka Guha, Former Chairperson, National Trust , New Delhi.

Chairperson: Prof. Swapan Kumar Sarkar, Former HoD, SoE, NSOU.

Dr. Guha started her deliberation on the following points of legal Guardianship:

- (i) Who is a Guardian?
- (ii) Types of Guardianship
- (iii) Why should a parent get legal guardian ship of their child
- (iv) Reasons for taking Legal Guardianship
- (v) Who can be appointed as Guardian?

She mentioned the role of Local level committee for implementation of the National Trust Act in all the districts in all over India. In this connection she mentioned the RTE Act 2009 and its amendment in 2012, NEP 2020, RCI Act, 1992. She also mentioned The RPWD Act 2016 in which role of Guardians was discussed with special emphasis on rights and duties of parents as well as caregivers.

Prof. S.K.Sarkar, Chairperson of the session, emphasized on the necessity and understanding of this concept which is important to make society inclusive in right way.

Cultural Programme:

To mark the occasion, Cultural Programme was organized after the completion of Technical Session

Cultural Programme started with tabla rendition by Sri Triptesh Prasad Khan, a boy with Intellectual Disability.

Both Visually Impaired and Hearing Impaired Girls from Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission Deaf Dumb and Blind Girls School, Suryapur, North 24 parganas, participated in the programme . The Deaf girls performed two group dances and the Visually impaired girls sang group songs with supportive musical instruments. Both the programme touched the heart of all present in the Sabhaghar.

Technical Session II:

After lunch Break following Papers were presented by the M Ed, Special Education (IDD) learners. Prof. D.P. Nag Choudhury, HoD, SoE, NSOU and Prof. Sibaprasad Dey, Prof. of Education, SoE, NSOU were the chairpersons.

1. Innovation for disability -inclusive development in employment(SDG8)
2. Innovation for disability-inclusive development in reducing Equality (SDG10)
3. Innovation for disability-inclusive development: Sport as an exemplar case.
4. Implications of NEP 2020 and RPWD Act in promoting Equitable and Inclusive Education in Society.

It was group presentation and 20 students were divided into 4 Groups.

Moderators of this session were:

- (1) Dr. Abhedananda Panigrahi
- (2) Smt. Antara Chowdhury
- (3) Ms. Swapna Deb
- (4) Sri Prabir Naskar.

Some Evaluative feedbacks on the group presentations were received.



The entire programme was compered by Dr. Panigrahi and Smt. Antara Chowdhury.

Smt. Rajani Sen, Spl. Educator explained the whole programme with the help of Sign Language.

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