



**A Brief Report on
A Web Conversation on 'Teachers' Community And Community Teachers' to
Commemorate Teachers' Day**

Organised by
**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA**

Event Details:

12th September 2020; 2:30-5 PM
Digital platform: Through NSOU App

Partakers:

Learners enrolled under different Programmes of SoE and CDSER (**B.Ed Spl Ed Sem-II & IV, PGED Part-I & II, BDP EED 1st Year and Six-month Certificate Course on Inclusive Education**), Faculty members of SoE, Officers and Officials of NSOU

Introduction:

This initiative was thought to assemble the countless prosperous ways of being and knowing in order to influence humanity's combined potentials. Such event may offer learners such an opportunity of diverse roles which will make them confident about their own latent talent. Such conversation may bring out a broad, open review process that involves youth, educators, governments, business and other stakeholders of the community. To commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the web event was planned with three special deliberations on Teachers' Community and Community Teachers to pay tribute to all Teachers.

Panel of Speakers:

In order to do justice to the event title, the following eminent educationists were invited to share their thoughts:

1. Prof. Pabitra Sarkar, Former Vice Chancellor, Rabindrabharati University
2. Prof. Gopa Dutta, Former Vice Chancellor, Gourbanga University
3. Sri. Satish Kumar Sawhney, Former Advisor, NSS, Ministry of Youth Affairs, GoI, New Delhi

Event Flow:

The event was very crisp with the following flow of sequence:

Opening: The digital event started with greetings from Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, Asst Prof, SoE, NSOU, the host and moderator of the event. She highlighted the sequence of events in brief and reinstated the initiating spirit of Dr. A. N Dey, Director, SoE, NSOU and inspiration of Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar, Honourable Vice Chancellor, NSOU in organising this unique digital event to commemorate Teachers' Day.

Welcome Address: The formal welcome of the invited speakers, participants, delegates and other attendees was addressed by Prof. Swapan Kumar Sarkar, HoD, NSOU.

Introduction of the Distinguished Panel: Prof. Sumanta Chattaraj, Professor, SoE, NSOU diligently introduced the illustrious speakers with their lauded credentials.

Thematic Session: The next phase of the event was thematic deliberations from the three distinguished speakers.

Prof. Pabitra Sarkar, Former Vice Chancellor, Rabindrabharati University, was the first speaker of the thematic session. Prof. Sarkar's classy yet down to earth real stories of his life teachers and formal teachers enlightened everyone. He added the significance of community teachers in the life of a person to the extended knowledge beyond books. His half an hour deliberation also echoed overseas experiences with his teachers and fellows. Prof. Sarkar's inspiring and heartwarming stories of his school and college teachers gave a true admiration and adoration for them.

The second speaker of the session was Prof. Gopa Datta, Former Vice Chancellor, Gourbanga University. Madam effervescently discussed on her childhood memories of her teacher. She also warned against the negative attitudes of teachers often noticed in Educational Institutions. She extended her gratitude to her teacher, Prof. Pabitra Sarkar. Her deliberation reflected an important message that teacher is a relative entity. It is not an absolute one. She insisted on the different roles of a community teacher for an all-round development of a person.

Dr. Satish Kumar Sawhney, Former Advisor, NSS, Ministry of Youth Affairs, GoI, New Delhi, delivered a vibrant and motivational lecture on becoming a perfect person as a requisite to become a successful teacher. He talked about key competencies and tips for balanced personality. He also stressed upon the diverse aspects of life as India is land of diverse culture, religion, language, region etc, hence it is imperative to respect it candidly. His solemn words touched and inspired all attendees.

Sum up: This was followed by summing up of the three deliberations. It was coalesced by Prof. Sanat Kumar Ghosh, Professor, SoE, NSOU in a very prudent way. Prof. Ghosh reiterated all the impactful speeches in a very systematic manner.

The event proceeded with the Presidential Address, delivered by Dr. Atindranath Dey, Director, SoE, NSOU and the President of the Event. Dr. Dey extended his gratitude to all the eminent speakers, their contribution towards the society at large and their valuable lectures. He also interpreted that these great teachers are an inspiration to the youth and community.

The event progressed to the end with proposing vote of thanks by Dr. Parimal Sarkar, Assistant Professor, SoE, NSOU.

The web event was officially closed by Dr. A. N Dey, Director, SoE, NSOU with a hope to meet with such initiative in the future.

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