



# NETAJISUBHAS OPENUIVERSITY

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**SCHOOLOFEDUCATION**

**Department of Education**

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**A webinar on 'Reliving of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar-the Parampurush'**

**On the Birth Anniversary of Vidyasagar**

## **PROGRAMME REPORT**

**Schedule:** 26th September 2022, Monday; 3.30 pm-4.45 pm.

**Mode:** Online through ZOOM (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84623066796>)

**Nature of Attendees:** Around (34) comprising of learners and alumni, officers, faculties, staff members of NSOU and academic counselors from other HEIs

### **Objectives of the Webinar:**

Efforts are made by the Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU) for organizing national festivals and birth and death Anniversaries of great Indian personalities. Such initiatives are envisaged and mandated by the NAAC as one of the best practices to instill institutional values and social responsibilities. With this backdrop, Department of Education organized to commemorate the Birth anniversary of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 by offering obeisance on the occasion of his birth anniversary. An inspirational lecture was arranged with intent to ruminate upon his contribution to the education and society.

### **Organizing Committee:**

- ✚ *Chief Patron:* Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NSOU
- ✚ *Convener:* Dr. A. N. Dey, Director, SoE, NSOU
- ✚ *Speaker:* Prof. Swapan Kr Sarkar, Former Secretary, WBCHSE & WBBSE and Former HoD, Core faculty, SoE, NSOU
- ✚ *Programme Coordinator:* Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, Asst Prof of Education

### **Event Introduction:**

The programme coordinator cordially greeted everyone present in the virtual platform. She invited Director, SoE for the formal welcome address. Dr. Atindranath Dey, Director, SoE, NSOU welcomed the speaker and all learned attendees. He acknowledged the support and motivation of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NSOU in organizing this event. He also highlighted the need of celebrating such a relevant tribute to Vidyasagar.



### Thematic Address:

Prof. Swapan Kr Sarkar, the illustrious speaker was invited to deliberate upon the theme chosen to pay homage to Vidyasagar on his 202<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary. Prof. Sarkar touched upon every single detail of Vidyasagar, right from his birth to his relentless contribution to the Indian society in the route of progress, upliftment and development. His enticing lecture kept everyone hooked.

### Excerpts of the speech:

Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was a great social worker and a scholar in Sanskrit who challenged the social trends of his time. Some of his great contribution to the society is banning child marriage, education rights for women and widow remarriage laws. Being a scholar in Sanskrit he also helped in the development of Bengali language. Due to his profound contribution to the scripts of Bengali language he is known to be one of India's greatest man. His ways of thinking and the ways of executing acts were very much ahead of his time. Even today, when a child starts to learn Bengali, the first book that is introduced to him is 'Barno Parichay', a landmark and hallmark contribution by Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. This book carries information about Bangla characters. His effort in reviving knowledge to Bengal is an inspiring story in itself for the young generation.

Vidyasagar, the 19th-century educationist and a social reformer has much more significance in the 21st century. His battle against odds is our true guide.



**Session summary:** Dr. Parimal Sarkar, Assistant Professor, SoE, NSOU summarized the deliberation and diligently extracted the true spirit of the ceremonious celebration of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar.

**Vote of Thanks:** The webinar clinched with the motion of thanks. This was proposed by Dr. Sarkar. He extended his heartfelt thanks to one and all concerned and associated with the webinar.

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