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Report of the National Webinar

on

“Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Voice of Youth”

Date: 9th February 2024, Time: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Organised by: School of Education, NSOU

Mode: Online through Zoom

Participants: Around 35 with faculties, officers, scholars, learners and alumni of NSOU & others

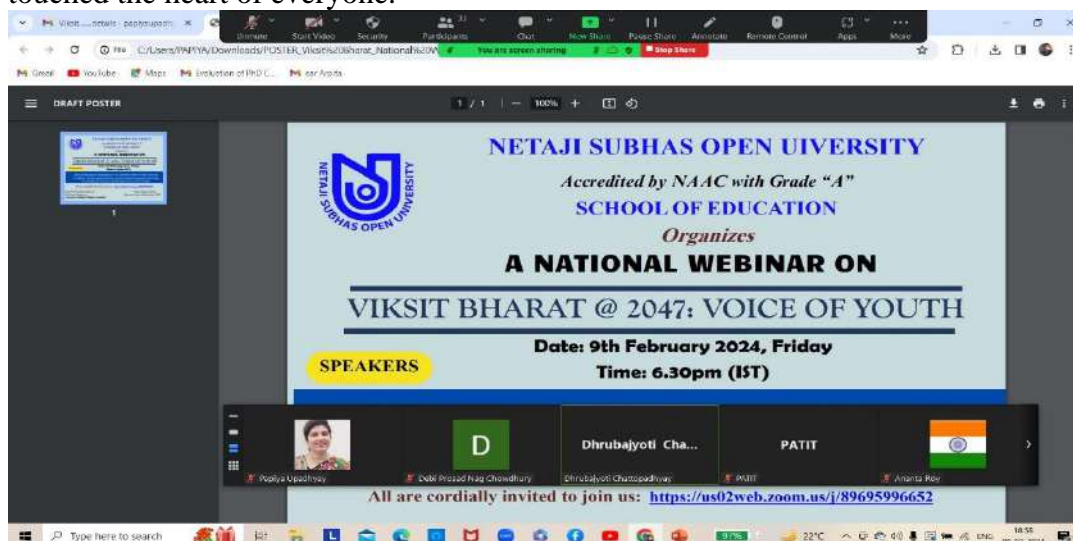
Perspectives of the Programme

In accordance with the initiatives taken from the office of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for launching the **Viksit Bharat @ 2047 Ideas Portal** and his address on the 11th December 2023, and the directives of the Secretary, UGC, the aforesaid programme, being inspired by Dr. A. N. Dey, Director, School of Education and duly approved by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NSOU, was organised by the School of Education, NSOU.

Remembering the turning points of transformative role of India in the 21st Century in relation to the efforts taken in various sectors for sustainable development of India's opportunity, this awareness programme was conducted with a view to acquaint all, regarding supportive government policies in Education, enabling the youth for digital and start up India. Accordingly the plenary lectures of the speakers were designed.

Sequences of the Programme

- The programme was initiated and moderated by Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, Asst. Professor of Education, NSOU & Co-Convener of the event with charming introduction along with the objectives of organising this webinar. She lucidly introduced the respected speakers along with their achievements and experiences in the field of Education.
- Dr. Debi Prosad Nag Chowdhury, Professor of Education & Convener of the event delivered the welcome address. He briefly stated the theme of the webinar and cordially welcomed all the three invited speakers and conveyed his gratitude for kindly consenting to deliver the plenary lectures on the theme. He also welcomed one and all virtually present in the webinar. His pleasant approach of welcome address touched the heart of everyone.



Plenary Lecture – 1

The 1st plenary lecture was delivered by **Professor Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay**, Vice Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University, New Town, Kolkata on “Transformative Activities and the Roles of the Youth”. He emphasised the special roles of the youth of India, for promoting social changes for sustainable development in general and dynamic vibrant democratic economical transformative efforts in particular, with their innovative skills and strategies. The multifaceted dimensions of driving forces with the policies of economical, political, technical and social development were illustrated by Prof. Chattopadhyay in pleasant & affable manner, in relation to the sustainable development with autonomy and democratic strategic start up by the youths. He mentioned to enhance the momentum of actionable activities and researches on qualitative development w.r.t. digitalization, organising and promoting policies of ecological sustainability, renewable energy sources, digital power house, ecosystem, etc. for shaping the future of India, where the youths would be the torch bearer, future leader for restoration of values, cultures, dignities and peace in the global perspective, even in the social platforms, with the amplifications of their voices. The deliberations of Prof. Chattopadhyay triggered the thoughts and ideas of Viksit Bharat@2047:Voice of Youth.

Plenary Lecture – 2

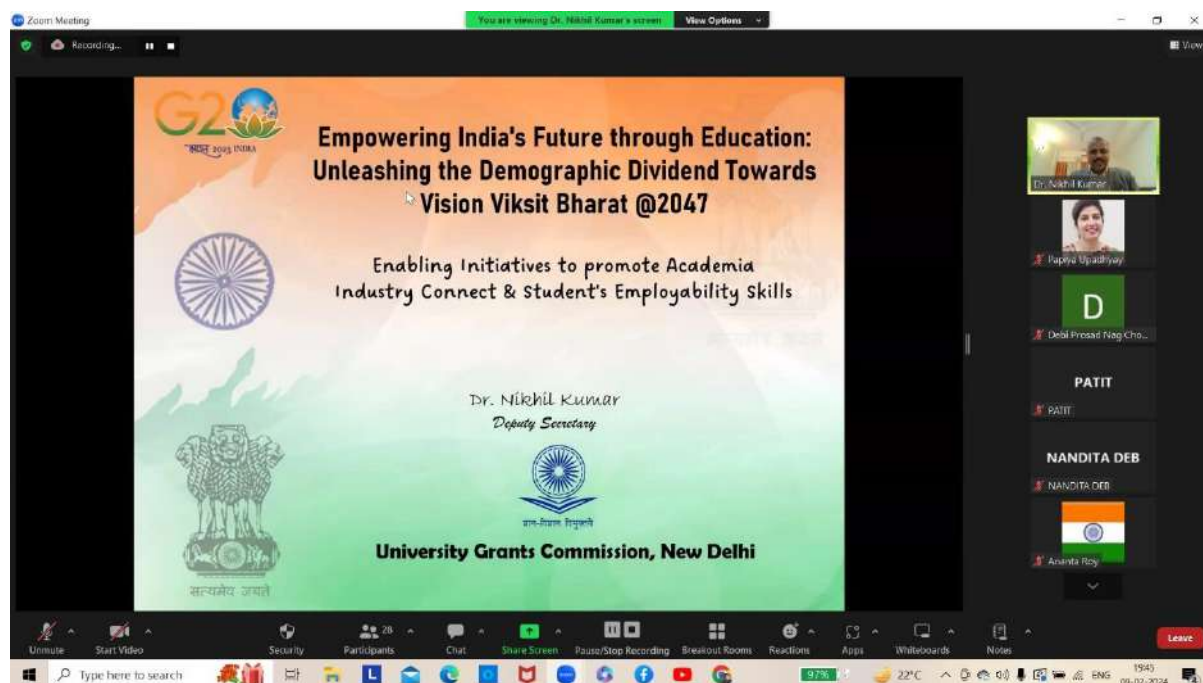
Dr. Nandita Deb, Principal, SCERT Delhi, Govt. of NCT, Delhi & Nodal Officer, Cell for Special Leadership (CSL), SCERT, Delhi delivered the Lecture on “Viksit Bharat 2047: Its aspects with respect to the Need of Technology, Quality Education & Cultural Diversity”. Dr. Deb initiated her lecture with different aspects of “Need for Technology & Technology for Needs” through the power point presentation of the excellent slides. She highlighted the major reformative momentum of technology in education which occurred with diversity, especially after Covid -19 pandemic. Dr. Deb emphasised on the use of ICT and digital education in NEP 2020. She threw light on the building of virtual labs in relation to innovative implacable ideas of “Education for All” – so far digital platform is concerned. She explored the thoughts and policies of Micro-improvement Projects with VIDYA – AMRIT & Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK).



Dr. Deb transmitted the ideas of Experiential Lab and Continuous Professional Development (CPD) along with the Portals of Nistha, CPD Courses, MOOCS for school education, online Capacity Building Programmes with cultural diversity and vibrancy. Dr. Deb concluded her lecture with three aspects of Essential Prerequisites – Transversal Technology, Infrastructural Development & Fundamental Research, where Technology Leadership, Independence, Innovation, Adaptation and Constraints are included for Transversal Technological Development. We were very much enriched with technological developmental aspects along with the implications of technology.

Plenary Lecture – 3

Dr. Nikhil K. Sachan, Deputy Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi, delivered his lecture on “Empowering India’s Future through Education: Unleashing the Demographic Dividend towards vision Viksit Bharat @ 2047”. In the beginning of his lecture he justified the focussing so much on that aspect with needs and opportunities to take a quantum leap. His systematic point wise discussion was found to be effective among the audience. His lucid approach was the critical thinking was to align the curriculum with skill(s), attitude, and knowledge components. So, for challenging the energy of the youth, several actions have been taken by the UGC, by analysing the development of opportunities and considering the population growth for next 25 years. He emphasised on vocational education, as stated earlier by Kothari Commission and as priority given for the implementation of NEP 2020. His nice elaboration of Organisational Bottlenecks, with the narrative explanation of the example of iron – with the merit of its versatile use and demerit of rusting - which may have transformative role as well as alloy and making of steel. UGC has taken up some provisions and introduced credit based courses.



He emphasised on the provisions of the services of retired experienced faculties and NGO(s) for progressive achievements in academic sphere and for the benefit of students, drew the special attention of all. He elucidated the triangular relationship and efforts taken by students, institute and industry, along with the undergraduate cooperative programme structure of

suggestive embedded models. The Blended Model of Degree & Diploma Courses and Dual Degree Programme as reflected in NEP 2020 and implemented by the UGC were nalso discussed by Dr. Sachan.

With his concluding remarks, remembering the words of William Shedd, were “A ship in Harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for”. Each and every participants became enriched by the UGC initiatives taken for reformative actions in relation to sustainable development, as laid down through provisions, scope and opportunities in NEP 2020 with the view to vision of “Viksit Bharat @2047”.

Wishes of Dr. A. N. Dey, Director, SoE, NSOU

Dr. A. N. Dey, Director, SoE conveyed his thanks and gratitude to the invited speakers for being so kind to deliver their lectures in the midst of their busy schedule.

Vote of Thanks

Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, Asst. Professor, SoE, cordially extended her vote of thanks to the eminent speakers of this national webinar and to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Indrajit Lahiri, Registrar Smt. Ananya Mitra, Finance Officer, the Director of SoE, Dr. A. N. Dey, esteemed faculties, scholars, officers, students, alumni and other participants along with Team Lease with her melodious sweet tune and approach.

Thus, the National Webinar ended with fruition and satisfaction.

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