



Netaji Subhas Open University

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Report on

Celebration of 73rd Republic Day

Held on 26th January, Sunday, 2022, 11.15 AM-12.15 PM

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

Attendees: 20 including faculties, officers, staff and other employees of the University

Relevance of the Celebration:

While our Independence Day celebrates freedom from British Rule, Republic Day commemorates the constitution coming into force. January 26 was the chosen date since it was on this day in 1929 that the Indian National Congress issued the Declaration of Indian Independence (Purna Swaraj), opposing the British Regime's Dominion status.

Core values are the ethos of any institution. 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.

Republic Day marks the adoption of the constitution of India and the transition of the country to a republic on January 26, 1950. Every year, the celebrations marking the day feature flag hoisting and assembly of NSOU employees at 3 RCs and HQs.



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.

Unfurling of the Flag:

Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar, **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor** hoisted the tricolour national flag. The attendees chanted Jai Hind and Vande Mataram.

Prof. Anirban Ghosh, **Director, CIQA** eloquently conducted the short event. He initiated the celebrating by a brief speech on the significance of the Constitutional values and its bearing on the socio-cultural context of India. His talk inextricably stressed on the duties and responsibilities of the academia and its stakeholders for the overall development and progress of the University.



Followed by this, Prof. Ghosh invited one by one to speak on this occasion:

Brief Addresses:

- ✚ Prof. Manan K Mandal, Director, SoH, NSOU reinstated the national values as enshrined in the constitution. He also insisted that recognizing the values are the core to an effective citizen of India. Prof. Mandal stated that on January 26, 1950, the Preamble to the Constitution of India, a statement presenting the key principles of the Constitution, came into effect. This completed the country's transition to a sovereign republic. The Constitution establishes fundamental rights that should be enjoyed by all citizens of this country, regardless of their political beliefs. It also establishes some fundamental duties for all citizens of the country to abide by.
- ✚ Prof. Someshwar Bhowmick, Officer-in-Charge, Centre for Online Education, NSOU spoke on the preamble, chapters and contents of the Constitution as drafted by Dr. B.R Ambedkar. His address witnessed the revision and addition of values from 1950 to 1976. It was an enriching speech with pertinent historical facts embedded with nationalistic spirit.
- ✚ Sri. Prabir Naskar, Asst Prof of Special Education, SoE, NSOU recited a poem, titled 'Potaka', a tribute to Indian Flag.

- ✚ Smt. Anamika Dsa, Asst Prof of Library and Information Science, S0PS, NSOU presented a vocal patriotic song.
- ✚ Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, Asst Prof of Education, SoE, NSOU spoke on inculcation of national values through the curriculum. She embarked upon Value Education and Academic Integrity to be integrated in every curricular discipline and appropriate andragogic practices may be implemented for its dissemination. She also added to equip the teachers to tackle the I-generation towards the society and its mores.
- ✚ Hon'ble Vice Chancellor delivered the Presidential address culminating all the speeches. He concurred that NSOU should come up with short term courses/MOOC on imparting perspectives of Indian culture, ethos, values and integrity through the innovative centres under SVS, SoH and SoE.
- ✚ Director, CIQA thanked all for being a part of this national festival and making it eventful.

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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