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Background and Objectives: Lecture is a period of continuous exposition by a speaker/instructor. It is one of many distinct learning activities an instructor/speaker can use. As with any leaning activity, the decision to lecture should result from a careful consideration of the content, capabilities, and objectives of the presentation. With this preview and patronage of the Hon'ble V.C., CIQA continues to organize the Faculty Lecture Series (FLS). **The 6th Faculty Lecture of the FLS commenced on 15th June 2023, Friday, in a face-to-face mode.**

Opening Remarks: Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Director-CIQA initiated the event and formally welcomed the Hon'ble V.C., NSOU, Prof. Himadri Lahiri, Professor of English, School of Humanities, NSOU, the Chairperson of the session, Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, Assistant Professor of Education, Department of Education, School of Education, NSOU, the speaker, Academic Heads, faculties, Officers, learners, staff members of the University in the Subhas Chandra Sabhaghar, NSOU HQs, Salt Lake, Kolkata. He acknowledged the fervent assembly of around 18 **attendees** who have joined. Prof. Ghosh proposed and requested the Hon'ble V.C., to allow for organizing the FLS in a blended mode for encouraging participation from maximum members of the university who are posted at different locations/RCs of NSOU.



Hon'ble V.C.'s Impressions: Prof. Chandan Basu, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, NSOU expressed sincere greetings to one all present in the audience. Prof. Basu at the very outset appreciated Director- CIQA for organizing this prestigious session. Secondly, he was

enthused by the topic of the lecture, entitled as ‘Distilling Education through Convergence of Ideas.’ In his short address, he conjectured that ideas are the pivots of a discipline. It steers the knowledge and upkeep the sustaining knowledge society. Ideas should be welcomed from every corner and let them converge to a progressive acumen. The diverse ideas give birth to democratic well-being and which is the brick and mortar of an educational institution. Education must emerge successful through convergence of varied ideas through changes in the society. The Hon’ble V.C. assured to organize the upcoming Faculty Lectures in blended mode.

Introducing the Speaker: Director-CIQA invited Prof. Himadri Lahiri, to introduce the speaker and chair the session. Prof. Lahiri cheerfully introduced Dr. Papiya Upadhyay with an inspiring address. He also briefed on the theme of the deliberation and invited Dr. Upadhyay to present her lecture on ‘‘Distilling Education through Convergence of Ideas.’

Presentation of the Lecture: Dr. Upadhyay presented her views on the role of UNESCO-a global leader in education in the last 75 years of its establishment and its bearing on the national education system. She believes that education needs to be rethought in a world of increasing complexity, uncertainty, and fragility. She entailed, ... ‘as we traverse and roll down the few commission reports on education, especially the Faure’s Report, 1972, Delors’ Report, 1996 and Futures of Education Report, 2021, we find distinctive in India’s New Education Policy 2020. It is justified to note that the NEP 2020 echoes and drapes the contemporary needs, issues, and responds to the contemporary global challenges through transformative education also elicited in the international reports and recommendations. Education is UNESCO’s top priority because it is a basic human right and the foundation for peace and sustainable development. The recommendations for education, providing global and regional leadership to drive progress, strengthening the resilience and capacity of national systems to serve all learners should be the converging point’.



Session Summary: Prof. Lahiri congratulated the speaker for an eloquent deliberation and brilliant presentation on ideas, convergence and distillation of 21st century education in the spirit of the international reports on Education and NEP 2020. He quickly summarized the deliberation with his thoughts and propositions. Prof. Lahiri echoed the concerns over enactment and implementation of the policy. The chairperson, thereafter opened the house for question and answer session.

Q & A session: Few supplementary ideas were shared by the faculty members. It was addressed and accepted by the speaker. The session was lauded with interaction and interdisciplinary exchanges of thoughts and ideas.

Concluding session: Director-CIQA thanked everyone for making the event successful. The speaker was presented a token of appreciation as a part of practice under FLS event.

The entire session was eruditely moderated by the Director-CIQA, NSOU.

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