



NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY (NSOU)

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2nd Swami Vivekananda Memorial Lecture

'Life-Blessed in Ethics and Values'

Report

Event Coordinates:

24th January 2023, Tuesday

NSOU HQs, Salt Lake

Initiation: NSOU hosted the 2nd Swami Vivekananda Memorial Lecture in a very distinguished ambiance and academic galore as per schedule. On behalf of the university fraternity, Dr. Papiya Upadhyay, the Programme Coordinator greeted and welcomed one and all in the beguiling 2nd Swami Vivekananda Memorial Lecture of Netaji Subhas Open University. The august occasion marked the gracious presence of revered Swami Jnanalokananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House and Cultural Centre, Kolkata, Prof. Rajan Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Netaji Subhas Open University, Dr. Ashit Baran Aich, Registrar (Acting), NSOU, Director-CIQA, Director, School of Education, and other Directors of School of Studies, esteemed Officers, faculty colleagues, non-academic staff, guests and scholars.

Participants count: Around 60



Felicitation: The mesmeric proceedings began with inviting the dignitaries on the dais followed by a modest felicitation with flowers and utterio.



For the **Welcome Address, Dr. Ashit Baran Aich, Registrar** (Acting), NSOU was invited. He extended cordial wishes to the esteemed muster and expressed that from next year this memorial lecture would be held on 12th January itself, the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.



To do the honours of **inaugurating the event, Prof. (Dr.) Ranjan Chakrabarti, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor**, NSOU was invited to formally inaugurate the event and deliver the inaugural address. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor's remark on the significance of holding this event coupled with encouraging participation from all corners of the NSOU fraternity is imperative. He further instructed that henceforth all memorial lecture notification and invitation are the authorized responsibility of the Registrar's office. Although every school is endowed to organize a memorial lecture befitting to their domain but Registrar is the nodal person to officially disseminate and communicate the event details to all.



Release of 1st Swami Vivekananda Memorial Lecture Volume -The Programme Coordinator requested the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Swamiji, Registrar Sir and Director-SoE to formally release the volume of the 1st Lecture delivered by Swami Dr. Shastrajnananda Maharaj on 15th January 2022. SoE acknowledged the patronage of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Director-CIQA, Director-SoH and Director, SoE from inception to publication of this soft and print volume. Thanks were offered to Swapna Deb & Saraswati Printing House for the DTP works within a very short period of time. The volume is made available on the NSOU website and anyone can access it through clicking on the link- http://www.wbnsou.ac.in/student_zone/courses/education/publications/20230124_1st_SVML_Published_2023.pdf



Onset of the 2nd Swami Vivekananda Memorial Lecture: For the 2nd Swami Vivekananda Memorial Lecture titled 'Life-Blessed in Ethics and Values' Swami Jnanalokananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House & Cultural Centre, Kolkata was invited to deliver his speech. The speaker was introduced with all humility and grace before the audience. Swamiji deliberated upon the life and preaching of Swami Vivekananda in the realm of values and ethics enshrined in the lives of humans. Swami Vivekananda was a Hindu monk from India. His teachings and philosophy are a reinterpretation and synthesis of various strands of Hindu thought, most notably classical yoga and (Advaita) Vedanta, with western esotericism and Universalism. He blended religion with nationalism, and applied this reinterpretation to various aspects of education, faith, character building as well as social issues pertaining to India. Swamiji's one-hour lecture was divine, pious and glistening with human ethos and ethics. The captivating talk smouldered that according to Vivekananda, an important teaching he received from Ramakrishna was that Jiva is Shiva (each individual is divinity itself). So, he stressed on Shiva Jnane Jiva Seva, (to serve common people considering them as manifestation of God). According to Vivekananda, man is potentially Divine, so, service to man is indeed service to God. Swamiji distributed booklets and photo of Swami Vivekananda to one and all present.



Closing: Prof. Atindranath Dey, Director, SoE was requested to propose for the vote of thanks. Prof. Dey thanked each and everyone for making the memorial lecture truly value added to the academic memory of the NSOU.



The entire event was recorded for documentation purpose.

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