

Brief Report

Two-day National Conference (CRE status) on “Including the Excluded: A Spectrum of Emerging Changes in Education” **Organized by CDSER, under the aegis of SoE, NSOU & Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi**

Duration of the programme: 02 days (23rd & 24th February, 2019)

Venue: Seminar Room (1st Floor), NSOU HQs, DD- 26, Salt Lake City, Sector- I, Kolkata-700064

Background:

Inclusive education is based on the principle that neighborhood schools should provide for *all* children, regardless of any perceived difference, disability or other social, emotional, cultural or linguistic difference. Inclusive Education is a process of responding to individual differences within the structures and processes that are available to all learners rather than something separate from them. The conjecture encircles the role of specialist teachers, and the nature of their expertise. Nevertheless, there are no easy answers to these and other queries that have fueled debates about Special Education versus Inclusive Education, new to be addressing bringing all effort together.

With this backdrop, Centre for Disability Studies and Educational Research (CDSER), under the aegis of School of Education, Netaji Subhas Open University & Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi conducted Two-Day National Conference (CRE status) on “Including the Excluded: A Spectrum of Emerging Changes in Education”.

Day- I (23.02.2019) Saturday

Inaugural Session

Welcome Address was delivered by Dr. A. N. Dey, Director, SoE, NSOU, Major General S.N. Mukherjee, Former Vice Chancellor, LNIPE, Gwalior inaugurated the Conference. Prof. Manasendu Kundu, Summer Faculty, Dept. of Anthropology & Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA delivered the key note address of the conference. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar delivered the Presidential address. This session was ended by presenting vote of thanks by the Asst. Programme Coordinator Ms. Swapna Deb, Faculty Consultant of Special Education, School of Education, NSOU

Plenary Session

In this session four Resource Persons delivered their valuable lectures. Mr. Arup Mitra, Asst. Prof., Society for Mental Health Care, Katwa & Member ZCC, Est – 1, RCI, Dr. Hemant Singh Keshwal, Officer in-charge, NIEPID, RC Kolkata, Dr. Sanjib Mridha, HoD, Department of Physical Education, Jadavpur University and Dr. Rohini Dharmapal Asst. Prof, Dept of Education, Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhaban delivered

according to their topics on “Role of Stakeholders in Inclusive Education”, “Universal Design of Learning” , “Adaptive Physical Education – Problem and Potentials” and “Prisoners : A Socially disadvantaged section of our life” . They elaborated and focused on Inclusive Society. The session namely “Building of Inclusive Society” was really a vibrant one and was liked by the participants. The session was Chaired by Prof.DulalMukhopadhyaya, Prof. of Education (Rtd), SoE, NSOU and Co-chaired by Sri Sachindra Chandra Kar, Finance Office, NSOU.

Paper Presentation Session

There were two parallel sessions, namely “Inclusive Practices and Role of Stakeholder” and another one was Inclusive Education Practice in Physical Education. The session was Chaired by Prof.Sanat Kumar Ghosh, Prof. of Education, SoE, NSOU and Dr.SanjibMirdhaHoD, Dept. of Education, Jadavpur University and Co-chaired by Dr.SandipSankar Ghosh, Asst. Prof., Kalyani University and Mr. DwipenBasu , Member , School Syllabus Committee , Govt. of West Bengal .

Day- II (24.02.2019), Sunday

Plenary Session

Dr.KanchanGaba, Associate Prof.Surendranath Law College, Kolkata and Mrs. Silali Banerjee Chakraborty, Asst. Prof. ICFAI Univerity, Tripura were present as resource persons They deliberated accordingly on Policies and Legislation of CWSN and Teaching Strategies in Inclusive Education. They delivered their lecture through video which attracted participants very much. It was a very expedient session. The session namely “Policies, Legislation and Inclusive Education was chaired by Prof.Swapan Kumar Sarkar, Head, Core Faculty, SoE, NSOU and Co-chaired by Dr.Badsha Ghosh, Associate Prof.PanskuraBanamali College, PaschimMidnapur.

Paper Presentation Session

There were two parallel sessions namely “Inclusive Practices and Emerging Scenario “and another one was Inclusive Education: Extended Horizon. The session was Chaired by Prof.SumantaChattaraj, Prof. of Education, SoE, NSOU and Prof.Swapna Kumar Sarkar, HoD, SoE, NSOU and Co-Chaired by Dr.Parimal Sarkar, Asst. Prof.SoE, NSOU and Dr.PapiyaUpadhyay, Asst. Prof.SoE, NSOU .

Plenary Session

Prof.Bishnupada Nanda, Prof. and HoD, Department of Education, Jadavpur University and Prof ManotoshDasgupta, Visiting Prof. Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Cultura, Kolkata were present as resource persons.They delivered their orations on “Diversity in Inclusion with Special Reference to Down Syndrome and Other Genetic Disorders” and “Inclusive Education: Venture and Adventure”. It was a very worthwhile session. The session “Diversity & Inclusion” was chaired by Prof. Krishna Maitra, Former Prof. Delhi University and Prof.Swapan Kumar Sarkar, HoD, Core Faculty, SoE, NSOU.

Valediction / Distribution of Certificate

All academic members of School of Education, NSOU, and Prof. Krishna Maitra, Former Prof. Delhi University, Prof ManotoshDasgupta, Visiting Prof. Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, Prof.Bishnupada Nanda, Prof. and HoD, Department of Education, Jadavpur University had their gracious presence in the session. In this session,participants shared their experiences on the different aspects of the programme, effective Transaction of Conference, Resource Persons and Overall observations and suggestions. The organisers accepted their proposal and suggestions. Participants expressed their contentmentto be a part of suchacademic endeavour. And they also thanked the organisers and speakers for making it purposeful.

In the closure, certificates were distributed among all participants (**96 (ninety-six) Rehabilitation Professionals, 7 (seven) General Participants 34 (thirty-four) Paper Presenters**). The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr.AbhedanandaPanigrahi, Program Coordinator followed by theNational Anthem.