



## International Mother Language Day, 2022 Report

The Centre for Internal Quality and Assurance (CIQA) in association with School of Humanities, Netaji Subhas Open University celebrated International Mother Language Day on 21st February 2022 in a befitting manner.

Every year on February 21, International Mother Language Day is celebrated around the world to raise awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and to promote multilingualism. The day is part of a larger effort to encourage the preservation and conservation of all languages spoken by people all over the world. The idea of celebrating International Mother Language Day first came from Bangladesh. In the year 2000, the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared February 21 to be International Mother Language Day. Every year, UNESCO selects a different theme to commemorate this memorable day. The theme of 2022 is: "**Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities**". It focuses on how technology may help promote multilingual education and support the development of high-quality teaching and learning for everyone.

To mark the day, Netaji Subhas Open University organised an event at their Administrative Office in blended Mode. 51 participants (faculties, officers and learners) attended the programme through online and offline.

The formal programme commenced with the welcome address by Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Director, CIQA followed by the address of Prof. Kajal De, Director, School of Science. Kishore Sengupta, Registrar of NSOU, Prof. Chandan Bose, Director, School of Social Science, Prof. Manan Kumar Mandal, Director, School of Humanities, Prof. Someshwar Bhowmick, Officer-in Charge, Centre for Online Education and other faculties shared their views during the event.



With a line-up of exemplary speakers from NSOU, the event also witnessed poetry recitation in the mother tongue from Rokeya Ray, Controller of Examinations (Acting) Netaji Subhas Open University.

All the speakers gave emphasis on the good use of language and their protection. They also stresses upon the development of self learning materials of the university in our mother language i.e. in Bengali on priority basis.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Netaji Subhas Open University, Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar delivered the presidential address.

The formal vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Arijit Ghosh, Asst. Professor, Journalism and Mass Communication, NSOU.

### PROGRAMME

## **International Mother Tongue Day, 2022**

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Time: 12noon

Hybrid/ blended Mode

- 12noon :Welcome Address by Professor Anirban Ghosh, CIQA, Netaji Subhas Open University
- 12.05pm :Address by Professor Kajal De, Director, School of Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open University
- 12.15pm :Address by Shri Kishore Sengupta, Registrar, Netaji Subhas Open University
- 12.25pm : Address by Professor Chandan Basu, Director, School of Social Sciences, NSOU
- 12.35pm : Address by Professor Manan Kumar Mandal, Director, School of Humanities & Professor of Bengali, Netaji Subhas Open University
- 12.50pm :Address by Professor Someswar Bhowmik, Officer-in-Charge, Centre for Online Education, Netaji Subhas Open University
- 1.00pm :Address by Professor D P Nag Choudhury, Professor School of Education, NSOU
- 1.10pm : Address by Smt. Rokeya Ray, Controller of Examination (Acting), NSOU
- 1.20pm :Address by Smt. Anamika Das, Asst. Professor, LIS, NSOU
- 1.30pm : Presidential Address by Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar, Vice-Chancellor, Netaji Subhas Open University
- Compere & Vote thanks:** Shri Arijit Ghosh, Asst. Professor of JMC, Netaji Subhas Open University



---Prepared by Shri Arijit Ghosh