

## School of Humanities

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### *A Report*

The School of Humanities, Netaji Subhas Open University celebrated International Mother Language Day on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 with the students, faculty, officers and staff members. To commemorate the day, an event was organised at their Administrative Office. Dr Anamika Das , Assistant Professor, Bengali warmly welcomed the distinguished guests on the stage and introduced each one of them to the audience. She also presented the theme of the event by asking an intriguing question, “Why is the International Mother Language Day celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> February and not on the 20<sup>th</sup> or the 22<sup>nd</sup> ?” An opening chorus song led by Dr Anuradha Ghosh, Associate Professor, History and joined by faculty members of various departments was performed to commemorate the significance of the language movement.



The formal programme commenced with the Welcome Address by Prof. Manan Kumar Mandal, Director, School of Humanities followed by the Address of Dr. Ashit Baran Aich, Registrar, Netaji Subhas Open University. The inaugural programme also witnessed brief Addresses shared by the Directors of various Schools -Prof. Kajal De, School of Sciences, Prof. Chandan Basu, School of

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Social Sciences, Prof. Atindranath Dey, School of Education and Prof. Someshwar Bhowmick, Officer in Charge, Centre for Online Education. All the speakers have stressed on the importance of raising awareness on linguistic diversity to promote and develop a multilingual environment. The celebration was graced by eminent International author Shri Amar Mitra who highlighted the role of the warriors of language and the supreme sacrifices that they had made, by giving the audience a rare glimpse of the history behind the Language Movement. Prof. Amzed Hossein, erstwhile Professor of English, Aliah University was the next invited speaker who stressed on the importance of our mother tongue and emphasised on its conservation. The inaugural session ended with an informative documentary presentation by Shri Arijit Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Journalism and Mass Communication. The formal vote of thanks was proposed by Smt Anindita Sarkar, Assistant Professor, English Language Teaching.



A small cultural programme was organised that included performances by teachers and scholars. The cultural session was compèred by Prof. Sharmistha Chatterjee, Professor English Language Teaching. The cultural event was a kind of rendezvous where hidden talents such as recitation, singing, musicals were nurtured. The event witnessed a brilliant poetry recitation in the mother tongue by Smt Rokeya Ray, Controller of Examinations. Dr. Srideep Mukherjee,

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Associate Professor of English, Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Associate Professor of Zoology and Dr. Barnali Roy Choudury, Assistant Professor of Library & Information Science were invited to share their views on the auspicious occasion. A chorus song led by Dr. Anuradha Ghosh and solo songs each by Dr. Soumen Nandi, Associate Professor, Computer Science and Dr. Sumana Bandopadhyay, Assistant Professor, English Language Teaching were performed. The programme ended with a delightful dance performance by Shatabdi, Research Scholar, Department of English.



The day ended on a happy note with lots of memories to be cherished.