

# Netaji Subhas Open University

## Rabindra Jayanti Celebration

### NSOU Kalyani Regional campus

Netaji Subhas Open University celebrated the 158<sup>th</sup> birth Anniversary of the great poet ,Kavi Guru Rabindra Nath Tagore on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at its Kalyani Regional Centre. The Learners participated in this program with lot of enthusiasm.

Dr Premananda Jana, the Regional Director of Kalyani Regional Centre extended his warm welcome to the faculties present to attend the celebration. In his speech Dr Premananda Jana focussed on how Rabindra Nath Tagore gave importance to indigenous knowledge and stressed on the development of agriculture, cottage industry, handicraft and even adult education for the community development and further said that his thoughts were so modern that it is still relevant in today's context as well.

Prof. Anirban Ghosh, Director, SPS and SVS shared that Rabindra Nath Tagore was a great educationist and a social reformer. He made remarkable contribution in the field of education in our country by establishing Visva-Bharati University. According to Tagore, education is the strongest tool to bring about changes in the social system. Further Tagore's thoughts on teaching learning process is very similar to the ideology of an open learning system. Tagore believed that education leads to freedom of mind. A teacher here plays the role of a stimulator and enables the students to develop creative thinking and become self expressive. This helps the students to grow an ability to analyze various aspects according to their own perspectives. Thus the educational thought of Rabindra Nath as well as Open learning system gives importance to the learning experience of the learners. Prof Ghosh encouraged the learners to follow the instructions of the university through the website and visit the e-repositories of NSOU for self learning and enjoy a great learning experience through this unique system.



Dr. Uttam Dutta, Professor of Commerce, opined that a large number of people in today's generation have stopped reading good books and they no more have the inclination to listen to traditional music. He said that Gurudev played a very important role in shaping our lives. Tagore according to Prof Duta was a versatile composer and he had composed more than 2000 songs, which is unbelievable. He has written songs and poetries for every emotions, moods and

even seasons. Kavi guru gives us reasons to laugh, cry and even exhibit anger. His poems , songs, dramas and essay give an optimistic feeling and are very much related to the lives of common people. It will not be wrong to say that we may get remedies to our problems if we deeply read Tagore's work. His work inspires us to become good human being and teaches us to create a surrounding which ensures social justice for all of us. Prof Dutta told the students to understand how Tagore may help us to build up a society where no one face discrimination and there may be peace and harmony everywhere.

Dr Barnali Roy Choudhury , Asst Prof in Library Science presented a beautiful Rabindra Sangeet which was well appreciated by all. Ms Kasturi Sinha Ghosh Asst Prof in Social Work presented her ideas about how Rabindra Nath Tagore was the true advocator of Human Rights and in what ways he promoted Social development by establishing Sriniketan and Shantiniketan in Bolpore. Then the learners staged a wonderful cultural program to observe the birth anniversary of Kabi Guru.

The program began with a song *Ananda loke Mangala loke* . The learners recited the poem *Africa* and *Shesher Kobita* ,which was liked by all. They also beautifully sang many Rabindra sangeet .

One of the learner tried to relate her life with one of the female character from Tagore's novel who had to try hard to establish her identity and self respect. Some of the learners presented their ideas about how the contemporary poets and lyricists are also doing great job in the field of entertainment, however they may not be compared to Tagore. They shared that in today's digital world it has become very convenient to access any song, drama and poetry of Rabindra Nath Tagore .One of them came up with a suggestion that Netaji Subhas Open University may start "Centre for Tagore's study" so that we may encourage our young generation to develop an inclination for Rabindra Nath Tagore's work and thus create a culturally rich society.

In this way both the teacher as well as the learners of Netaji Subhas Open University observed Rabindra Jayanti and paid their heartfelt tribute to Kabi Guru Rabindra Nath Tagore.