



Programme Report

International Seminar

On

“Sustainable Development: From the Perspective of Nature and Nurture”

Organized by

Department of Geography, School of Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open University

in collaboration with

Byanjanbarna Foundation, Kolkata

Introduction of the Programme:

As approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, NSOU, the Department of Geography, under the umbrella of School of Sciences, has organised the **"Two-Day International Seminar"** on **"Sustainable Development: From the Perspective of Nature and Nurture"** in the University Headquarters on **10-11th February, 2023**. The program was conducted to discuss and have a discourse on the different aspects on the idea of sustainable development, so as to find connectivity on the ways these processes influence human development, nature and nurture as a whole.

The seminar focused on two very important details which needs to be highlighted:

- First being the preliminary importance of understanding and valuing the contemporary researches, with special reference to the methods, theories, findings and advancements to understand hows, whys, ifs and buts behind human perception, reasoning, learning, in brief the human appearance, contribution and planning for sustainable development.
- Secondly, to explore various ways of facilitating human learning and education by applying concepts, principles, theories, methods and research findings for achieving the sustainable development goals From the Perspective of Nature and Nurture.

Objectives of the Programme:

The theme of the seminar was “Sustainable Development: From the Perspective of Nature and Nurture”, in which about 20 sub-themes were addressed, especially to achieve the following objectives:

- This programme was organised to enhance the awareness about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)



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- To observed the recent development of Environmental Design, Planning and Management for the sustainable future.
 - To highlights the Management of Natural Resources, Energy Policy and Sustainable Use of Energy Sources
 - To encouraging the recent development of Environmental Engineering, Science and Technology, New Technologies and Innovative Solutions to Environmental Problems
 - To inform about different issues of Human Development Index, Gross National Happiness Index and Sustainability and Community participation in Sustainable Development
 - To observed the Environmental Education and Physical, Emotional, Cognitive Development and assist them in utilising these tools responsibly.

Participants:

All faculty members of different parts of the country and some Postgraduate students of diverse departments of different institutes of West Bengal, faculty members of NSOU were participated in the seminar. About 100 participants attended the programme at the headquarters of the University. About 69 registration was completed by the Academicians, Educationists, Policy Makers, University/College/School Faculty Members, Librarians, Research Scholars and Post Doctoral Fellows and apart from that many students and NSOU faculties were attended the programme.

Details of the Programme:

- The programme started at 10:30 a.m. in the Subhaschandra Sabhghar of the NSOU headquarters, and distinguish guests, some other academic personalities and students were joined. The event began on 10th February, 2023.
- **Prof. Kajal De**, Director, School of Sciences, NSOU, began the program by greeting and welcoming everyone, and introduce the theme and Dignitaries. At the start, Prof. De, Director, NSOU welcomed all the participants with her welcome address. Prof. De also explained the importance and need for organising such type of programme in the academic institutions. She said that this type of programmes surely popularise among the academic fraternity.
- **Prof. Dr. Mita Banerjee**, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Kanyashree University and Murshidabad University (Additional Charge) delivered a thought provoking dspeech as a Chief Guest.
- **Dr. Biswajit Bhowmik**, Deputy Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Bikash Bhavan, Kolkata enlighten the audience with a delightful speech as a Special Guest.

- **Prof. Badiur Rahman**, President, Bangladesh Udichi Silpigosthi, delivered the Key Note Address of the seminar from the perspectives of India and Bangladesh with special reference to the theme of the seminar.
- **Dr. Biraj Kanti Mondal**, Assistant Professor of Geography, NSOU proposed the formal vote of thanks to the distinguished guests, participants. All the attendee academicians, educationists, policy makers, University/College/School faculty members, librarians, research scholars and post doctoral fellows and the university officials and non-teaching staffs were also thanked whole heartedly who helped this joint venture to succeed.
- **Mr. Saikat Kumar Basu**, Executive Research Director, Performance Seed, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada and Vice President, Southern Alberta Ethnic Association delivered an informative and significant speech very closely attached with the goals of Sustainable Development as a key aim of the seminar.
- **Dr. Nandan Bhattacharya**, Assistant Director, UGC-HRDC, Jadavpur University delivered a special speech and presented a dramatic representation involving the participants in a new style which was appreciated very much from the audience.
- After this morning session, the research paper was presented by the participants in two parallel sessions.



Photo 1: Inaugural session of the International Seminar



Photo 2: Welcome address by Prof. Kajal De; Photo 3: Speech of the chief guest Prof. Mita Banerjee



Photo 4: Special speech by Dr. Biswajit Bhowmik; Photo 5: Special speech by Prof. Badiur Rahman



Photo 6: Vote of Thanks by Dr. Biraj Kanti Mondal; Photo 7: Special speech by Mr. Saikat Kumar Basu

In the second day, the morning session was started with a ward welcome of the participants and the starting session was chaired by **Prof. Dipak Kumar Roy**, Professor, Department of Bengali, Raiganj University.

- **Prof. Basab Chaudhuri**, Principal, Heritage Institute of Technology and Former Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal State University delivered a wonderful speech

from the perspectives of Nature and Nurture and role of us for the sustainable development.

- **Dr. Niladri Sekhar Dash**, Prof.-in-Charge, Social Sciences Division and Head, Linguistic Research Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata also delivered a very thought provoking speech from the perspectives of Linguistic Research of India and our role to contribute and aware the people from the perspectives of sustainable development goals.
- **Prof. Amiya Kumar Panda**, The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Sadhu Ram Chand Murmu University of Jhargram, Jhargram, West Bengal delivered a wonderful speech from the perspectives of sustainable development in a greater way.
- All the participants and attendee are very much satisfied as the seminar focused on the significant issues of sustainable development.
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- After completion of all the presentation, the validictor session was conducted in which the certificates were distributed.



Photo 8: Second Day starting of the Seminar; Photo 9: Special speech by Prof. Amiya Kumar Panda

NSOU Representatives:

- Prof. Kajal De, Director, School of Sciences, NSOU (Chairperson)
- Dr. Biraj Kanti Mondal, Assistant Professor of Geography, NSOU (Organizing Secretary)
- Dr. Chhanda Dana Kundu, Associate Professor of Geography, NSOU
- Mrs. Dipali Kundu, Associate Professor of Geography, NSOU
- Dr. Asit Kumar Sarkar, Academic Consultant, NSOU

Furthermore, some of the faculty members of diverse disciplines from various schools of NSOU were also participated in the programme.

Paper Presentation:

About 61 research scholars, faculties of different educational institutes presented their research articles in this two day international seminar.



Photo 10: Paper presentation by Research scholar; Photo 11: Paper presentation by Research scholar

Question & Answer Session:

There was an interactive Question & Answer session after every speeches and research paper presentation and so many queries amongst the audience were addressed in the event. Moreover, the diverse issues of sustainable development from various perspectives were also discussed.



Photo 12: Participants at the Seminar hall; Photo 13: Seminar organizers in a single frame

Summing up:

The entire programme was smoothly and successfully conducted by the Dr. Biraj Kanti Mondal, Assistant Professor of Geography, NSOU proposed the formal vote of thanks. This seminar provided a premier interdisciplinary platform to leading academic scientists, researchers, practitioners and educators to exchange and share their experiences and research results on the recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical

challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the field of sustainable development as a whole.



Photo 14: Valedictory speech by Dr. Biraj Kanti Mondal; Photo 15: Certificate distribution

Concluding Session:

The "Two-Day International Seminar" on "Sustainable Development: From the Perspective of Nature and Nurture" was a great success and thus it became a good initiative and integrated attempt to sensitise, formulate better strategy and approach for the sustainable future and at the outset by creating enthusiasm and awareness among the participants and students.

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