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## **REPORT**

**National level Student Seminar (online mode), 24 January, 2022**  
**Topic: *Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose: His Message and Legacy***

**Organized by:** Dept. of History, School of Social Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open University  
**Date & Time:** 24 January 2022, 12 to 3 pm  
**Mode:** Online (facilitated by NSOU ICT)  
**Participants:** 71 participants including 5 NSOU faculty  
Female- 42, Male-29

### **About the National Student Seminar:**

NSOU was established in 1997 and is celebrating the Silver Jubilee Year of its foundation. Our University is honoured to be named after Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the great son of the soil. In this context it is only befitting that his message and legacy should be understood and carried forward by the youth of not only our state but the whole country. It is in this context that the Department of History, School of Social Sciences organized a Student Seminar for the PG students/learners enrolled in the Universities of India on online mode on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 to coincide with Netaji's 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2022.

### **Objectives of the Student Seminar:**

- To build the quality human resource base of the state along with other Universities of the country which is part of NSOU vision
- To provide facility of lifelong education to the intending learners which is also related to NSOU's mission
- To integrate technological tools in the pedagogy for facilitating the learning experiences
- To ensure that lessons learnt in history are not forgotten
- To promote the message and legacy of Netaji among the youth of our state and country

**Preparation for the Seminar:** A notification with all necessary details related to the National level Student Seminar titled, 'Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose: His Message and Legacy' was uploaded on NSOU website well in advance of the day of the programme. This notice was also circulated through WhatsApp and word of mouth.

All MA students enrolled in National and Open State Universities of India were eligible to submit a paper/attend the seminar. The paper presenters for the seminar were selected on the basis of papers submitted by them on the topic 'Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose: His Message and Legacy'. The papers were judged strictly on the basis of merit by the Director, School of Social Sciences and Head, Department of History, NSOU and the learners were notified in advance about the acceptance of their respective papers. They were required to make power point presentations for the webinar. Learners who were not adept at making PPTs were helped by the teachers of the History Department, School of Social Sciences, NSOU in this regard. Since this seminar involved students no fees was charged. Registration was free for all paper presenters and participants.

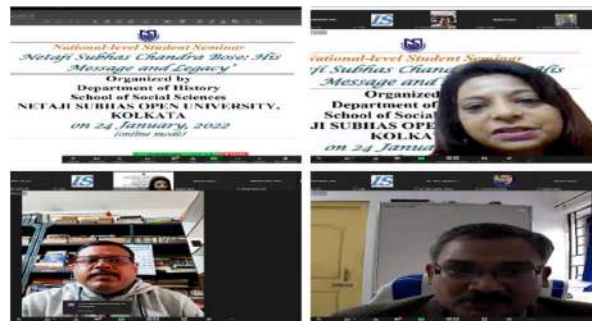
Although initially the programme was meant for learners of Open Universities, when students from other universities also submitted papers, their papers were also taken into consideration by Department of History, SoSS, NSOU.

**Programme of the National-level Student Seminar (online mode):**

**Welcome Address:** The programme began on time at 12 noon with the Welcome Address of Professor Chandan Basu, Director, School of Social Sciences and Professor of History, NSOU. Professor Basu set the tone of the seminar perfectly by elucidating the historical significance of the topic ‘Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose: his Message and Legacy’ and applauding the efforts of the learners in this first-of-its-kind initiative taken by the Dept. of History under the aegis of School of Social Sciences.

**From the Vice-Chancellor’s Desk:** On this occasion the Department was highly honoured and obliged to receive an encouraging letter from the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of NSOU, Professor Subha Sankar. He summed up the importance of the Student Seminar in these kind words, “The students will be given the opportunity to express their thoughts on the subject by means of paper presentation, participation and discussion...I wish this National Seminar a great success.” His message was read aloud by the Head, Department of History.

**Special Address:** Professor Anirban Ghosh, Director, Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) & Director, School of Professional Studies & School of Vocational Studies, NSOU delivered a special address, mentioning the ‘A’ grade awarded to NSOU by NAAC and the various measures being taken by the University, under CIQA, to reach out to the unreached learners and enrich them with quality education. He appreciated the efforts of Department of History in organizing a seminar that involved learners directly.



**Session I:** There were five paper presenters in the first session, namely, the following:

1. Madhuna Pal, MA History, Netaji Subhas Open University
2. Sneha Rakshit, MA English, University of Calcutta
3. Mrinal Kanti Biswas, MA Political Science, Netaji Subhas Open University
4. Amrita Pan, MA History, Netaji Subhas Open University
5. Nirmalya Roychowdhury, MA English, University of Calcutta

Each paper presenter was allotted 10-12 minutes to present her/his paper with the help of a power point presentation. The effort taken by the learners to prepare their power point presentations with relevant pictures was indeed appreciable since some of them were not at all conversant with ICT tools. Above all among other points, their analyses of Netaji's role not only as a freedom fighter but also as a firm believer in women empowerment and his anti-caste attitude and views on education was very enlightening.

**Session I- Question-Answer, Discussion:** The discussion was really active, and the attendees posed a lot of interesting issues. The webinar was additionally enhanced by the personal understanding of the participants about Netaji's life and activities.

**Session II:** A total of five papers were presented in the second session making the final tally of paper presenters in both the sessions ten in number.

The paper presenters in the second session were as follows:

6. Arpita Barua, MA History, Netaji Subhas Open University
7. Pratchi Mitra, MA English, University of Calcutta
8. Morsheda Jamila, MA History, Netaji Subhas Open University
9. Priyanka Shaw, MA English, Netaji Subhas Open University
10. Saheb Sk., MA English, Netaji Subhas Open University

The students in this session discussed a variety of intriguing topics about Netaji, including his relationship with Mahatma Gandhi, his socialist ideas, and his famous slogans, which are still relevant today.

**Session II- Question-Answer, Discussion:** The participants and paper presenters exchanged ideas and modern outlooks regarding Netaji's contribution to nation-building.

**Wrapping-up:** Professor Chandan Basu brilliantly wrapped up the Student Seminar by effectively combining the main themes presented by the paper presenters belonging to different departments and universities as well as the comments of the participants during the discussions.

Valuable and glitch-free technical help was provided by NSOU ICT during the student seminar. E-Certificate of participation and presentation was also duly provided.

**Vote of Thanks:** The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Ritu Mathur Mitra, Head & Associate Professor, Department of History, School of Social Sciences.

**Outcome of the National-level Student Seminar (virtual mode):**

- Effectively broadening the horizon of knowledge, promoting original thinking and creating a context of lifelong learning for all involved in the National Student Seminar

- MA students were especially provided a wide platform to express their opinions about Netaji's role in History and the contemporary relevance of his message and legacy to the young generation of our country, on the occasion of his 125th birth anniversary.
- A diverse group of participants were able to share their perspectives on Netaji and distinguish between fact and fiction in the context of his thoughts and activities.
- Learners who were unfamiliar with ICT tools learnt to create power point presentations with the support of NSOU faculty and technical staff
- The online seminar was a lesson in time management, beginning and ending dot on time
- The participants' feedback form revealed that every single respondent was in agreement that Department of History, SoSS, NSOU should continue to organize such fruitful Student Seminars in the future too

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