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REPORT

National level Student Seminar (online mode), 16 August, 2022

Topic: *Role of Women in India Freedom Struggle*

- Organized by:** Department of History in collaboration with NSOU Centre for Social studies, School of Social Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open University
- Date & Time:** 16 August 2022, 12 to 3.30 pm
- Mode:** Online (facilitated by NSOU ICT)
- Participants:** 47 participants including 06 NSOU faculty
- Female - 25, Male - 22**

About the National Student Seminar:

Indian Independence Day was celebrated on 15th August, 2022. It is in this context that the Department of History, School of Social Sciences in association with Centre for Social Studies organized a National - level Student Seminar for the UG/PG students/learners enrolled in the Universities and Colleges of India, in the online mode on 16 August, 2022.

Objectives of the Student Seminar:

- ✓ To build quality human resource base for the progress of the state and nation
- ✓ To provide facility of lifelong education to the intending learners
- ✓ To integrate technological tools in the pedagogy for facilitating the learning experiences
- ✓ To ensure that the contribution of the women freedom fighters in achieving Indian Independence is not lost to posterity.

- **Preparation for the Seminar:** A notification with all necessary details related to the National-level Student Seminar titled, *Role of Women in India Freedom Struggle* was uploaded on NSOU website well in advance. This notice was also circulated through WhatsApp and word of mouth.

The National-level seminar was open to all PG/UG students/learners enrolled in the Universities and Colleges of India. The paper presenters for the seminar were selected on the basis of papers submitted by them on the topic Role of Women in India Freedom Struggle. The papers were judged strictly on the basis of merit by the Department of History, NSOU. 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 student paper presenters and participants.

✚ **MINUTIAE OF NATIONAL-LEVEL STUDENT SEMINAR (ONLINE MODE):**

✚ **Inaugural Session**

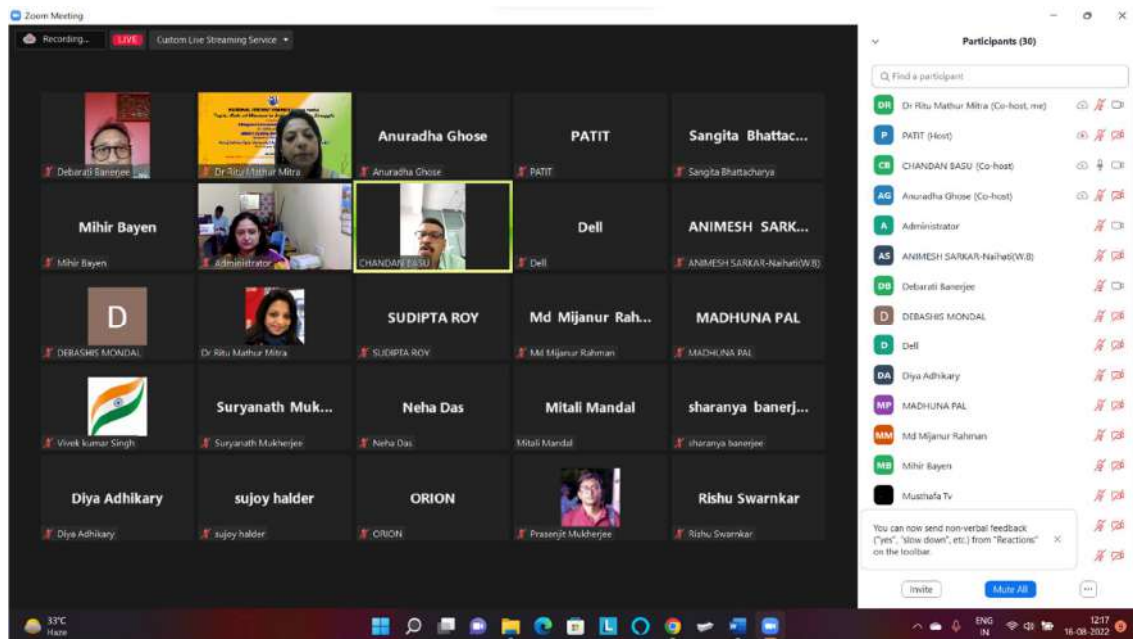
- ✚ **Welcome Address:** The programme began on time at 12 noon with the Welcome Address. It was delivered by Dr. Manoj Kumar Halder, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Coordinator, NSOU School for Social Studies. He warmly welcomed the faculties, paper presenters and other participants from all colleges and universities to the online seminar and expressed belief that the seminar would be beneficial to all.

- ✚ **Introduction of the Topic:** Professor Chandan Basu, Director, School of Social Sciences and Professor of History, NSOU elucidated the historical significance of the topic *Role of Women in India Freedom Struggle*. He pointed out that India had been subjugated by the British colonial rule. At that point of time, women were considered as the marginalized section of the society. But gradually women of all walks of life, came forward and sacrificed their lives for the emancipation of their motherland. He compared women's participation in Indian freedom struggle with the Bolshevik and French revolution. Professor Basu also stated that traditional approach should be given and emphasized upon the reconstruction of history.

- ✚ **From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk:** On this occasion, the Department was extremely honoured to receive an encouraging letter from the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of NSOU, Professor Subha Sankar Sarkar. His message was read aloud to the students by Dr. Ritu Mathur, Associate Professor and Head, Department of History. In his message, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor stated that the seminar provided a forum for students from various universities and colleges in India to discuss the thoughts and ideas of India's freedom movement. He greatly appreciated the continuous effort of the Department of History to reach out to the learners.

- ✚ **Special Address:** Professor Anirban Ghosh, Director, Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) & Director, School of Professional Studies & School of Vocational Studies, NSOU was busy and could not deliver the special address, but Dr. Mathur Mitra pointed out on his behalf the NSOU CIQA objectives of promoting learner-centric qualitative education which had earned the University an 'A' grade in NAAC.

The Inaugural session was compered by Dr. Ritu Mathur Mitra and then she handed it over to Dr. Anuradha Ghose. Dr. Ghose conducted the paper presentation of Session - I & II.



- ✚ **Session I:** There were nine paper presenters in the first session namely, the following:

Paper Presenters:

1. Mustafa Muhammed TV, UG, JDT Islam College IGNOU
2. Sharanya Banerjee, UG, Jadavpur University
3. Rishu Swarnkar, UG, NSOU
4. Rinku Dey, UG, Sree Gopal Banerjee College, Burdwan University
5. Neha Das, PG, NSOU
6. Sweta Bhattacharya, PG, Durgapur Women's College, Kazi Nazrul University (Absent)
7. Debashis Mondal, PG, NSOU
8. Raj Das, PG, Rabindrabharati University
9. Orion De, PG, NSOU

10. Sudipta Roy, UG, Krishnagar Govt. College

Each paper presenter was given 8 minutes to present her/his paper using a power point presentation. The effort put in by the students to prepare their power point presentations with relevant images was commendable, especially given that some of them were unfamiliar with ICT tools. Above all the manner in which the students traced the role of women from all walks of life and different decades in the nationalist mainstream and other movements was truly enriching.

✚ **Session I- Question-Answer, Discussion:** The discussion was extremely beneficial. Questions were thrown from the students' platform, and discussions ensued. Faculty members actively participated in the discussion, contributing findings and comments. The webinar was further enhanced by the participants' personal understanding of women's involvement in the Indian Freedom Movement.

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

The paper presenters in the second session were as follows:

11. Mihir Bayen, UG, Maulana Azad College, C. U.

12. Sachin Chahal, PhD. scholar, Panjab University

13. Shouvik Mondal, PG, University of Kalyani

14. Swapan Sarkar, PG, NSOU

15. Madhuna Pal, PG, NSOU

16. Suparna Bhowmick, PG, NSOU (Absent)

17. Shromona Chakraborty, UG, NSOU

18. Bipasha Saha, PG NSOU

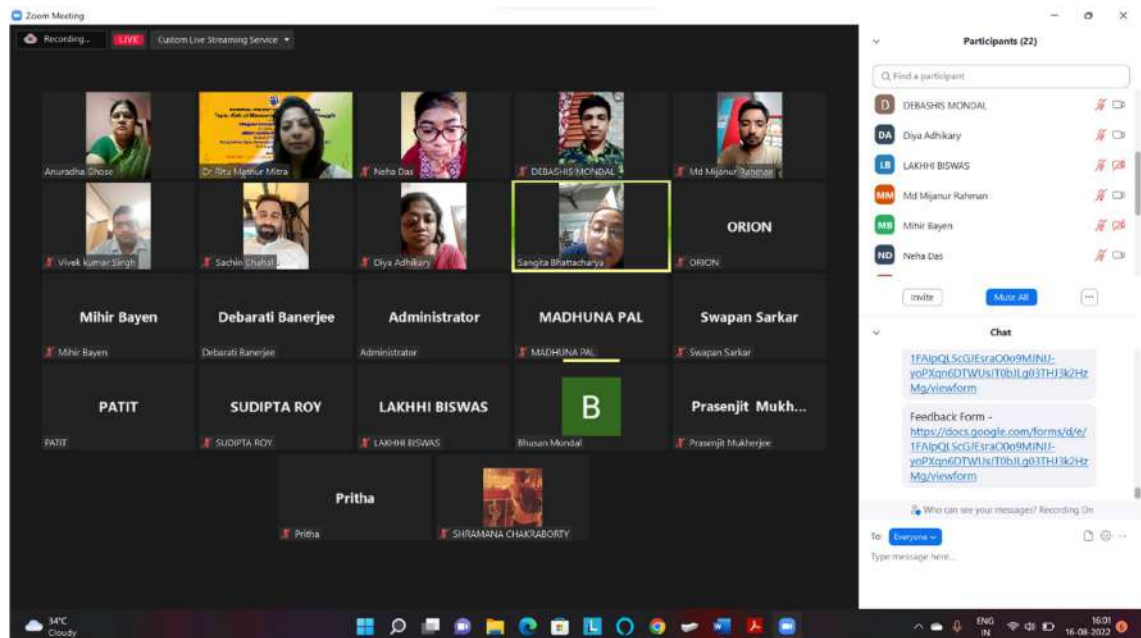
19. Morsheda Jamila, PG, NSOU

20. Sangita Bhattacharya, NSOU

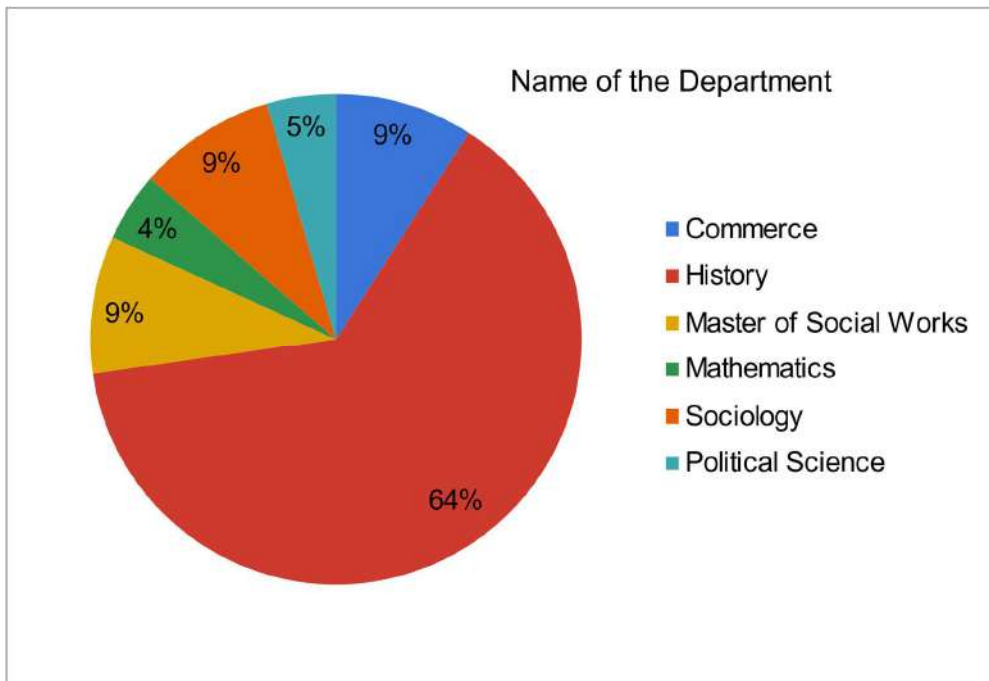
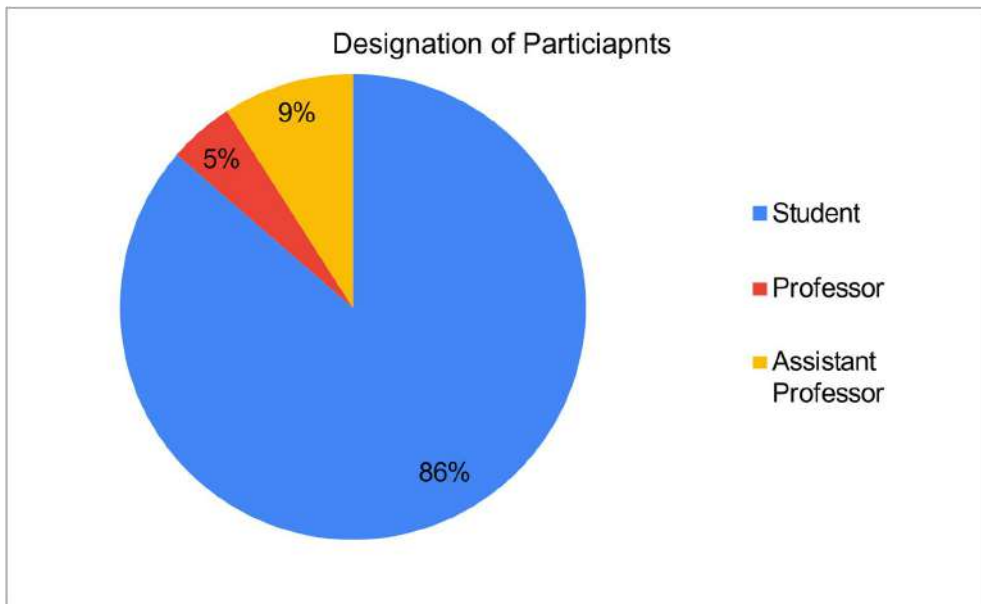
The students in this session discussed roles of some less known female personalities who played significant roles in throwing out British Raj from India. Many learners expressed their view.

Session II Paper Presentation was ably coordinated by Dr Anuradha Ghose and Dr. Ritu Mathur Mitra.

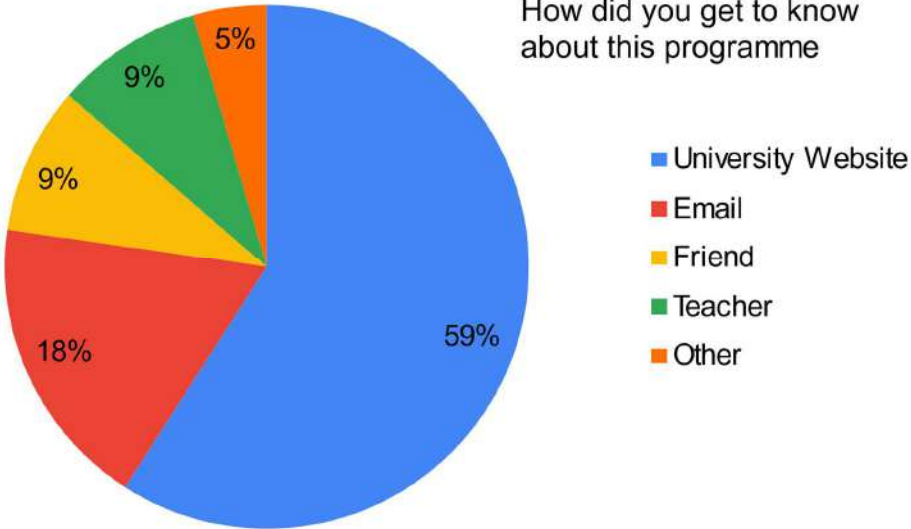
- Session II- Question-Answer, Discussion:** The participants and paper presenters exchanged ideas and modern outlooks regarding women's role in the Indian Independence.
- Wrapping-up:** Dr. Ritu Mathur Mitra and Debarati Bandyopadhyay, Associate Professor of History, NSOU wrapped up the Student Seminar 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.
- Technical support:** 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. Anuradha Ghose, Associate Professor, Department of History, School of Social Sciences.



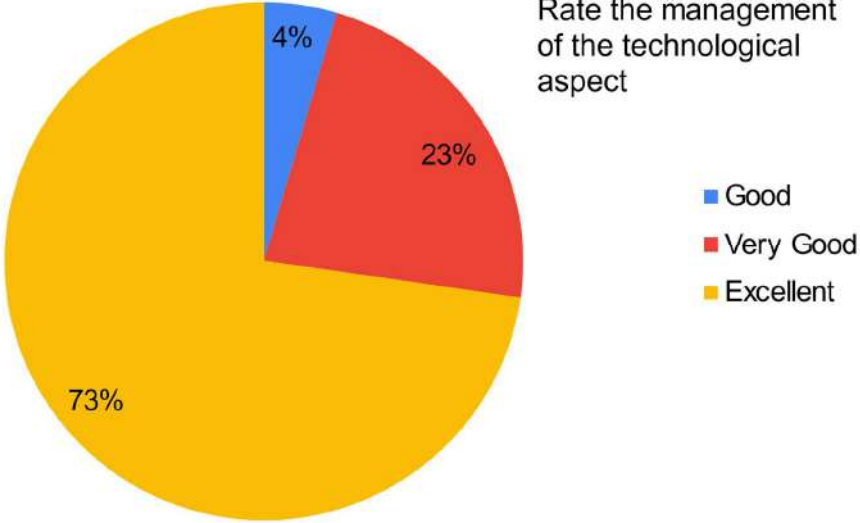
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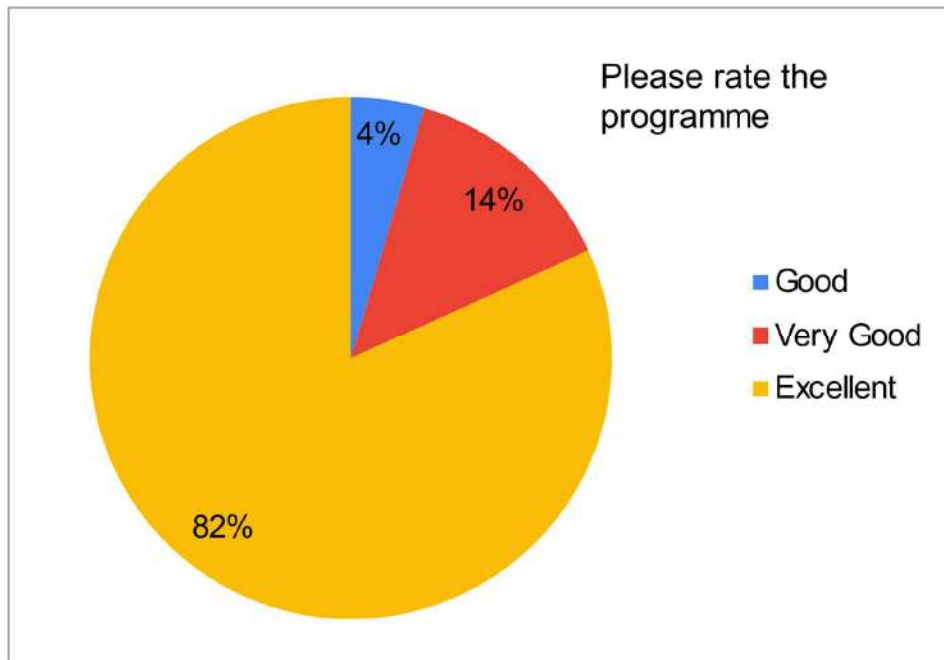


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✚ Outcomes of the National Student Seminar (conducted online):

- ✓ Creating a setting for lifelong learning for everyone involved in the National Student Seminar by successfully extending the boundaries of knowledge and encouraging innovative thought.
- ✓ In the 75th year of India's Independence, students in higher education were given a significant platform to discuss the historical significance and the current understanding of the difficulties that women faced in society and politics in the pre-independence era and their courage and ability to overcome those difficulties and set a standard for women's role in nation-building.
- ✓ With the assistance of NSOU teachers and technical staff, learners who had no prior experience with ICT technologies learned how to make power point presentations.

Report prepared by Organizing Secretaries, Dr. Anuradha Ghose, Associate Professor and Dr. Ritu Mathur Mitra, Head & Associate Professor, Department of History, School of Social Sciences.

Anuradha Ghose

Ritu Mathur Mitra

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