



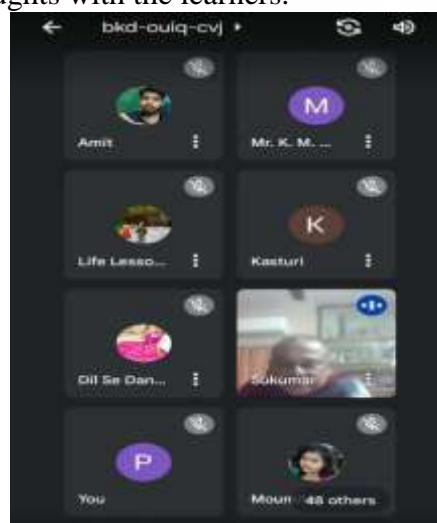
Human Rights day celebration by Department of Social Work, SPS, NSOU

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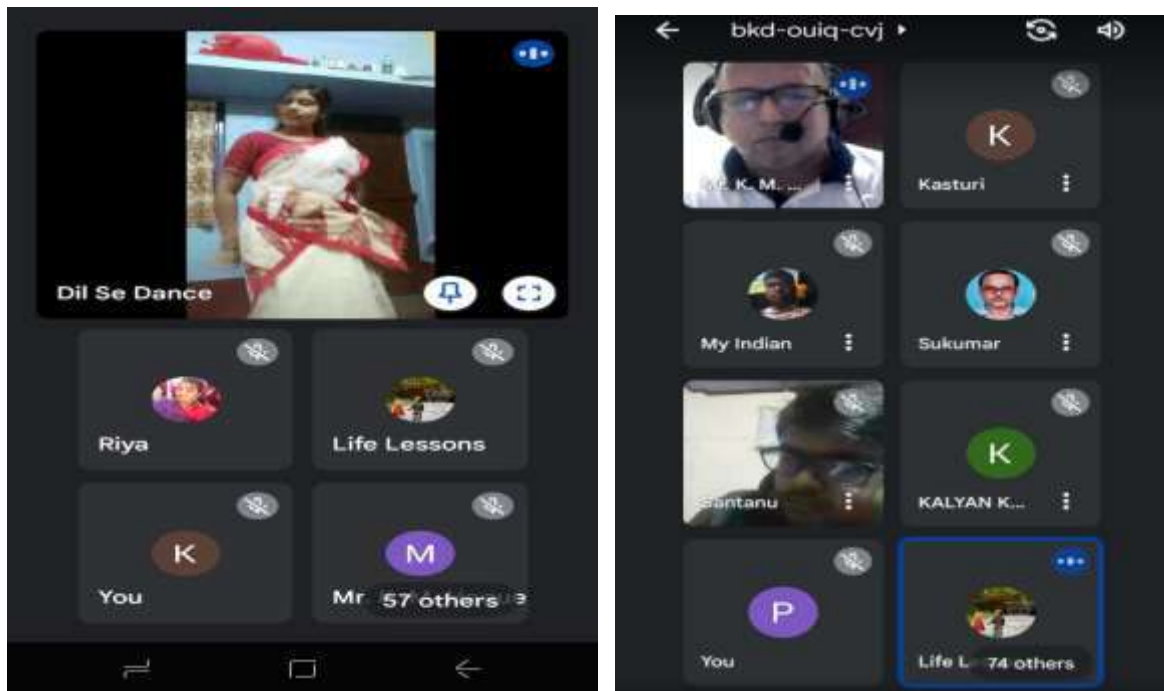
This year world observed the 73rd Human Right day with the theme related to “Equality”. This is in accordance with Art 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which emphasises that-“All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.” The Concept of Human Rights is closely linked with the concept of Social Justice, Equality and Non Discrimination. We may fight against any kind of discrimination, violence and marginalization by adopting Human Rights and thus ensure that each and every member of our society live with peace , enjoy their basic rights and lead a dignified life. The professionals in the field of Social Work have to bear the responsibility to address the various challenging situations, promote wellbeing, and recognize people’s inherent worth and dignity. 82 (approximately) participants (student, teachers and alumni) attended the programme online.

The department of Social Work under School of Professional Studies, NSOU, celebrated the Human Rights Day with lots of enthusiasm through online mode via Google meet Platform. Teachers, Social Work learners from both the years along with the learners from the Alumina association attended the programme. About 82 participants from various study centres were present in this auspicious occasion Dr Sukumar Pal, Asst Prof in Social Work from Visva- Bharati was invited as the guest speaker for the programme. Mr Uttam Shaw, a learner from MSW –II compeered the whole programme.

Smt Kasturi Sinha Ghosh, Asst Prof in Social Work, extended heartfelt wishes to Dr Sukumar Pal and all others who were present in the programme, and requested Sri Kalyan Sanyal, Associate Prof of Social Work, to deliver the welcome address.Sri Kalyan Sanyal at outset welcomed the Guest Speaker along with the teachers and learners who were attending the programme virtually. He gave a brief introduction about the concept of Human Rights and also shared the background of Universal Declaration of Human Rights with the participants. Then he invited Dr Sukumar Pal, to present his valuable thoughts with the learners.



Dr Sukumar Pal began his speech, by saying that it is only through Human Rights we may raise awareness amongst the people of our community about the social, cultural and physical rights and thus ensure the welfare of everyone. He vividly discussed about the important Human Rights Acts, and discussed how the two concepts of Human Rights and Social Justice are inter-related. In his lecture he mentioned about instances, where Human Rights of the people were violated, both in India as well internationally. Dr Pal talked about the roles and responsibilities of social workers in promoting Social Justice and ensuring Human Rights in our society. The learners were highly impressed and enlightened by Dr Pal's deliberations and expressed their desire to have more of such thought provoking lectures in near future.



Smt Kasturi Sinha Ghosh encouraged the learners to do their best once they enter their professional field to work with a Right –Based approach and see to it that no one is deprived of their legitimate entitlements. Sri Monojit Garai proposed the vote of thanks, and expressed his gratitude to Dr Sukumar Pal who was present in the programme, inspite of his busy schedule. He urged to the learners to become responsible professionals and work with lot of dedication and compassion while working in the communities.

Then the learner beautifully shared their thoughts and experiences and also suggested ways in which we may restore Human Right and ensure Rights for each and everyone. Some learners recited powerful poems composed by themselves. The learners performed dance and sang beautiful songs. The programme was concluded with the hope that from next year onwards the world will be free from Covid-19, and we may be able to conduct the Human Rights Day Programme in an offline mode.

---Report prepared by Smt. Kasturi Sinha Ghosh