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Report of World Book and Copyright Day 2025 Celebration

The World Book and Copyright Day 2025 was celebrated at the Subhas Chandra Sabhaghar of Netaji Subhas Open University Head Quarters, Salt Lake on 23rd April 2025. The programme was organised by the Department of the Library and Information Science, NSOU in collaboration with the Library, NSOU. Professor Goutam Gangopadhyaya, Department of Physics, University of Calcutta, and the Secretary, Bangiya Bijnan Parishad (বঙ্গীয় বিজ্ঞান পরিষদ) delivered a lecture on বিজ্ঞান সাহিত্য- কেন পড়ি? কেন লিখি? (Vigyan Sahitya- Keno Pori? Keno Likhi ” / Science literature-Why do we read? Why do we write?).

The programme started with the welcome address by Dr. Anamika Das, Head of the Department, Department of Lib. & Inf. Sc, NSOU. The dignitaries on the Dias were felicitated with green plants. Program stated with invocation song by Dr. Madhusri Ghosh Upadhyay, Dy. Librarian, NSOU -- “Akash Bhora Surya Tara” with her musical and pleasant voice. Professor Arun Kumar Chakraborty delivered the introductory remarks. He discussed about science literature and a history of science literature tradition by the Bengali authors.



Professor Gautam Gangopadhyay in his splendid deliberation discussed the significance and importance of publication and spread of science literature in mother tongue and vernacular to integrate science with culture. He cited several examples throughout the ages of history of



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science worldwide to exemplify how science and consciousness could spread among common people if the scientific and philosophical output are provided in their own languages. He emphasised how such a language barrier may create a gap in the science consciousness among the mass. How thoughts of Galileo or Newton or even Aristotle made an impact on common people when they wrote or their works were translated in common people's languages.



He also mentioned the contributions of many scientists, practitioners in the ancient Indian context, such as Charaka, Shushurata, Aryabhatta, Bhrmagupta. The conflict between religious beliefs and scientific writings was also mentioned in his lecture. The contributions of the scientists and pioneers in the field of Bengali Science literature, such as Jagadish Chandra Bose, Rajshekhar Basu, Gopal Chandra Bhattacharya, and even of the Bengali writers like Akshay Kumar Dutta, Sukumar Ray were also highlighted. In his lecture he discussed the significance of spread of science literature in mass' language and presented the pros and cons of communicating science literature among the common people in different periods in different areas of the World and also in Bengal. The lecture was very attractive and informative.

Dr. Anirban Ghosh, Director School of Professional Studies delivered the presidential address.

More than hundred audience members, including the University teachers, students, research scholars, staff members were present in the blended mode programme. The programme was



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ended by the vote of thanks given by Dr. Madhusri Ghosh Upadhyay, Dy. Librarian, NSOU.
The entire programme was conducted by Dr. Barnali Roy Choudhury, Assistant Professor,
Dept. of Library and Information Science, NSOU.

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