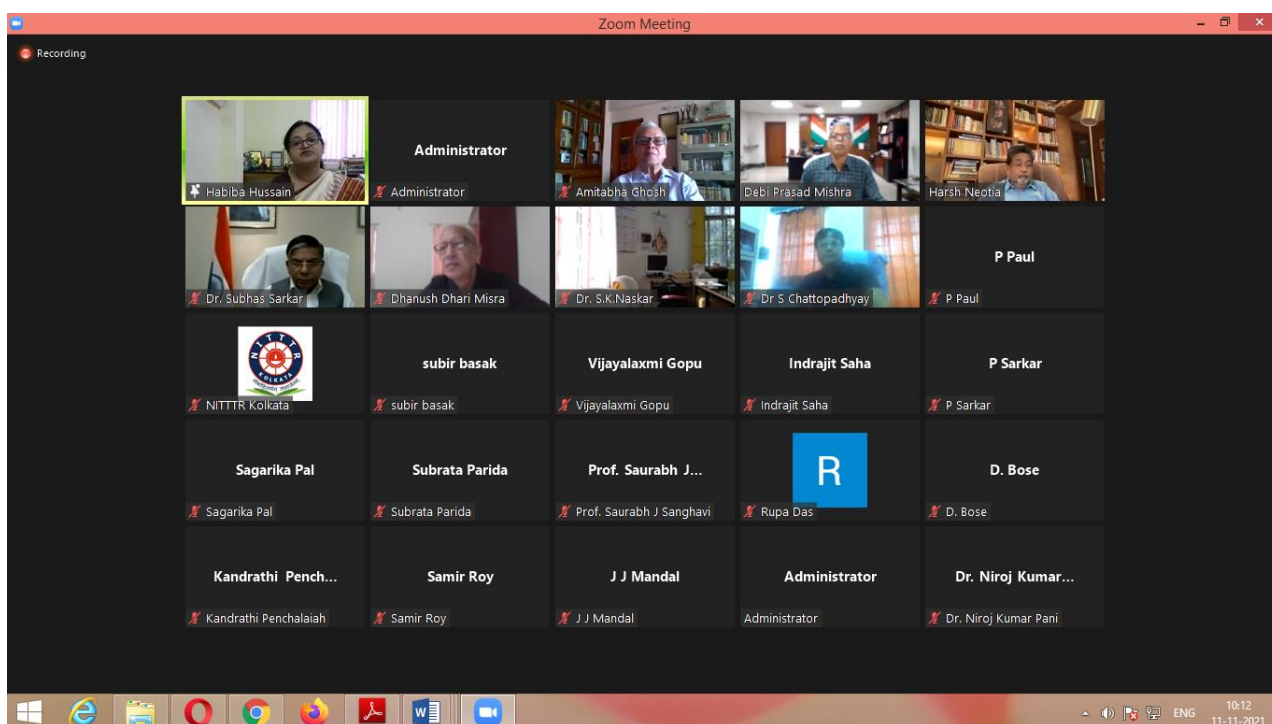


Press release on Inauguration of National Conference on Engineering Education (NCEE 2021)

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A two-day National Conference on Engineering Education (NCEE 2021) was inaugurated at National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training & Research, Kolkata on 11th Nov 2021 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of Independent India by Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Minister of State Education, Govt. of India, as Chief Guest. Prof. Amitava Ghosh, Ex-Director, IIT Kharagpur, Honorary Scientist of the Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi and Honorary Distinguished Professor at Indian Institute of Engineering Science Technology (IIST), Shibpur, was the Guest of Honour.



The session started with a brief introduction by Dr. Habiba Hussain, the Coordinator of the Conference, outlining the aims and objectives of the conference, followed by Saraswati Vandana. Prof. Debi Prasad Mishra, Director of the Institute and Chairman of the conference and Mr. Harshbardhan Neotia, Chairman, BOG, NITTTTR-Kolkata, welcomed the Chief Guest Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Prof. Amitava Ghosh and Dr. D. D. Mishra, key note speaker, ex- Chairman BoG, IIT Dhanbad, the delegates and the august gathering in the inaugural session. In his address Prof. D. P. Mishra, highlighted the major activities of NITTTTR, Kolkata including some collaborative activities with CPSC Manila, UNESCO and UNEVOC. Mr. Neotia stressed on the importance of interdisciplinary curricula, shifting from teacher centric to student centric education in the teaching learning process under the present day's context. After the welcome addresses, a video, highlighting the activities and achievements of the Institute was played.

Guest of honour, Prof. Amitava Ghosh, addressed the august gathering. In his speech, he spoke about various important issues, which one expected to be addressed in Engineering Education. He cited the example of the Registrar-centric academic structure, adopted in almost all premier educational Institutes, which is creating undue bottleneck in smooth functioning of academic activities. He also stressed on the importance of decentralisation of administrative structure of academic institutions. He also acknowledged the immense contribution of NITTTTR, Kolkata, especially in the field of technical education.

Chief Guest, Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Minister of State, Education, Govt. of India had delivered the inaugural address. To start with he appreciated Prof. D. P. Mishra for his simple life style, keeping his thoughts to a higher level. In his speech, he pointed out the tremendous expansion and rapid changes in Engineering Education in last decade. He also felt that NCEE 2021 is going to address the various tethering issues in technical education. He requested Prof. Amitava Ghosh to forward the issue, he had taken up during his speech regarding administrative set up in appropriate forum of the country. He highlighted the aim of the conference, which is to bring all the stake holders, policy makers, educationalist and researchers on a common platform to address the important issues and formulate strategies to address them to bring it as per global scenario. He spoke about the genesis of NITTTR, Kolkata from TTI to perform a stellar role in development of technical education system of the country. He mentioned that the primary objective of the Institute is to provide in-service training to technical teachers and praised the active involvement in upgrading the quality of teaching techniques in general, particularly the service it is providing to North East region of the country. Finally, he pointed out that in present situation, though it became un avoidable, teacher can never be replaced by technology in teaching-learning.

The Conference was officially inaugurated by Chief Guest, Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Minister of State, Education, Govt. of India. The inaugural session ended with a vote of thanks, proposed by Dr. Sukanta Kr. Naskar. Respected Director and Chairman of the Conference specially appreciated the presence and active participation of the esteemed guests, delegate and participants. The session came to an end by playing Vande Mataram.