BAMANPUKUR HUMAYUN KABIR MAHAVIDYALAYA

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

Report of Yuva Diwas

On January 12th, 2022, the N.S.S unit of Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya, in collaboration with the Extension Cell, organized an online seminar on Swami Vivekananda and his relevance today. The event took place on Google Meet, with participants tuning in from various parts of the world.

The seminar commenced with a warm welcome address from Prof. Madhu Sriwastav, the Programme Officer of N.S.S. He extended a warm welcome to all the participants and set the tone for the day's proceedings. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Subhash Biswas, the principal of Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya. Dr. Biswas spoke at length about the philosophy of Swami Vivekananda and his appeal to the youth. His words of wisdom set the stage for what was to be an enlightening and thought-provoking seminar.

The technical session of the seminar was moderated by Prof. Kaushik Baidya, the Convenor of Extension Cell. He introduced the keynote speaker of the day, Prof. Narayan Samanta, the Assistant Professor and HOD of the Department of Political Science at Jibantala Rokeya Mahavidyalaya. Prof. Samanta delivered a lecture on "বর্তমান ভারতে স্থামী বিবেকানন্দের জন-কারিগরি শিক্ষা ভাবনার প্রামঙ্গিকতা," which translates to "The Relevance of Swami Vivekananda's Educational Philosophy in Contemporary India."

In his lecture, Prof. Samanta emphasized the need to understand Swami Vivekananda's educational policies and their relevance in contemporary times. He spoke at length about Swami Vivekananda's vision for the upliftment of the youth and how his teachings could help address the challenges that Indian society faces today. Prof. Samanta's session was engaging and thought-provoking, leaving participants with a deeper understanding of Swami Vivekananda's philosophy.

The second session of the seminar was introduced by Prof. Kaushik Baidya, who presented Dr. Ajijul Hoque Mondal, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Bengali at Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya. Dr. Mondal presented a paper entitled "Swami Vivekananda: Prasanga o Prasangikata," which translates to "Swami Vivekananda: Context and Relevance."

Dr. Mondal's presentation focused on the need to invoke Swami Vivekananda's teachings in contemporary society. He discussed Swami Vivekananda's policies and philosophies and how

they could help address the issues that society faces today. Dr. Mondal's presentation was enlightening, providing a deeper understanding of Swami Vivekananda's teachings and their relevance in contemporary times.

Following the presentations, a question-and-answer session was moderated by Prof. Kaushik Baidya. Participants asked a range of questions, which were answered by both Prof. Samanta and Dr. Mondal. The session was engaging, and participants had the opportunity to clarify their doubts and gain a deeper understanding of the topics covered.

The seminar was concluded by Prof. Madhu Sriwastav, the Programme Officer of N.S.S, who extended his heartfelt thanks to all the participants, speakers, and organizers for making the event a success. The seminar was a resounding success, providing participants with a deeper understanding of Swami Vivekananda's teachings and and their relevance in today's world. The discussions and insights shared during the seminar left a lasting impact on the participants, inspiring them to reflect on Swami Vivekananda's teachings and apply them in their lives.

The online format of the seminar allowed for a diverse range of participants to come together and engage in meaningful discussions about Swami Vivekananda's philosophy. People from different backgrounds and areas of expertise had the opportunity to exchange ideas and perspectives, creating a rich and dynamic learning environment.

One of the key takeaways from the seminar was the importance of Swami Vivekananda's emphasis on holistic education. His vision went beyond the mere transmission of knowledge; he believed in the development of individuals who are intellectually sharp, emotionally balanced, and morally upright. Swami Vivekananda's educational philosophy emphasized the integration of scientific knowledge with spiritual and ethical values, aiming to produce well-rounded individuals who can contribute to the betterment of society.

The discussions also highlighted Swami Vivekananda's timeless messages of self-confidence, self-discipline, and selfless service. His teachings emphasized the power of inner strength and the potential that lies within each individual. Participants resonated with Swami Vivekananda's call for self-mastery and the need to channel one's energies towards noble pursuits.

Furthermore, the seminar shed light on Swami Vivekananda's message of universal brotherhood and religious harmony. In a world that often faces division and conflict, his teachings remind us of the inherent unity of all religions and the importance of respecting and understanding different faiths. Swami Vivekananda's inclusive vision promotes tolerance, compassion, and the recognition of the divinity in all beings.

The seminar also addressed the challenges faced by the youth in today's society. Swami Vivekananda recognized the potential of the younger generation and believed in their ability to shape the future. His teachings emphasized the importance of character-building, moral values, and a sense of purpose in life. Participants discussed the need to provide the youth with guidance and support to navigate the complexities of the modern world, drawing inspiration from Swami Vivekananda's teachings.

Overall, the seminar on Swami Vivekananda and his relevance today served as a platform for intellectual growth, introspection, and inspiration. It highlighted the enduring impact of Swami Vivekananda's teachings and their applicability in addressing contemporary challenges. The event brought together educators, scholars, students, and individuals from various walks of life, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose.

The organizers of the seminar, the Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya N.S.S unit and Extension Cell, deserve commendation for their efforts in organizing such a meaningful and impactful event. By providing a platform for discussions and knowledge-sharing, they have contributed to the dissemination of Swami Vivekananda's teachings and the cultivation of a more enlightened society.

In conclusion, the online seminar on Swami Vivekananda and his relevance today served as a reminder of the timeless wisdom and teachings of this great philosopher and spiritual leader. The discussions and presentations offered valuable insights into his educational philosophy, his message of universal brotherhood, and his vision for the youth. The seminar left a profound impact on the participants, inspiring them to embrace Swami Vivekananda's teachings and apply them in their personal and professional lives. It is through such initiatives that the legacy of Swami Vivekananda continues to thrive and guide generations towards a brighter and more harmonious future.

Glimpses of the Programme:

