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Talk by Prof. D. P. Sengupta

on

“SISTER NIVEDITA : She gave her all to India”

and

“ WiSER 2017 Panel Discussion : Women in Education – WiSER Redefined ”



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ABSTRACT :

Sister Nivedita was of Irish descent and known as Margaret Elizabeth Noble. She was an exceptionally bright student and committed to the cause of serving humanity. She was deeply impressed by the talks and discussions of Swami Vivekananda and came to India. She was sworn to celibacy and named *Sister Nivedita* by the Swami whom she accepted as her Guru who impressed on her that the best way she could serve India was to educate women. That is what she did with great skill and devotion. She lived in a modest home and would bring young girls, young widows from the neighbourhood, prevailing on the senior members of the families that education will not be harmful for girls. She found that most of these women were undernourished and she would stretch her limited funds to feed these girls. The proposed lecture, a power point presentation with pictures that have been available, will touch upon the adversities within which she had to struggle and yet found enough time to promote Art, literature, science and freedom movement and could be counted as one who made significant contributions to Bengal Renaissance. Her relentless work took its toll and she died at the age of 44, having given her all to her adopted country. (Margaret was born in the month of October 1867. 2017 marks 150th year of her birth anniversary).

SPEAKER :

Prof. D. P. Sengupta, joined Indian Institute of Science in 1970 after relinquishing his faculty position in the University of Liverpool. Apart from his contributions to teaching and research, he spent a good deal of his time to promote cultural and sports activities in the campus and acted as a mentor to a large number of students under stress. He was rewarded for teaching excellence in both Liverpool University and IISc. He received AICTE Emeritus Fellowship following his retirement in 1996. As for his technical books, some co-authored, they have been published by Butterworths, MacMillan, Springer and Narosa. Popularisation of science has been one of his major commitments. His Bengali book (VignanerGalgolpo) on general science, partly in verses, fetched him the Professor S.N. Bose award from the Government of West Bengal. His “What on Earth is Energy?” for the very young, published by NCERT, has been very popular. “The Brothers from Chichibaba” written for communal harmony has been translated into seven languages, including in Urdu. His latest publication by PRISM “Our Earth and our Quest for Energy” has been fairly popular. He felt greatly honoured receiving “Guru Pronam” from IISc Alumni Association last year.