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## President's Message



**Mr. Jayanta Moulik**

Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya remains dedicated to the inculcation of ethical values that will shape our students into morally responsible citizens.

My congratulations to the editorial board of Collegium, to the faculty members, staff and students whose contributions have been instrumental in bringing this issue to fruition. May Collegium continue to thrive as a platform for academic reflection and discourse, inspiring our students to make meaningful contributions to knowledge and society.

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students,

This edition of Collegium represents a pivotal moment in our institution's ongoing transformation. The featured analysis of Generation Z learning preferences demonstrates our commitment to evidence-based pedagogical evolution, while the comprehensive coverage of the ICSSR national seminar on Indian cultural traditions underscores our dedication to preserving academic rigor alongside cultural awareness.

Our strategic partnership with ISRO through the "Space on Wheels" initiative exemplifies the innovative outreach methodologies we are implementing to enhance community engagement and inspire scientific curiosity among emerging scholars. The successful launch of four additional M.A. programs across English, Bengali, History, and Political Science reflects our measured approach to academic expansion, with initial enrollment metrics exceeding projected benchmarks.

The sustained momentum of our professional development initiatives, including specialized workshops and distinguished guest lectures, continues to strengthen our institutional capacity for excellence in both teaching and research. These programs directly support our strategic objectives of faculty advancement and student academic achievement.

I acknowledge the substantial contributions of our editorial team, academic staff, administrative personnel, and student body in producing this publication. Your collective efforts maintain the standards of excellence that define our institutional identity and drive our continued progress.

## From the Principal's Desk



**Dr. P.K. Mishra**

# What GEN Z wants? A New Era of Teaching Expectations!

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## Teaching Gen Z: No Cap, Just Apps (And Maybe a Viral Dance Challenge)



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Generation Z arrived at the educational scene with smartphones in tow and spewing a language which hardly makes sense to the rest of the world. As teachers, the challenge lies not only in negotiating an almost alien language but also in adopting and adapting a teaching paradigm which embraces the unique perceptions of the generation. The teachers for this generation can no longer be "sage on the stage" but probably more along the lines of someone who uses memes and trends to exemplify complex issues. Born into an era of instant gratification and social media relevance where anything and everything needs the validation of a virtual reality to be considered 'real' enough, a primary feature of Generation Z learners is their attraction to the visual nature rather than reading texts without multimedia.<sup>1</sup>

Relevance is one of the most important aspects of learning for Gen Z. Just because something is part of the curriculum does not translate to its being relevant or important. The students want to know the necessity of a particular topic being taught to them and its real-world applications. Thus, for an English teacher like me, teaching Macbeth will probably require a comparison with the plotline of Euphoria or analysing whether Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy are in a 'situationship' for the most part of Pride and Prejudice and can Bingley's 'ghosting' of Jane be justified. What entails is personally a more exhilarating and socially justified understanding of classics in the modern scenario. Technology is a given rather than a luxury for this generation and therein lies the expectation that technology must be seamlessly integrated into teaching-learning pedagogy not just as a tool but more as an environment in itself. These digital natives tend to anticipate a smooth integration of technology, customized learning experiences, and a learning atmosphere that evokes the engagement of their favourite social media platforms.<sup>2</sup>

So, what does Gen Z want in the educational scenario? As a Gen Xer myself, I can only speculate rather than say definitely. For me, the givens will include a fun, adaptable, technology-enhanced, compassionate, and genuine learning space that acknowledges their brief attention spans. For educators, 'delulu' regarding outdated teaching methods is no longer the 'solulu' and thus the future isn't about mourning the past or getting lost in old textbooks. Classroom teaching should more be in the form of 'snackable' bites.<sup>3</sup> It's about being a blend of teacher, influencer, therapist, and entertainer. Perhaps, the key to effective teaching lies in a viral dance challenge and a clever GIF. And that, my dear homies is fr, no cap!

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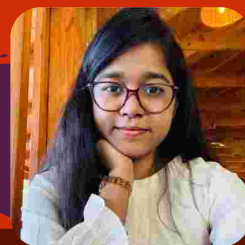


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### Redefining Education, Adapting To Change: Integrating New Pedagogical Tools For The New Generation



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*"When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts."*

- Dalai Lama

The evolving landscape of education necessitates the integration of innovative pedagogical tools to effectively engage and empower the new generation of learners. As students become more diverse in their learning styles, backgrounds, and aspirations, the traditional one-size-fits-all teaching methods become increasingly inadequate. Blended learning, which combines conventional offline in-person instruction with online resources, accommodates various learning preferences and offers a flexible approach that allows students to engage with content at their own pace and learning style. This hybrid model facilitates personalized education, enabling students to access materials at their convenience while benefiting from direct teacher support during class sessions.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has also emerged as a powerful tool in education, offering personalized learning experiences and efficient assessment methods. AI-driven platforms can adapt to individual student's needs, providing tailored content and real-time feedback, which supports differentiated instruction and promotes self-directed learning. Moreover, the incorporation of immersive technologies such as Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) have transformed learning experiences by providing students with interactive and engaging environments. These technologies bear the potential to allow learners to explore complex concepts and distant locations, thereby enhancing their understanding and retention of information.

Gamification strategies could be employed to increase student engagement and motivation. By integrating positive reinforcement strategies and game elements such as points, badges, and leaderboards into educational activities, learners are encouraged to participate actively and persist through challenges, leading to improved academic outcomes. Competency-based education is integral to modern educational frameworks that aligns with the changing expectations of students and employers, emphasizing on mastery of skills and empirical knowledge through hands-on techniques (like workshops, fieldwork, internships, etc) rather than being restricted to merely theoretical knowledge or traditional time-based progression. This model not only bridges the gap between theory and practise but also allows students to progress upon demonstrating proficiency, catering to diverse learning speeds and fostering a deeper understanding of the empirical world. Central to this approach are authentic assessments, such as portfolios, simulations, and performance tasks, which enable students to apply their learning in real-world contexts fosters critical consciousness.

Interactive learning modules and adaptive assessments leverage technology to provide dynamic, individualized learning experiences, offering real-time feedback and adjusting content difficulty to meet each student's needs. These tools not only support the development of academic competencies but also promote critical 21st century skills such as problem-solving, optimization, collaboration, and self-regulation. By focusing on mastery and personalized learning pathways, competency-based pedagogical tools ensure that education is more equitable, engaging, and aligned with the evolving demands of the modern world.

Collectively, the adoption of these innovative pedagogical tools is a strategic response to a more dynamic and inclusive educational environment, preparing students to navigate and succeed in an increasingly complex and technologically advanced world. By embracing technology and focusing on skill mastery, education systems are better equipped to prepare learners for the complexities of the modern world.

# 'WHAT GEN Z WANTS: A NEW ERA OF TEACHING EXPECTATIONS!'

## "Gen Z Speaks: Reimagining Education to Match Their Dreams - A Short Survey"

Our recent survey of students across various departments reveals fascinating insights into how Gen Z learners want to engage with education. The findings paint a clear picture of students seeking dynamic, practical, and personally relevant learning experiences.

### CAREER GUIDANCE TAKES PRIORITY

When asked about additional support, career advice emerged as the dominant need across all departments. Students want practical guidance on post-graduation paths, industry connections, and skill development that directly translates to employability.

### THE CALL FOR PRACTICAL LEARNING

Students consistently requested more hands-on, project-based learning over theoretical approaches. They want real-life case studies, research lab visits, skill-based programs, and interactive elements that make learning feel relevant and engaging.

### WHATSAPP GROUPS: THE NEW OFFICE HOURS

Nearly every student prefers WhatsApp or Telegram groups for asking questions outside class, fundamentally changing how we should think about accessibility and support. This preference reflects their comfort with instant, informal communication channels over traditional office hours.

These insights suggest our Gen Z students are looking for education that is multimedia-rich, practically oriented, career-focused, and delivered through channels that match their communication preferences while maintaining the irreplaceable value of live, interactive instruction.

### MULTIMEDIA INTEGRATION IS ESSENTIAL

An overwhelming majority of students rated multimedia elements in lectures as highly important (mostly 4-5 on a 5-point scale), with only a few preferring traditional lecture formats. This generation expects videos, animations, and interactive content as standard components of their learning experience, not optional extras.

### LIVE INTERACTION REMAINS KING

Despite being digital natives, our students overwhelmingly prefer live in-person lectures over recorded content. This preference for real-time interaction suggests they value the spontaneous discussions, immediate clarification opportunities, and collaborative energy that physical presence provides.



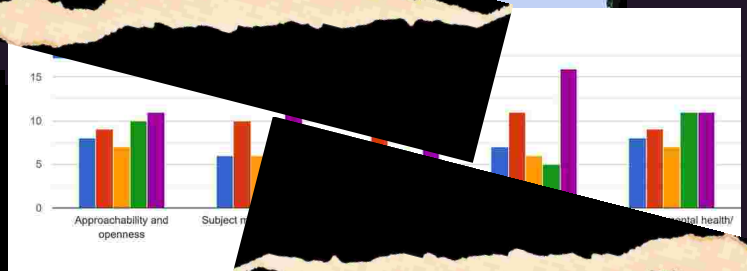


# Survey Snippets

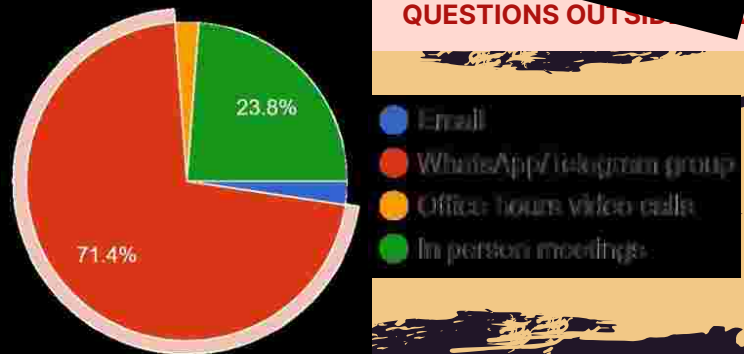
## QUESTIONS ASKED:

1. How important is it for you that Teachers' lectures include multimedia elements (videos, animations, podcasts)?
2. Which teaching format do you find most engaging?
3. Rank the following Teacher qualities in order of importance to you:
4. What's your preferred channel to ask questions outside class?
5. How much do you value collaborative projects vs. individual work?
6. What motivates you more in a course?
7. How much do you want teachers to integrate social media or current events into teaching?
8. What type of additional support would you like from your teachers? e.g., "Career advice," "Mental-health check-ins," "Coding tutorials," etc.
9. If you could change one thing about how courses are delivered, what would it be? Your suggestions help us shape the future of teaching!

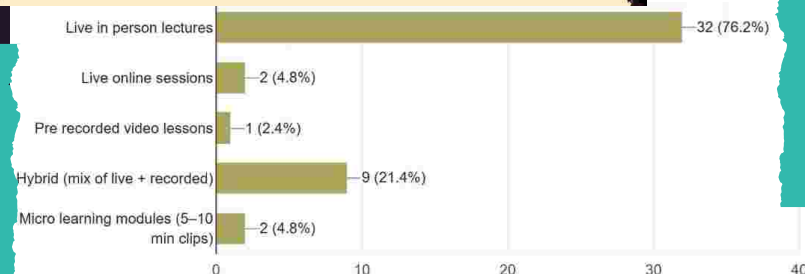
### RANK THE FOLLOWING TEACHER QUALITIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE TO YOU



### WHAT'S YOUR PREFERRED CHANNEL TO ASK QUESTIONS OUTSIDE CLASS?



### WHICH TEACHING FORMAT DO YOU FIND MOST ENGAGING?



## Sample Replies

**If you could change one thing about how courses are delivered, what would it be?** Your suggestions help us shape the future of teaching!

- ✓ 'I want classes should include more modern tools and techniques to make class more interactive and should provide assignments such as open ended research projects which will help an student to go deeper into an subject or topic.'
- ✓ 'Well ,I think courses were more interactive and less about just listening to long lectures. It would be great if teachers motivate students , used more real-life examples, group discussions, and short videos or activities to help us understand things better. Learning feels easier and more fun when it's practical and we're actively involved'.
- ✓ 'Record lectures or provide materials online so we can revise at our own pace.'

# ICSSR SPONSORED NATIONAL SEMINAR

## National Seminar on “Unravelling Indian Rituals and Festivals: The Interplay of Culture, Science, and Knowledge Systems,” (January 10–11, 2025)

Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya hosted a two-day national interdisciplinary seminar sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research on January 10–11, 2025, jointly organised by the Departments of English and Chemistry in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) under the theme “Unravelling Indian Rituals and Festivals: The Interplay of Culture, Science, and Knowledge Systems,” the event investigated the cultural, scientific, and knowledge-transmission dimensions of Indian rituals and festivals. Dr. P.K. Mishra, Principal, delivered the welcome address, underscoring the scientific foundations of ritual practices, while Dr. Arnab Baul, Convenor and Head of the Department of English, outlined the seminar’s aim to bridge traditional wisdom and contemporary perspectives. Dr. Bablee Mandal, Head of the Department of Chemistry, Joint Convener and IQAC Coordinator, highlighted the role of interdisciplinary research in fostering innovation. The keynote address by Prof. Rabi Narayan Acharya of CCRAS, New Delhi, delved into Ayurvedic concepts, geriatric care, and medicinal plant research, and plenary and technical sessions chaired by eminent scholars—including Prof. K.C. Baral (EFLU, Hyderabad), Prof. Prakash C. Pattanik (University of Delhi), Prof. Nishamani Kar (Ministry of Education), Prof. Dwijen Sharma (NEHU), and experts from NIT Sikkim and the University of North Bengal—sparked critical dialogue on folklore, ecology, astronomy, and cultural identity. With 39 paper presenters and over 240 participants engaging both offline and online, the seminar succeeded in enriching understanding of rituals as dynamic repositories of indigenous knowledge. The sessions were well anchored by Paramita Dasgupta, Assistant Professor (Management) of English.





# OS: TH PROGRAMME

Adarsha Vidyalaya—but the first rays of sunlight hit a mysterious van rolled in, not a “Space on Wheels” outreach program from Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya, Vijnana Bhawan. The universe a little closer to Earth.

The excitement as the van whispered guesses and pointed eagerly as the exhibition set the playground transformed into a space station on wheels. The programme was inaugurated by two inspiring figures: Prof. Parthasarathi Chakraborty from the Irrigation & Water Department, Government of West Bengal. Their words were just ceremonial—they were rocket fuel for young imaginations.



As the mobile exhibition opened, a world of wonder spilled out. Scale models of launch vehicles, satellites, and glimpses of historic ISRO missions like Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan captured every gaze. It was more than a display—it was a journey through time and space.

Students from Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya—1,919 of them—joined hands with 333 students from eight other schools, including Siliguri Boys’ High School, Margaret (S.N.) English School, and Valmiki Vidyapith. Together, they explored the wonders of space science, their eyes lit with questions and curiosity.

The highlight of the day was the interactive session with science communicators. Questions flew: “How do satellites stay in orbit?” “Can I become a space scientist?” And with every answer, a new dream took shape.

As the sun dipped and the exhibition van prepared to roll on to its next destination, something had shifted. The students didn’t just learn about space—they felt it, reached for it, believed in it. Because on that day, the stars and planets didn’t seem far away. They had parked right outside.







# RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CELL

## The Launchpad of Innovation



### "Planet, Text, and Context": An Interdisciplinary Dialogue on Environmental Humanities

### Thursday Rostra

On April 5, 2025, the International Multidisciplinary Young Researchers' Conference, titled "Planet, Text, and Context: Perspectives on Ecology," was held. This event was co-organised by the Department of English and the Research and Development Cell, in collaboration with the IQAC, and convened by Agnibha Maity, faculty, Department of English.

The event brought together 46 early-career scholars from India, England, Scotland, Germany, Algeria, and Bangladesh, fostering vibrant cross-cultural dialogue on ecological issues. Principal Dr. P.K. Mishra inaugurated the proceedings, underscoring the importance of integrating humanistic inquiry with scientific perspectives in addressing environmental crises. Dr Roslyn Joy Irving of Johannes Gutenberg University delivered the keynote address, highlighting the urgency of planetary thinking and interdisciplinary approaches to climate change. Plenary and breakout sessions explored topics ranging from the ecological turn in postcolonial studies to gender and environmental justice, guided by esteemed chairs including Dr Indrajit Roy Chowdhury and Dr Somasree Sarkar. Participants engaged in discussions on literature's role in shaping environmental consciousness and examined strategies for bridging disciplinary divides. The conference succeeded in building a global network of young ecological scholars, setting a precedent for future interdisciplinary collaborations. Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing scholarly potential and promoting inclusive academic discourse.



From February to April 2025, the Research and Development Cell's Thursday Rostra series featured eight faculty-led lectures on various topics. These interdisciplinary talks showcased diverse research, sparked lively dialogue, and underscored the Cell's commitment to academic enrichment.

#### Event Highlights – 2025

• Feb 20:

- Chaos & Fractals and Their Applications (Dr. Aniruddha Palit, Mathematics)

- Dynamics of Development: The Case of Dzongu, Sikkim (Sushmita Ranapaheli, Sociology)

• Feb 27:

- Some Interesting Natural Phenomena (Dr. Soma Adhikari, Physics)

- Siliguri & the Quit India Movement, 1942 (Miss Bhawani Roy, Political Science)

• Mar 20:

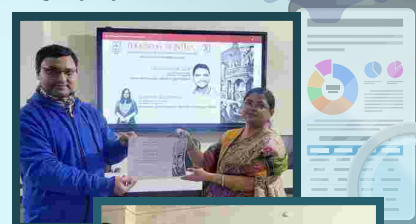
- Khon: The Lyrical Drama of Rajbansis in North Bengal (Dr. Tamali Mustafi, History)

- Interrelationship between Hindi Cinema and Literature (Akash Rao, Hindi)

• Apr 30:

- Biopolymers in the Environment: Fighting Plastic Pollution (Rimpa Das, Environmental Studies)

- Pedogenesis: The Formation of Soil (Dr. Abhisek Sarkar, Geography)





# SCHOLARLY SPECTRUM



## "FACULTY FOOTPRINTS IN RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION"

Research article and book chapter publications by faculty members across various departments at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya are vital for academic growth and institutional excellence. These scholarly contributions not only enhance subject-specific knowledge but also foster a research-oriented environment within the college. Such publications encourage students to engage in inquiry-based learning and expose them to contemporary academic discourse. They also help faculty members stay updated with current trends, build professional credibility, and promote interdisciplinary collaboration. Overall, these academic endeavors significantly contribute to the college's intellectual vibrancy and national academic recognition.



| Sl. No. | Department | Author              | Title                                                                               | Journal / Book                                                     | Page No. | ISSN / ISBN                       |
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| 1       | Bengali    | Ranjit Kumar Barman | Rajbanshi Sampradayer Madankamer Puja O. Banshkhelhar Gan                           | Echoes of Indian Tradition                                         | 379-387  | ISBN: 978-81-971438-8-5           |
| 2       | Bengali    | Sanchita Ghosh      | Jibonjatrar palabadale samparker samikaran: Atin Bandyopadhyayer 'Chera pajama'     | Echoes of Indian Tradition                                         | 272-277  | ISBN: 978-81-971438-8-5           |
| 3       | Bengali    | Priya Dey           | বাংলা সাহিত্যে ডাক ব্যবস্থার প্রসঙ্গ                                                | Trisangam International Refereed Journal                           | 788-793  | Vol-V, Issue-1, ISSN: 2583-0848   |
| 4       | Bengali    | Priya Dey           | নবনীতা দেবসেনের ছোটগল্প (নির্বাচিত): পুরাণের বিনির্মাণ                              | Echoes of Indian Tradition                                         | 287-295  | ISBN: 978-81-971438-8-5           |
| 5       | Chemistry  | Biswajit Bhaumik    | Naphthalene-based fluorescent RTIL sensor for detection of explosive nitroaromatics | Microchemical Journal (Elsevier)                                   | 113759   | Vol 213, ISSN: 1095-9149          |
| 6       | Economics  | Manomita Sarkar     | Digital Divide in Education in Urban, Peri-urban and Rural Areas in India           | Political Economy of Emerging Urban and Peri-urban Spaces in India | 239-253  | ISBN: 978-981-97-8871-2           |
| 7       | English    | Sutapa Saha         | Ritwik Ghatak in the Centenary Year                                                 | Drohakal Aksharey                                                  | 155-161  | Vol 1, ISSN: 2278 3695            |
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## NSS Unit I

### Blood Donation Camp

Keep it Flowing Inside-out

On Wednesday, 25th February 2025, NSS Unit I & II and the NCC Unit of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya jointly organized a Blood Donation Camp in Room No. N3 of the college campus. A medical team from Siliguri Hospital conducted the collection. The camp was arranged with the support of Surya Nagar Samaj Kalyan Sanstha. A total of 36 units of blood were donated by students, volunteers, and Programme Officers.



### Screen Early, Live Fully – Beat Thalassaemia

A Thalassaemia Awareness and Screening Camp was organized on 12th March 2025 by NSS Unit I and the NCC Unit of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya in collaboration with IQAC. Dr. Divya Goyel from the Department of Pathology, North Bengal Medical College & Hospital, was invited as the resource person and was present during the program. A total of 63 blood samples were collected for screening during the camp.



### Serving Society, Shaping Selves

The NSS Special Camp 2024-25 was held from 25th March to 31st March 2025 at Porajhar Village. Organized by NSS Unit I, the camp aimed to instill a sense of social responsibility, self-discipline, and dedication to community development among the volunteers. Throughout the camp, volunteers actively engaged in various developmental activities, working closely with the residents of the adopted village.





# NSS Unit II

## From Bengal to Bharat: A Salute to National Integration

The Republic Day Parade Camp, held from 1st to 31st January 2025 in New Delhi, was organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. I, Babita Prasad, P.O., had the honour of being selected as the Contingent Leader of West Bengal, leading eight student representatives from the state. Marching with drums on Kartavya Path was a moment of immense pride. The camp brought together 15 Program Officers, 200 volunteers, and officials from across India, promoting national integration and leadership. A key highlight was the opportunity to meet the Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, and Vice President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar. Participation in the National Youth Festival at Bharat Mandapam further enriched the experience, making the camp a remarkable journey of unity, patriotism, and inspiration.



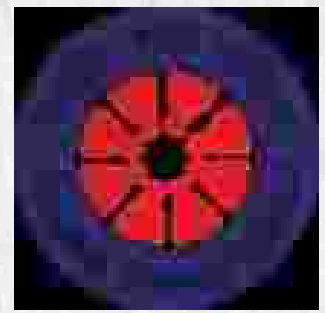
## Honouring Service, Inspiring Change

Our volunteers, Dipa Debnath and Tithi Goswami, were proudly honored with the Rashtriya Prerna Doot Award on 3rd February, 2025 in recognition of their extraordinary dedication and impactful service to society. Their achievement is a moment of pride for the institution and an inspiration for all fellow volunteers.



## Braving the Flames: Youth in Action

On 23rd February 2025, volunteers of NSS Unit II, Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya, displayed remarkable courage and presence of mind when a sudden fire broke out in the Fatapukur area. Acting swiftly, they took immediate steps to help control the situation and assist those affected until the fire brigade arrived, exemplifying the true spirit of disaster response and community service.



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वॉलंटियर्सों ने की लोगों की मदद



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## Nutrition is Nation-Building

On 23rd April 2025, NSS Unit II of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya organized an event in the adopted village Jabravita to observe POSHAN Abhiyan, focusing on nutrition and maternal health. In collaboration with DPMI Siliguri, health assessments were conducted for pregnant women, including checks on height, weight, blood pressure, and blood sugar levels. Milk and bananas were distributed, with priority given to children under two and pregnant women, later extended to all attendees, reinforcing the campaign's goal of promoting health and nutrition at the grassroots level.

## Together Towards a TB-Free India

NSS Unit II of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya has adopted two TB patients, Amarjeet Sahani and Puja Singh, as part of the Ni-Kshay Mitra initiative under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, to support individuals undergoing TB treatment. On 24th March 2025, the unit officially committed to providing nutritious food to both patients for a period of six months, as TB is generally curable within this time frame. The adoption has been registered under ID number 236761736 in the Ni-Kshay Mitra portal, reflecting the unit's continued dedication to public health and community care.





# INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

## EQUAL RIGHTS, SAFE SPACES

**Voices of Change: Advancing Gender Equality Through Awareness and Action**



In its unwavering commitment to fostering equity and safety, Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya hosted a series of impactful initiatives championing gender rights and awareness. On 30th January 2025, the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), in collaboration with IQAC, organized an Awareness cum Orientation Programme on “Basic Human Rights of Gender Equality and Approach against Sexual Harassment and Abuse at Workplace/Institution.” The session brought together students, faculty, and staff to reflect on institutional responsibilities, the role of the ICC, and the urgent need for informed dialogue on gender justice and safety.

Extending its reach beyond campus, the ICC held an Outdoor Gender Sensitisation Camp on 20th February 2025 at NoyGharia village, within the tea-garden community of Mantadari Gram Panchayat. The programme addressed vital social issues like child marriage, domestic violence, trafficking, and women's rights, engaging rural audiences through meaningful discussion and community empowerment.

Marking International Women's Day on 8th March 2025, the college held a seminar titled “Accelerate Action: Thinking 'Emancipation' in an Indian Context”, with Prof. Asima Sarker as keynote speaker. Student volunteers were honored for their contributions, including the Student Achievement Award to Md. Ezaz Chowdhury and Sabana Khatun, underscoring the spirit of change led by youth.



# **STUDENTS' SUPPORT SERVICE / PLACEMENT CELL & PROGRESSION COMMITTEE**

EMPOWERING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE: AWARENESS, GUIDANCE, AND OPPORTUNITY



**CAREER COUNSELLING DRIVE 2025**



**CONSUMER PROTECTION  
AWARENESS PROGRAMME**



**PLACEMENT DRIVE 2025**

On 30.01.2025, Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya's Student Support Cell launched a series of impactful initiatives to guide and empower students. The *Consumer Protection Awareness Programme*, held in collaboration with the Jalpaiguri Regional Office, educated 160 students on their rights under the Consumer Protection Act 2019. Consumer activist Mr. Wahid Alam addressed issues like unfair trade practices and redressal mechanisms.

Following this, on 8<sup>th</sup> May the *Career Counselling Drive 2025* connected 150 students and 9 alumni with institutions such as Frankfinn, LICI, and Study Xpress, offering insights into competitive exams and career planning.

The *Placement Drive 2025*, held on 15<sup>th</sup> May, provided job opportunities through recruiters like Nexus DMC and Fifty One Enterprises LLP, with 34 candidates appearing for interviews.

These initiatives reflect the institution's strong commitment to holistic student development, bridging academic learning with practical life skills, career awareness, and empowerment for a brighter future.





# SSM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**Bonding and Beyond:** *Echoes of the Past, Voices for the Future*



## Empowering Minds Through Knowledge and Skills

### 1. Intellectual Property Rights Seminar (15th Feb 2025)

On a vibrant February morning, the campus of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya buzzed with intellectual energy as the Alumni Association and Central Library, in collaboration with IQAC, hosted a thought-provoking one-day seminar on "Intellectual Property Rights in India: A Catalyst for Innovation, Research and Creative Industries."

With over 150 attendees, the event commenced with a grand inaugural session. Principal Dr. P.K. Mishra delivered a heartfelt welcome, followed by Dr. Bablee Mandal, who outlined the seminar's objectives. Alumni President Mrs. Mitali Das also extended her warm wishes to the organizers.

The technical session featured eminent speakers: Prof. Saptarshi Ghosh demystified copyrights and patents, Dr. Anoop Kumar provided a practical guide on applying for patents, and Mr. Dipankar Debnath shared insights on trademarks, geographical indicators, and his real-life experiences. The interactive Q&A session enriched the participants' understanding of IPR's real-world impact. Mr. Guruchand Pandey concluded with a sincere vote of thanks.



### 2. Tally with GST Certification Course (28th Feb – 5th May 2025)

To bridge the gap between academia and industry, Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya Alumni Association joined hands with NSS Academy, Siliguri, to offer a 10-Day Free Tally with GST Certification Course. Spanning over two months and covering six batches, 245 students received hands-on training in accounting, Tally ERP software, and GST return filing.

This skill-oriented program not only enhanced students' technical know-how but also equipped them for real-world financial roles, improving their employability and confidence.

Together, both initiatives marked a commitment to empowering students through knowledge, innovation, and skill-building.





# CULTURAL EVENTS: Cultural Committee Initiatives

## Echoes of Patriotism: Celebrating Legacy and Nationhood at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya



Observation of 91<sup>st</sup> Martyrdom Day of Masterda Surya Sen & 163rd Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda

January 2025 was marked by patriotic fervor at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya. On 12th January, the institution honored Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary and Masterda Surya Sen's death anniversary, with tributes led by Principal Dr. P.K. Mishra and insights from Dr. Suphal Biswas.



OBSERVATION OF 76<sup>TH</sup> REPUBLIC DAY



OBSERVATION OF 128<sup>TH</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE



On 23rd January, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birth anniversary was commemorated with speeches by faculty and students. The 76th Republic Day was celebrated on January 26th with a flag hoisting, a parade by the NCC and NSS, and cultural performances. Winners of the extempore competition held on 24th January were awarded, concluding the month with pride and patriotism.

## ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2025:

### A Day of Unity and Spirit



On 8th February 2025, Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya celebrated its Annual Sports Meet at the Amra Sobai Surya Sen Sporting Club playground. The event was inaugurated by Sri Goutam Deb, Hon'ble Mayor of Siliguri, and featured a grand march past, flag hoisting, and a series of thrilling athletic competitions. Students and faculty actively participated, showcasing teamwork, discipline, and sporting talent. Cultural performances added vibrant energy to the day. The event successfully promoted fitness, unity, and holistic development, creating a memorable experience for the entire college community.



# DEPARTMENT OF BENGALI: THE MELODY OF LITERATURE

## FOSTERING LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT AS A BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF BENGALI LITERATURE



### FACULTY EXCHANGES PROGRAMME



### CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

The early months of 2025 unfolded like pages from a rich literary text for the Department of Bengali at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya. The journey began on 18th February, when the department welcomed Prof. B. Akash Rao from the Department of Hindi for a Faculty Exchange Programme. With his engaging lecture on the History of Hindi Literature, students were transported through time, exploring the evolution of thought, style, and expression in Hindi writing. Thirty-six students and six teachers sat immersed, gaining perspectives beyond their own discipline. Just a few days later, on 21st February, the department observed International Mother Language Day with warmth and reverence. The air rang with songs sung by students, and thought-provoking speeches by Dr. Suphal Biswas and Dr. Bikash Ranjan Deb reminded everyone of the power and beauty of linguistic diversity. A cultural programme followed, where creativity and pride in one's roots merged beautifully. Then came a deeper dive into poetry, with the Add-on Course on "Kabi Jibanananda O Aadhunik Kabita" from 22nd February to 1st March. Students discovered the unique voice of Jibanananda Das, his quiet yet powerful modernism, and his imagery that painted Bengal in ways few could. The poet's work became a mirror through which the modern world and its complexities were viewed. The literary voyage concluded on 12th March with another Faculty Exchange—this time led by Dr. Arnab Baul, who shared insights into the History of English Literature. For students, it was not just a lesson in literature, but an experience of crossing cultural bridges. This semester, the Bengali department didn't just teach—they inspired, connected, and told stories that will echo beyond the classroom.



ADD-ON

PROGRAMME



# DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

## WHERE EVERY ATOM COUNTS



### FROM VEDAS TO FAREWELLS: A CHEMIST'S TALE

The Department of Chemistry at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya embarked on a vibrant journey of learning, discovery, and celebration from February to May 2025—blending ancient wisdom with modern science and heartfelt memories.

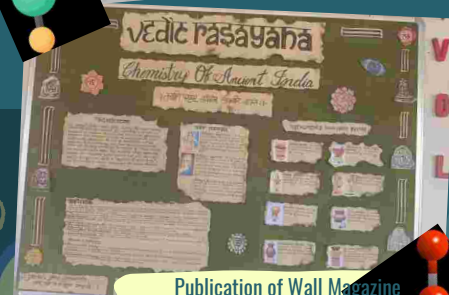
It all began on 20th February, when the corridor of Kanada Kaksha transformed into a window to the past with the launch of **Chemicules** – Volume 2. Themed “*Vedic Rasayana – Chemistry of Ancient India*,” the wall magazine, designed by Chemistry Honours and Major students, explored India’s age-old chemical traditions. Principal Dr. P.K. Mishra inaugurated the edition, which beautifully bridged traditional knowledge and contemporary understanding.

On 28th February, the department marked National Science Day on the theme “Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership”. Dr. Romyani Goswami opened the event with a tribute to Dr. C.V. Raman. The day gained an extra flair through “**Lab Coats & Laughs – The Science Show with a Twist**,” an inter-departmental quiz competition hosted by Dr. Bablee Mandal featuring 10 dynamic rounds with 63 participants across disciplines. Chemistry, Geography, and Commerce teams emerged victorious, cheered on by the Principal.

From 22nd to 29th March, a 30-hour Add-on course on “**Biopolymers – Nature’s Building Block and their Global Impact**” was held at Kanada Kaksha. It brought together experts and students to explore sustainable materials, with 29 out of 35 students successfully completing the course. Nandeeta Sha topped the batch.

On 16th April, students stepped beyond the classroom during an industrial visit to Tiriannah Tea Factory, observing the tea-making process from plucking to packaging, gaining valuable industrial exposure.

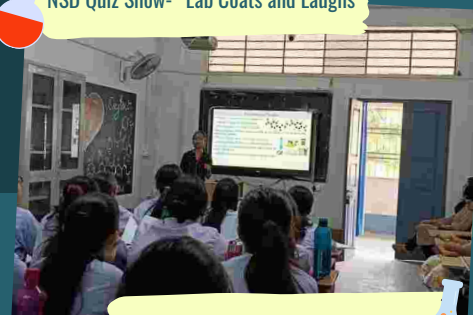
This enriching series of events reflected the department’s commitment to nurturing curiosity, innovation, and interdisciplinary engagement. As the semester drew to a close, it left behind a trail of scientific enthusiasm, collaborative spirit, and a renewed appreciation for chemistry’s role in both heritage and progress.



Publication of Wall Magazine  
CHEMICULES VOL.2



NSD Quiz Show- “Lab Coats and Laughs”



Add-On Course on “Biopolymers”



Industrial Visit to Tiriannah Tea Factory



## Empowering Young Minds through Holistic and Industry-Oriented Initiatives



**CAREER COUNSELLING**



**INDUSTRIAL VISIT**

In early 2025, the Department of Commerce at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya embarked on a series of enriching initiatives designed to blend academic knowledge with real-world insight. On 6th February, a Career Counselling Seminar was held on “Relevance of Different Business Fields in Today’s Global Scenario,” led by Mr. Dhritiman Chakraborty from ASM’s Institute, Pune. His session provided students with valuable perspectives on the ever-changing business environment.

On 7th March, a student-centric research seminar showcased 13 selected papers from 160 B.Com 6th semester submissions. Thoughtful presentations by winners like Chandi Chowdhury, Pravat Pramanik, and Amisha Rai highlighted critical issues in investment. The learning moved outdoors on 14th April, when students visited Nirmal Farms, Bara Mangwa as part of an industrial visit, gaining firsthand experience in rural enterprise and food processing operations.

Earlier, on 27th February, a Health and Scholarship Awareness Programme was conducted in collaboration with the NGO Faith and IIT Kharagpur doctors. Students were guided on wellness resources, free consultations, and scholarship opportunities. Together, these events reflect the department’s commitment to holistic education—preparing students for both professional success and informed, healthy living.



**STUDENTS CENTRIC SEMINAR**



**AWARENESS PROGRAMME**

# DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS : RESHAPING ECONOMIES IN A DIGITAL AGE



## From Wall Displays to Wealth Management



WALL MAGAZINE



ADD-ON COURSE



The newly launched MA programmes in English, Political Science, History, and Bengali have achieved excellent first-semester results, with every department celebrating full success and strong academic performances. The English department led the charge with four students scoring above 6 SGPA—one reaching 6.68—and a student earning the University's First Class Second rank.

Political Science department followed with three students securing top University ranks: 3rd, 5th, and 6th. Department of History celebrated a full pass record, including a student with an SGPA over 6.

The Bengali department also impressed with total success and two students achieving First Class ranks—3rd and 5th. These achievements highlight the departments' commitment to excellence and set a strong foundation for academic distinction ahead.

It was a bright and lively afternoon on 29th March 2025 when the Department of Economics at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya came alive with colour, creativity, and critical thought. The walls of the department stood taller that day, proudly hosting the unveiling of "Oikonomia" Vol. III, the departmental wall magazine. The chosen theme-Inflation-was as timely as it was thought-provoking, capturing the interest of students across semesters.

As students and faculty gathered around, Honourable Principal Dr. P.K. Mishra graced the occasion with encouraging words. With warmth and wisdom, he commended the vibrant efforts of 77 students and the support of 19 teaching and non-teaching staff members. "Academic engagement doesn't stop at books," he reminded the room, "it lives and grows in initiatives like these." And with that, a new edition of student-led exploration was officially set in motion.

But the department wasn't finished yet.

Just days later, from 2nd to 9th April 2025, the Economics Department launched its much-awaited 4th Add-on Course: "Basics of Investment and Money Management." Aimed at bridging classroom theory with real-world skills, this 30-hour programme welcomed 56 eager students into the world of finance. Guided by experienced voices-Dr. Sumitra Naha, Dr. Aniruddha Palit, Mr. Niloy Deb, Mr. Sagnik Das, and departmental faculty-the sessions offered a balance of theoretical grounding and hands-on practice.

In those seven days, spreadsheets replaced textbooks, charts spoke louder than lectures, and students discovered how numbers could shape futures.

Together, these two events told a single, powerful story: that economics is not just studied-it is lived, shared, and applied. And in this department, learning always finds new ways to grow.



# Department of English

Critical Minds. Creative Hearts

## Nurturing Minds, Fostering Bonds: A Time for Scholarship and Creativity

On 19 March 2025, Dr. Alessandro Vescovi of the University of Milan opened the Masterminds Lecture with a stirring call to action—"Why We Need Environmental Humanities?"—inviting attendees to discover how literature, art, and philosophy can work together to reshape our response to ecological crises and amplify Indigenous voices. In late February and March, "Between the Lines," the English Department book club, convened for two lively gatherings: on 27 February, students dissected transformative YouTube passages and debated their social resonance; the very next month, "Out of Syllabus" inspired vibrant student-led presentations on eclectic reads, sparking spirited discussions that highlighted the power of diverse perspectives. From 24–25 April, the "Bridging Words" Translation Workshop, organised in collaboration with IQAC, brought eighty-eight participants into immersive sessions led by Smt. Shyamali Sengupta and Sri Krishna Pradhan on cultural sensitivity and fidelity, while Nimu Rai, Dipankar Lal Jha, and B. Akash Rao led hands-on exercises that bridged theory and practice. On 29 April, the department celebrated the launch of Oracle Vol. 7- the wall magazine—this year's "Nonsense and Comics" issue—showcasing forty-four student artists and writers whose playful illustrations and satirical prose reflected the seamless collaboration between editorial, design, and creative teams. The Language Workshop was held in collaboration with Cambridge University Press and Placement on January 13, 2025, and provided students with career guidance and exam preparation strategies for IELTS. Through interactive activities and expert insights, participants gained valuable knowledge to enhance their academic and professional prospects. Together, these events underscore the Department's unwavering commitment to interdisciplinary learning, early-career scholarship, and imaginative innovation.



Publication of Wall Magazine



Masterminds- Invited Talk



Translation Workshop



Publication of Newsletter

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# IQAC, SSM EMBRACING POSITIVITY: SPECIAL LECTURE ON SWAMI VIVEKANANDA'S VISION OF POSITIVE THINKING



Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya hosted a special lecture on "The Power of Positive Thinking: Insights from Swami Vivekananda's Teachings" on 8th April 2025 at the KCPM Seminar Hall, organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). Rev. Swami Jnanalokananda Maharaj, Trustee of Ramakrishna Math and Mission and Secretary of Swami Vivekananda Ancestral House & Cultural Centre, Kolkata, delivered the address. Dr. Arnab Baul, Teacher-in-Charge, welcomed the guest and emphasized the relevance of Vivekananda's ideals. Dr. Bablee Mandal, IQAC Coordinator, highlighted the importance of such teachings for youth development. The session, attended by 136 participants—both students and faculty—was marked by an engaging lecture and an enthusiastic interactive segment. Students actively participated, posing thoughtful questions and sharing reflections. The programme successfully fulfilled its objective of motivating participants toward a constructive mindset rooted in Swami Vivekananda's philosophy. Dr. Phurba Tamang offered the vote of thanks, and the event was smoothly anchored by Sudeshna Mandal.

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Minds in the Making

### Fostering Inclusive Minds and Creative Expression

In a spirited stride toward inclusive learning, the Department of Education at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya conducted a transformative 30-hour add-on course titled "Inclusive Education: A Holistic Approach" from April 24 to 30, 2025. The course offered students more than just theory—it cultivated empathy, adaptability, and real-world strategies for inclusive classrooms. Led by passionate educators Dr. Suphal Biswas, Paramita Dasgupta, and Sushmita Ranapaheli, the sessions blended policy, pedagogy, and practice through interactive lectures and group activities. Seventy enthusiastic students participated, each walking away with deeper insight and readiness to teach in diverse learning environments.

Earlier, on March 18, 2025, creativity and academic rigor came alive with the unveiling of the departmental wall magazine titled "Vygotsky's Socio-Cultural Theory." Crafted by 2nd semester Major students, the magazine encouraged critical thinking and peer collaboration. Inaugurated by Principal Dr. P.K. Mishra, the event drew around 150 attendees. Faculty members, including Dr. Arnab Baul, Dr. Bablee Mandal, and Dr. Suphal Biswas, shared reflections on Vygotsky's enduring legacy. With vibrant displays and student-led presentations, the event deepened conceptual understanding while celebrating student initiative—bringing theory into practice in the most engaging way.







## OUR POWER, OUR PLANET



On 22nd April 2025, a special program was held to commemorate World Earth Day with the theme “Our Power, Our Planet.” As part of the celebration, a Wall Magazine titled “PLANET PULSE – VOL 2” was unveiled alongside a Plantation Drive, both aimed at promoting environmental awareness and sustainability. The event was inaugurated by Principal Dr. P.K. Mishra, and served as a meaningful initiative to engage students and staff in reflecting on their role in protecting the planet.

## ECO CLUB

From Soil to Soul – We Care.



On the occasion of World Wildlife Day, the Eco Club and the Department of Environmental Science, in collaboration with IQAC, are organizing an Inter-Departmental Poster Presentation on 3rd March 2025. This event aims to raise awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation and to encourage students from all departments to express their ideas creatively through visual art. It provides a platform for interdisciplinary engagement and fosters a sense of responsibility towards protecting our planet's biodiversity.





# Department of Geography

## "Exploring Earth, Empowering Minds"

### From Roots to Rocks: The Geography Trail

The Department of Geography embarked on an inspiring journey between January and April 2025, blending nature, culture, and technology into meaningful learning.

It all began on 31st January with "Healing Roots: The Forgotten Wisdom of Local Plants." The campus bloomed as 94 participants explored the traditional uses of native flora, planting greenery and reviving ecological knowledge.

Next, eyes turned skyward. On 21st April, 140 students engaged in a dynamic Career Counselling and Drone Training session led by Sri Bhashkar Sarkar, a DGCA-certified drone pilot. Students gained hands-on experience in drone operation and geospatial data analysis—an entry into cutting-edge geoinformatics.



**GREENERY ACTIVITY**



**CAREER COUNSELLING AND  
HANDS-ON TRAINING**



**LANDSLIDE ASSESSMENT  
SURVEY AT RONGTONG,  
DARJEELING HIMALAYA**



**GEOMORPHOLOGICAL SURVEY  
AT ARAKU VALLEY, EASTERN  
GHATS, ANDHRA PRADESH**



**FIELD STUDY ON  
MATRILINEAL  
TRADITION IN  
SHILLONG,  
MEGHALAYA**

In March, two enriching field trips brought textbooks to life. From 4th to 9th, 28 students surveyed the geomorphology of Araku Valley, studying erosional landforms in the Eastern Ghats. Later, from 24th to 29th, 30 students journeyed to Shillong to explore the Khasi community's matrilineal traditions, conducting interviews and observing social customs.

April also took students to the fragile slopes of the Darjeeling Himalayas. On 7th April, 28 geographers conducted a Landslide Assessment Survey at Rongtong—identifying hazard-prone zones and understanding slope dynamics in a high-risk mountain environment.

Each activity offered a unique learning experience, rooted in the department's commitment to experiential education and environmental consciousness. From healing plants to Himalayan slopes, the journey was not just across landscapes—but deep into the heart of what geography truly is.



# Department of History: Explorers of Time

Preserving the Past, Shaping the Future



**PARENTS TEACHER MEETING**



**WALL MAGAZINE**



**STUDENT'S WORKSHOP**



**INVITED LECTURE**

The corridors of the History Department at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya echoed with stories, voices, and vibrant energy as 2025 unfolded. It wasn't just another semester—it was a carefully woven tapestry of reflection, knowledge, and student engagement.

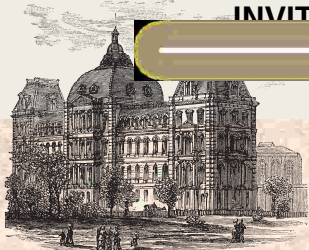
The journey began on 30th January, when the department opened its doors not just to students, but to their families. The Parents-Teacher Meeting, held in the cozy Kalhana Kiosk Room, brought together 31 parents who listened intently as faculty members unfolded the structure of the FYUGP curriculum, the monthly evaluation process, and the academic culture of the institution. Warm smiles and words of encouragement from parents marked the beginning of deeper collaboration.

On 20th February, imagination took visual form. The wall magazine *Shakabda* (Vol. VIII), themed "DHR: The First Indian Railway Heritage", was unveiled. Under Prof. Sima Das's guidance, 23 students had poured their passion into this creative venture—celebrating the engineering marvel and cultural soul of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway.

March arrived with the clinking of old tools and the rustle of paper. On the 28th, students led a workshop on Artifacts Maintenance and Conservation, bringing history to life with hands-on demonstrations. Their earlier training transformed into a teaching moment for peers—where the delicate art of preserving the past was passed on.

And finally, on 24th April, the department welcomed Dr. Dahlia Bhattacharya, who spoke about historiography not just as an academic pursuit, but as a way of thinking. Students left with new questions and deeper curiosity—exactly what history is meant to spark.

Together, these moments formed more than just events—they became milestones in the department's mission to help students not only study history, but experience it.



# Department of Mathematics

INFINITE THINKING. FINITE SOLUTIONS

## A Glimpse into the Mathematical Mindscape

The Department of Mathematics, Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya, witnessed a vibrant series of academic events in 2025, blending knowledge with creativity and innovation.



STUDENTS' SEMINAR PRESENTATION



NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

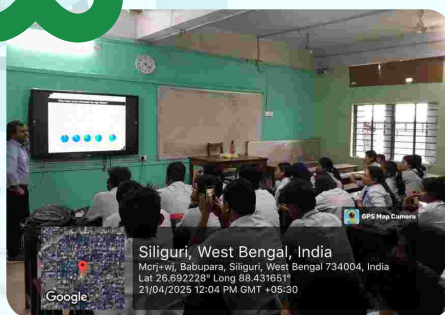
On 24th February, the department hosted a **Students' Seminar Presentation** for 2nd Semester Mathematics Major students. Inaugurated by Dr. Aniruddha Palit, Head of the Department, the event encouraged students to present topics from their syllabus, mentored by faculty members. With the aid of the Interactive Panel, each presentation concluded with a lively Q&A, and valuable feedback was offered by all teachers. The seminar aimed to enhance subject understanding while nurturing communication skills among the 26 participating students.

The enthusiasm continued on 28th February with the observance of **National Science Day**, commemorating the discovery of the Raman Effect. The celebration aligned with the national theme, "Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for VIKSIT BHARAT." Lectures by Dr. Palit and Smt. Sima Barman inspired 29 students from semesters 2, 4, and 6 to appreciate the evolving role of mathematics in science and innovation.

On 21st April, a special lecture titled "Fundamentals of Investment" was delivered by Sri Rahul Paul, SACT, Department of Economics. The session explained investment basics, mutual funds, and risk factors, encouraging questions from the 54 student participants and making financial literacy accessible and relevant.

Finally, on 22nd April, the department unveiled the 3rd volume of its wall magazine '**MATHMINDS**', themed "*Cryptography and its Applications*." Inaugurated by Principal Dr. P. K. Mishra, the magazine, prepared by 2nd-semester students, explored ciphers and everyday uses of cryptography. With 71 students and 32 faculty members attending, the event showcased the creative synergy of mathematics and real-world relevance.

Each event reflected the department's unwavering commitment to nurturing curious minds and building a vibrant academic culture.



SPECIAL LECTURE



UNVEILING OF THE WALL MAGAZINE  
'MATHMINDS'

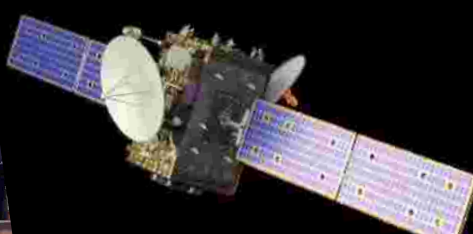
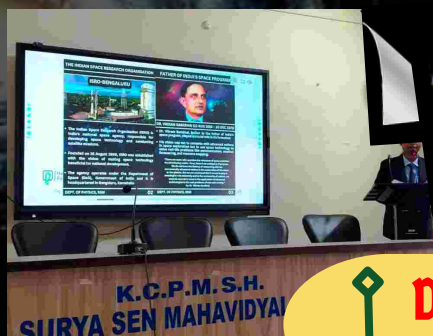


# DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

## Bending Space, Time, and Imagination

### A Flip Through Space: Tracing ISRO's Celestial Journey

6th SEM Students of department of Physics explores the historical development of the remarkable journey of ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization) in the field of space science and technology, starting from bicycles to the moon and beyond. On 27th of February at KCPMSH, the departmental students presented the topic beautifully through a flipbook presentation followed by a discussion. It covers insightful information about ISRO, its Launch vehicles, Satellites, Prominent Scientists and Historic Missions of the organization. ISRO's recent successes, such as the soft landing of the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft near the Moon's south pole, Aditya-L1—the solar observatory mission etc. are also covered by them. The event was successful and interactive.



## Department of Hindi

भाषा से विचार तक, ज्ञान से संस्कार तक

On 30th September 2024, Hindi Diwas was celebrated at KCPMSH, K.C.P.M.S.H. Sen Mahavidyalaya. The event began with a light ceremony by Dr. Suphal Biswas, Dr. Bablee M. ... members, followed by speeches on ... students participated enthusiastically ... and staged the play 'Antarjaal'. ... the program was a vibrant



## Life Skill & Well Being Cell

Nurturing Minds, Enriching Lives.

### INSPIRATION AND SKILLS: A JOURNEY WITH THE LIFE SKILL AND WELLBEING CELL



Motivational Video Screening



Workshop on Cake Baking

Maneswar, leaving students inspired ... active session followed, where Cell ... reflect and share their insights. ... collaboration with NSS Unit I, ... and 9th April. Inaugurated by ... the workshop featured Smt. ... hands-on session in beautician ... models. On the second day, she ... techniques. ... , practical, and fun, with students ... and expressing interest in learning ... successfully blended motivation with life skills, ... to grow with confidence and curiosity.

# Department of Political Science : Shaping Citizens, Shaping Nations

## Engaging Minds and Empowering Citizens through Academic and Outreach Initiatives



**WALL MAGAZINE**



**STUDENT- SEMINAR**

In the spirited halls of the Department of Political Science at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya, the year 2025 began not with routine lectures, but with a journey into the real world. On a crisp morning of 5<sup>th</sup> February, students set out to Dudhia, a serene village nestled in the hills, for a Social Outreach Programme. With notebooks in hand and curiosity in their hearts, they knocked on doors—not just to ask questions, but to understand how government schemes touch (or miss) the lives of everyday people. What they gained wasn't just data, but a firsthand experience of governance at the grassroots.

Back on campus, on 21<sup>st</sup> March, the department's creativity unfolded through the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of its Wall Magazine, themed "The Rise of Conservatism." With sketches, quotes, and sharp commentary, students critically reflected on the global ideological shifts shaping today's politics.

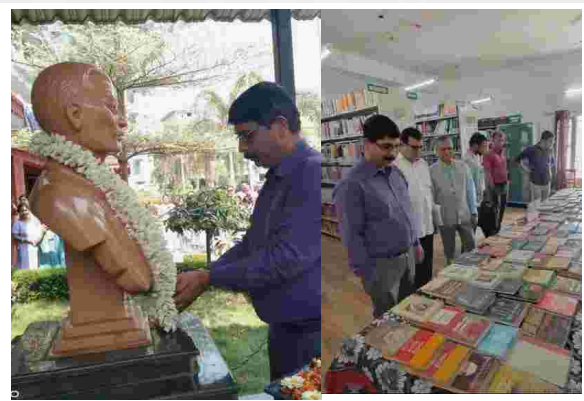
On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, a quieter, respectful homage took place—the 132<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of Masterda Surya Sen. His fearless spirit reminded everyone that politics begins with courage and conviction.

In late April, the energy intensified with a two-day student seminar (29<sup>th</sup> –30<sup>th</sup> April) where India's balancing act in a multipolar world was passionately debated. Students tackled tough questions on foreign policy, strategizing India's stand amid global powers.

Through all these experiences, students didn't just learn political science—they lived it.



**SOCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAMME**

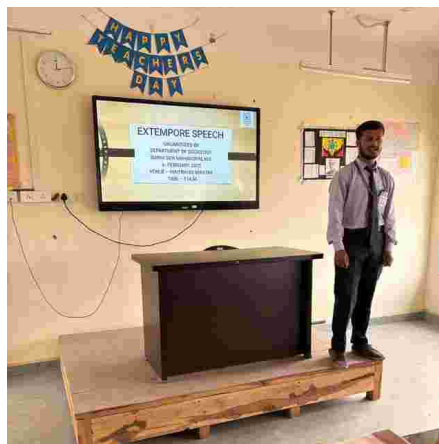


**OBSERVATION OF 132<sup>ND</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MASTERDA SURYA SEN**



# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY : PEOPLE, PERSPECTIVES, POSSIBILITIES

## Exploring Society Beyond the Classroom



**EXTEMPORE SPEECH**

The Department of Sociology of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya turned 2025 into a journey of voices, visuals, and vibrant inquiry. On 6th February, the classroom transformed into a stage as 4th semester students rose, one after another, to speak spontaneously on “Social Issues and Everyday Social Life.” Their words reflected lived experiences, classroom knowledge, and growing confidence. With thoughtful feedback from faculty, the session became more than a speaking event—it became a platform of empowerment.



**POSTER PRESENTATION**

The learning deepened in March, when 6th semester students took to the field from 17th to 26th, stepping into Ward 34 of the Siliguri Municipal Corporation. With notebooks in hand and curiosity in heart, they examined issues ranging from migration to gender discrimination, from media influence to aging.

Each event was a chapter in a shared story of exploration—where Sociology wasn’t just studied, it was experienced. And in those moments, learning walked beyond the classroom.



**FIELD WORK**



**WALL MAGAZINE**



**ORIENTATION PROGRAM  
ON ANTI-RAGGING**

# Department of Business Administration

## (Tourism, Aviation & Hospitality Management)

### Shaping Business Minds, Building Future Leaders

The BBATAH Department of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya curated a vibrant sequence of events in early 2025, each capturing a unique facet of student life—from academic reflection and nature-based exploration to cultural celebration and emotional farewell.

The first in the series was the Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) held on 24th February 2025 at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya. With 18 participants, the session focused on vital academic matters like attendance, internal assessments, and student discipline. Lt. Tsering Sherpa led the discussion, emphasizing the impact of attendance on academic performance and the consequences of negligence. Faculty members such as Ms. Nisha Gupta and Sringshwari Ma'am highlighted subject-specific concerns and encouraged parents to support students in maintaining regular study habits. Students' internal marks were shared for transparency, and signatures from parents were collected as a formal record. The session concluded with an open discussion and informal interaction over snacks, reinforcing the home-institute partnership in academic growth.

Next came a refreshing break from routine with an excursion cum picnic to Rehang Forest Park, Rambhi, on 26th April 2025. Jointly organized by Siliguri College and Surya Sen College, the trip brought together 48 students and four faculty members. The journey began at Arunadayi Sangh Club with laughter, singing, and games. Upon arriving at the forest park, students engaged in nature walks, ecological observation, and group exploration, turning the landscape into a living classroom. Nutritious meals and shared conversations enhanced the communal spirit. The excursion fostered stress relief, social bonding, environmental awareness, and personal development—making it more than just a day of leisure.

The celebratory spirit reached its peak with the combined Freshers' and Farewell Programme on 29th April 2025, a dual event that blended vibrant joy with emotional goodbyes. With the theme "Bollywood Bash", the freshers' segment featured ramp walks, talent rounds, interactive games, and spirited performances. New students were welcomed with cheer, crowned Mr. and Ms. Fresher, and instantly made to feel part of the BBATAH family.

The event then transitioned into the Farewell segment, themed "Metallic Memories", honoring Semester 6 students. Seniors walked the ramp one last time, shared memories during an open mic, and watched a touching video montage of their college journey. Faculty members shared blessings, and students were gifted caps and sashes as tokens of love. A final DJ session brought everyone together on the dance floor, uniting freshers, seniors, and faculty in joyful celebration.

These three thoughtfully planned events reflected the department's commitment to holistic development—fostering academic responsibility, experiential learning, emotional connection, and team spirit. Whether through honest conversations, outdoor discovery, or heartfelt celebration, the BBATAH community continues to grow together, one story at a time.



Parent-Teacher Meeting



Excursion



Freshers' Welcome & Farewell Ceremony



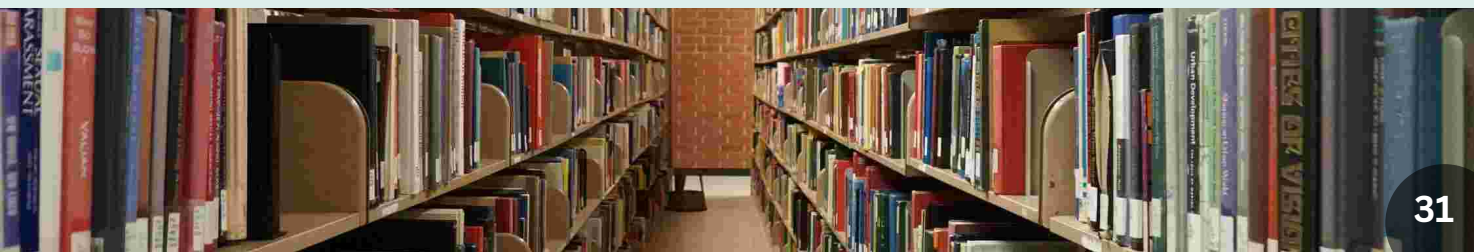


## Igniting Minds Through Knowledge and Patriotism: Celebrating Innovation and Legacy at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya



In a vibrant fusion of knowledge and remembrance, Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya's Central Library and Alumni Association, in collaboration with IQAC, hosted a dynamic one-day seminar on "Intellectual Property Rights in India: A Catalyst for Innovation, Research and Creative Industries". Held in early 2025, the seminar brought together 153 participants, including an enthusiastic cohort of faculty and students. Distinguished experts illuminated the nuances of IPR, inspiring budding researchers and creators to protect and nurture their intellectual pursuits. The sessions proved intellectually stimulating and encouraged a culture of innovation among attendees.

Further commemorating the spirit of revolution, the Central Library paid tribute to Masterda Surya Sen on his 132nd Birth Anniversary with a 7-day exhibition on 'অগ্নিযুগ', focusing on Bengal's National Revolutionary Movement. The exhibition celebrated the legacy of freedom fighters while reigniting interest in patriotic literature. It was inaugurated with great reverence by Principal Dr. P.K. Mishra, Mr. Ranadish Chowdhury, Dr. Ajay Kumar Shaw, Dr. Bablee Mandal, and Dr. Bikash Ranjan Deb. Through thoughtful displays and rare collections, the event successfully instilled a sense of historical awareness and promoted library engagement. Together, these initiatives reinforced the institution's dedication to intellectual and cultural growth.





# IN FOCUS

## SSM Bulletin

### Making Headlines: The Activities That Shape Our Students

#### Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya hosts international conference on Ecology



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Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya recently organ a Multidisciplinary International You Researchers' Conference titled "Planet, 1 and Context: Perspectives on Ecology." event was jointly hosted by the Departur of English and the Research & Developm Cell in collaboration with the IQAC brought together young researchers fr around the world to share ideas on ecolg thinking in today's climate crisis.

Principal P K Mishra inaugurated conference, calling it a significant step promoting student research. "As educat we must harness students' research pote and this conference is a vital step ir direction," he said.

Participants from countries like En Germany, Algeria, and Bangladesh, with researchers from various Indian took part in the conference. Schola students from institutions across s also added value to the sessions w active participation.

The keynote speaker, Roslyn Irv Johannes Gutenberg University, G stressed the importance of add climate change through both sci and the humanities. Her talk helped set for the discussions that followed.

Plenary speakers included In Chowdhury from the University Bengal and Somnare Sarkar from G College. They spoke on how s issues connect with postcolon and gender topics.

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#### National seminar explores the Scientific and Cultural Dimensions of Indian Rituals and Festivals

A two-day national interdisciplinary seminar, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), was held on January 10-11, 2025, at Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya, Siliguri. The seminar, jointly organized by the Departments of English and Chemistry, explored the intersection of science and culture in Indian rituals and festivals. The event was inaugurated by Prof. P.K. Mishra, Principal of the college.

#### School organises gender sensitisation camp

The Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya conducted an Outdoor Gender Sensitisation Camp at Village Noy-Gharia, under Mandatari Gram Panchayat in the Bakantapur forest area yesterday. The initiative is aimed to promote gender equality, women's rights, and social inclusivity in the rural tea-garden community. The programme focused on key objectives, including fostering positive values to support girls' rights, creating more space for women in society, empowering underprivileged women in marginalised areas, and educating the community about the harmful effects of gender bias. Topics such as gender stereotypes, child rights, domestic violence, women's trafficking, and gender justice were highlighted through charts, posters, and performing arts by student volunteers. ICC members also conducted a gender survey among local women.

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#### Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya hosts two-day interdepartmental translation workshop

The Department of English, in collaboration with the IQAC of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya, Siliguri, organised a two-day interdepartmental translation workshop titled "Translation Workshop: Bridging Languages" on January 24 and 25, 2025. The workshop was jointly organized by the Departments of English and Chemistry, aimed at enhancing students' translation skills and promoting interdisciplinary learning. The event was inaugurated by Prof. P.K. Mishra, Principal of the college.

#### रोजगारोन्मुख पाठ्यक्रमों के साथ सूर्य सेन महाविद्यालय में 150 छात्रों का प्रशिक्षण संपन्न

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