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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



JAYANTA MOULIK
PRESIDENT, GB

I sincerely appreciate the efforts of the Collegium team in bringing this issue to light in a timely manner. The newsletter reflects the vibrant academic and co-curricular life of the college and its consistent progress on multiple fronts. Encouraged by the increasing recognition and trust the institution enjoys, plans for a second campus have taken shape. In January 2026, the foundation stone for the gate and boundary wall at Sahudangi will be laid, marking an important milestone in our journey. Collegium continues to serve as a valuable record of our activities and achievements, and I congratulate all involved in sustaining this spirit of growth.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



DR. P. K. MISHRA

With great pride and heartfelt joy, I present Volume 8, Issue 3 of Collegium to our readers.

This issue takes up cyber security and digital privacy, a subject of real importance for students navigating the digital world today. During this period, we also celebrated our 27th Foundation Day with enthusiasm and a strong sense of togetherness. I am especially proud to share that NSS Unit II has once again received the President's Award, marking a remarkable third consecutive achievement.

Such accomplishments reflect our collective commitment to excellence. Looking ahead, January will witness the laying of the foundation stone for our second campus, symbolising the steady growth of our institution and the widening circle of our college family.



PRESIDENT'S AWARD

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NSS Volunteer Anup Biswas Received Prestigious President's Award

Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya achieved a moment of immense pride on 6th October 2025, when Anup Biswas, a dedicated volunteer of NSS Unit II, was conferred with the NSS President's Award for the year 2022-23. The award was presented by the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, at the Rashtrapati Bhavan under the MY Bharat - National Service Scheme Awards ceremony.

Instituted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the NSS President's Award is one of the highest recognitions for youth service in the country. It honours exceptional contributions in the fields of social service, community development, and nation-building. Anup Biswas was selected for his unwavering commitment, leadership, and selfless service through various NSS activities that aimed at social awareness, rural development, and community welfare.

This remarkable achievement not only highlights Anup's dedication and perseverance but also reflects the strong culture of service and responsibility nurtured by the NSS Unit of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya. The entire institution extends heartfelt congratulations to Anup Biswas for bringing national recognition and honour to the college. His accomplishment serves as a powerful inspiration for students to engage actively in social service and contribute meaningfully to society.



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COVER STORY

CYBER SECURITY AND DIGITAL PRIVACY FOR THE STUDENTS

Your Survival Guide to Digital India's Dark Side

In an era where a single click can cost you everything, ignorance isn't bliss—it's dangerous. That's why this issue of Collegium tackles the silent predator haunting every student's smartphone: Cyber Crime. We chose this topic because the threat is real, immediate, and often invisible until it's too late. From phishing scams to digital extortion, today's students are prime targets in a battlefield most don't even realise they're on. Our deepest gratitude goes to Sri Samrat Mitra, Inspector-in-Charge, Cyber Crime Police Station, Siliguri, whose extensive insights and expert responses became the backbone of this cover story. His frontline experience transformed complex cyber threats into actionable survival strategies. This isn't just another awareness article—it's your digital armour. Read it. Share it. Stay vigilant. Because online, caution isn't optional anymore.

THE REAL TALK

Every day, students lose money, accounts, and peace of mind to scams that could've been stopped with 10 seconds of thinking. This isn't a "maybe it'll happen" situation—it's a "when will you catch it" game. Every click, link, and "urgent" message is a test of awareness. Scammers don't hack systems; they hack trust, fear, and hurry. Learn the patterns once, and you'll spot the trap before it snaps. Here's your cheat sheet to stay ahead of the scammers.

Remember: every action you take online leaves a digital footprint, and scammers often use those traces to tailor traps that feel personal and convincing.



Sri Samrat Mitra
Inspector-in-Charge,
Cyber Crime PS, Siliguri

DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

A digital footprint is the trail of data left by your online activities, formed by both the information you intentionally share (like social media posts) and the data collected passively (like browsing history and cookies). This digital trail creates a comprehensive profile of your online identity and habits, which can be used to track you, profile you for advertising, or even be exposed in data breaches.

Types of Digital Footprints

● Active Digital

Footprint: Data you knowingly contribute, such as:

- ▶ Posting on social media
- ▶ Sending emails
- ▶ Filling out online forms
- ▶ Leaving online reviews

● Passive Digital Footprint: Data

collected without your direct awareness, often through:

- ▶ Website cookies that track browsing behavior
- ▶ Apps collating your data
- ▶ IP address monitoring
- ▶ Location tracking

Why does it matter?

Understanding your digital footprint is crucial for several reasons:

- ▶ **Online Identity:** It forms your digital identity and shapes how you are perceived online.
- ▶ **Privacy Concerns:** Data from your footprint can be collected, sold, or shared with third parties without your full knowledge.
- ▶ **Security Risks:** Your personal information within your digital footprint can be compromised in data breaches.
- ▶ **Professional Impact:** Employers and educational institutions can use your digital footprint to learn more about you.

What is Included in a Digital Footprint?

Your digital footprint can include a vast array of data, such as:

- ▶ Websites you visit
- ▶ Your search history
- ▶ Social media content and interactions
- ▶ Online purchases and shopping preferences
- ▶ Messages you send
- ▶ Data collected from your device, such as device type, operating system, and location



CATEGORY 1: PHISHING & FAKE LINKS

Q: How do you verify whether a scholarship SMS link is real or fake?

A: Never click links in unsolicited SMS. Instead, open your browser and manually type the official scholarship website (like NSP.gov.in). Cross-check the sender's number with the official portal's contact details. Real scholarships don't expire in "24 hours" or demand instant clicks.

Q: What signs help identify a phishing email from Google or other services?

A: Check the sender's exact email address (not just the display name). Google will send from @google.com, never from @google-security.com or @gmail-verify.net. Look for poor grammar, urgent threats like "Your account will be closed," and generic greetings ("Dear User" instead of your name). Hover over links before clicking—the URL preview often reveals fake domains.

Q: Why should you avoid WhatsApp messages that say 'This is your video' with a link?

A: These links install malware disguised as video players, giving scammers access to your contacts, photos, and banking apps. WhatsApp videos play directly in the app—they never require external links. If someone sends this, their account is likely hacked. Delete immediately and warn them.

Q: Why are shortened links risky?

A: URLs like bit.ly/xyz123 hide the real destination. A link claiming to be "college notes" could actually lead to a phishing page that harvests your credentials. Before clicking, paste shortened links into CheckShortURL.com or ExpandURL.com to reveal the true destination.

Q: What should you do immediately after clicking a phishing link?

A:

1. **Disconnect from the internet (turn off Wi-Fi/mobile data)**
2. **Change passwords for email, banking, and social media on a secure device**
3. **Enable two-factor authentication everywhere**
4. **Contact your bank to freeze cards/accounts**
5. **Report to Cybercrime Portal (cybercrime.gov.in) and call 1930**



CATEGORY 2: OTP, UPI & DIGITAL PAYMENT FRAUD

Q: Why should OTP never be shared with anyone?

A: OTP is the final authentication lock on your bank account. Sharing it is like handing over your ATM card with the PIN written on it. No bank, e-commerce site, or government agency will ever ask for OTP over call, SMS, or email. If someone asks, they're a scammer—hang up immediately.

Q: What is the danger of accepting unknown UPI requests?

A: UPI "collect requests" can be designed to confuse you. A notification saying "Accept ₹500 reward" might actually be a payment request, not a credit. Always read the exact wording: "Paying ₹500 to..." means money leaves your account. Fraudsters bet on split-second decisions. When in doubt, reject and verify separately.

Q: How do scammers misuse refund messages?

A: They send fake "refund pending" alerts with UPI collect requests. Victims see "Refund of ₹1,200" and hit accept without noticing the request is actually asking them to send ₹1,200. Always check if it says "Pay" or "Receive" before approving any UPI notification.

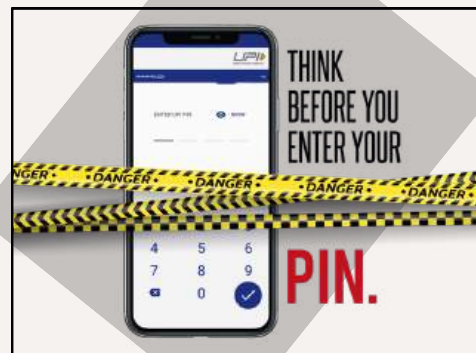
Q: Why are KYC update SMS usually fake?

A: Banks handle KYC through official apps, branches, or verified customer portals—never through random SMS links. Messages like "Complete KYC or account will be blocked" create false urgency. Real KYC updates come with months of notice via registered email and physical letters, not sudden 48-hour deadlines.

Q: What steps should you take after a UPI fraud?

A:

1. **Immediately call your bank to block further transactions**
2. **File an FIR at the nearest Cyber Police Station within 24 hours**
3. **Report on National Cybercrime Helpline: 1930**
4. **Submit complaint on cybercrime.gov.in with transaction screenshots**
5. **Contact UPI app support (GPay, PhonePe, etc.) to dispute the transaction.**



CATEGORY 3: ONLINE GAMING ACCOUNT SECURITY

Q: Why are free game currency websites unsafe?

A: Sites promising "free V-Bucks" or "unlimited UC" are malware honeypots. They steal your login credentials by mimicking real login pages or install keyloggers that record every password you type. If it sounds too good to be true, it's a trap designed to sell your hacked account on the dark web.

Q: What happens if you share your game login details?

A: Your account gets stolen and sold to the highest bidder. Hackers target accounts with rare skins, high ranks, or linked payment methods. Even "trusted friends" can get their own accounts hacked, exposing yours through saved passwords. Accounts worth ₹5,000+ in skins sell for ₹500 in underground markets.



Q: Why are mod APK games dangerous?

A: Modified APKs bypass Google Play security checks and can contain:

- Spyware tracking your location and calls
- Banking Trojans stealing UPI PINs
- Ransomware locking your phone until you pay
- They often request suspicious permissions (like SMS access for a game) that legitimate apps never need.

Additionally, mod APKs can:

- Create backdoors for remote hackers to control your device
- Disable security updates and Play Protect warnings
- Lead to permanent bans of your gaming or Google accounts
- Expose your digital footprint, making you a repeat target for future scams

Q: How does two-factor authentication help gaming accounts?

A: Even if hackers steal your password through phishing, they can't access your account without the second verification (usually a code sent to your phone or email). Enable 2FA on Steam, Epic Games, BGMI, and any account with purchased content. It's the difference between losing everything and just changing a password.

Q: How do fake tournament rewards trap players?

A: Scammers create fake "official tournament" pages on Instagram/Discord, promising prizes for "registration fees" or asking for account details to "verify eligibility." Real esports tournaments never ask for upfront payment or login credentials. Always verify through the game's official website or verified social media handles.

CATEGORY 4: SOCIAL MEDIA & IDENTITY THEFT

Q: What should you do if someone creates a fake profile using your photo?

A: Immediately report the profile using the platform's impersonation option (Instagram: Report → It's pretending to be someone → Me). Take screenshots of the fake profile and any messages sent from it. File a complaint on cybercrime.gov.in under "Online Harassment/Impersonation." Warn your friends list about the fake account to prevent scams in your name.

Q: Why is posting ID cards or admit cards unsafe?

A: These documents contain:

- Full name, DOB, address (for identity theft)
- Roll numbers/ID numbers (for exam fraud)
- Signatures (can be forged on fake documents)
- Scammers use these to create fake profiles, apply for loans in your name, or even impersonate you in online scams. Always blur personal details before posting achievement photos.

Q: How can friendly strangers become cyber threats?

A: Online "friends" build trust over weeks, then:

- Ask for money (small at first, then increasing)
- Request private photos/videos (later used for blackmail)
- Gather personal info through casual chat (mother's maiden name, pet's name—often used as security questions)
- **Red flags:** Overly fast intimacy, avoiding video calls, stories that need "urgent financial help."



Q: Why should location sharing be limited?**A:** Real-time location reveals:

- When your home is empty (burglary risk)
- Your daily routines (stalking risk)
- Expensive items you own (theft targeting)
- Instagram Stories with location tags like "At the airport ✈️" tell criminals, "My house is unguarded for the next week." Share locations after you've left, never during.

Q: How does identity theft affect digital reputation?**A:** When hackers impersonate you, they:

- Send loan/scam requests to your contacts (damaging trust)
- Post inappropriate content (affecting future job prospects)
- Link your name to illegal activities (police records)
- Even after you regain control, the digital footprint remains. Employers and colleges increasingly check social media before admission/hiring decisions

**CATEGORY 5: MALWARE, FAKE APPS & DEVICE HACKING****Q: How do fake apps infect your phone?****A:** They request excessive permissions (a flashlight app asking for contact access?) and run background processes that:

- Copy your photos, messages, and call logs
- Track banking OTPs and keystrokes
- Install additional malware without your knowledge
- Always check app permissions before granting—if a calculator wants SMS access, it's stealing your data.

Q: Why are virus warning pop-ups dangerous?**A:** Real antivirus apps don't use browser pop-ups with flashing red alerts saying "28 VIRUSES DETECTED!" These are fake warnings designed to panic you into downloading actual malware disguised as "cleaner apps." Your phone's built-in Play Protect (Android) or iOS security handles real threats silently—no pop-up spam needed.**Q: What are the signs of malware infection?****A:**

- Battery draining faster than usual (malware runs constantly)
- Unknown apps appearing that you didn't install
- Random ads even when no apps are open
- Phone overheating during light use
- Data usage spikes (malware sending your info externally)
- If you notice 2+ signs, immediately boot into Safe Mode and uninstall suspicious apps.

**Q: Why should apps be downloaded only from official stores?****A:** Apps should be downloaded only from official stores because they provide essential security checks. Google Play and App Store scan apps for malware, verify developers, and remove harmful apps quickly. They also provide safe updates and warnings. Third-party APK sites bypass all these protections, so you install apps blindly, risking data theft, OTP and UPI fraud, spyware, and device hacking. Even APKs shared by friends can be unsafe if their source is compromised. Exceptions like F-Droid are reputable, but users must verify authenticity. Official stores act as a safety gate for your device and digital identity.**Q: What to do if malware is suspected?****A:**

- Boot in Safe Mode (power button → tap and hold "Power off" → select Safe Mode)
- Uninstall recently added apps, especially from unknown sources
- Run a scan with Malwarebytes or Bitdefender (free versions available)
- Factory reset if infection persists (backup important data first to external storage, not cloud)
- Change all passwords after reset from a clean device
- Check and revoke suspicious app permissions (Settings → Privacy → Permission Manager)
- Monitor bank accounts, UPI apps, and email activity for unauthorized access and report immediately if found

CATEGORY 6: PUBLIC WI-FI & NETWORK ATTACKS

Q: Why is banking unsafe on public Wi-Fi?

A: Public networks (cafés, airports, malls) are unencrypted, meaning anyone on the same network can intercept your data using simple packet-sniffing tools. A hacker 10 feet away can capture your bank login as it transmits. Even HTTPS isn't foolproof on compromised networks—avoid financial transactions entirely on public Wi-Fi.

Q: What is a man-in-the-middle attack?

A: A hacker intercepts communication between you and a website by positioning themselves as the "middleman." Example: You think you're connecting to your bank, but you're actually connecting to the hacker's server, which then connects to the bank. They see every password, OTP, and transaction detail in real-time. Using VPNs encrypts your connection, making interception nearly impossible.

Q: How can hackers steal data from open networks?

A: Free Wi-Fi hotspots often have no password, meaning zero encryption. Tools like Wireshark can capture all unencrypted traffic (emails, login cookies, browsing history). Even if you don't enter passwords, session cookies can be stolen, letting hackers access your logged-in accounts. Always use a VPN on public Wi-Fi—it creates an encrypted tunnel for your data.

Q: What safety rules apply for public Wi-Fi?

- A:**
- Never access banking, UPI, or email on public networks
 - Use a VPN (ProtonVPN, Windscribe have free tiers)
 - Turn off auto-connect so your phone doesn't join rogue hotspots
 - Forget network after use (Settings → Wi-Fi → forget network)
 - Check network name with staff (hackers create fake hotspots like "Starbucks_Free" vs. official "Starbucks_WiFi")

Q: Why is mobile data safer?

A: 4G/5G connections are encrypted end-to-end between your phone and the cellular tower. Hackers can't intercept this traffic without sophisticated equipment. While slightly slower than Wi-Fi, mobile data is inherently more secure for banking and sensitive tasks. If you must use public Wi-Fi, enable VPN first.



**"YOUR PRIVACY DISAPPEARS
THE MOMENT YOU TRUST AN
UNKNOWN NETWORK."**

CATEGORY 7: PASSWORD & ACCOUNT PROTECTION

Q: Why is using the same password everywhere risky?

A: When one service gets hacked (and databases leak regularly), hackers use "credential stuffing" bots to test your leaked password across Netflix, Gmail, Instagram, banking apps, etc. A single breach compromises everything. Example: LinkedIn leaked 165 million passwords in 2021—anyone reusing that password elsewhere got multi-account hacked.

Q: What makes a strong password?

- A:**
- Use 15+ characters combining:
 - Uppercase and lowercase letters
 - Numbers and symbols (!@#\$%^&*)
 - No dictionary words (avoid Password123, Mumbai@2025)
 - Use passphrases: "BlueMoon\$Dances2025@Night!" is stronger than "Bm\$D2@N!"
 - Avoid: Birthdates, pet names, phone numbers—easily guessed from social media.

Q: How does two-factor authentication protect accounts?

A: 2FA requires two separate verifications:

Something you know (password)

Something you have (phone with OTP, or authenticator app code)

Even if hackers phish your password, they can't access your account without the second factor. Pro tip: Use authenticator apps (Google Authenticator, Authy) instead of SMS—they're harder to intercept through SIM-swap attacks.

Q: Why should passwords never be shared?

- A:**
- Once shared, you lose control. You can't track where it's stored, copied, or reused. Even trusted people can:
 - Accidentally save it on compromised devices. Their phone or laptop may already have malware or spyware.
 - Have their own accounts hacked, exposing your password. Your login becomes an easy bonus target.
 - Misuse access later (after friendships end). Trust can change, but access often remains. Old passwords become silent weapons.
 - Sharing Netflix passwords seems harmless, but that account links to payment methods and personal data. Never share banking, email, or social media passwords.
 - Shared passwords can lead to misuse of emails, LMS, or exam portals. This may cause loss of marks, disciplinary action, or identity misuse



Q: How does a password manager help?**A:**

- Tools like Bitwarden, 1Password, or LastPass generate and store unique, complex passwords for every account. You only remember one master password. Benefits:
- Auto-fill prevents typing passwords on phishing sites (it won't recognize fake URLs)
- Encrypted storage far safer than browser-saved passwords
- Cross-device sync (phone, laptop, tablet)
- Free tiers are sufficient for students—no excuses for weak passwords.

PART 2: Crime Lab – The Anatomy of a Scam

CASE STUDY #1 THE SCHOLARSHIP SNARE

THE TRAP:

The link leads to a fake government portal (notice the URL: "gov.co.in" not "gov.in"). It asks for: Aadhaar number, Bank account details, Processing fee" of ₹500 via UPI. Within hours, your bank account is drained, and your Aadhaar is used to create fake loan applications in your name.

THE ESCAPE:

- Never click SMS scholarship links—go directly to scholarships.gov.in
- Real scholarships never ask for upfront fees (it's always free to apply)
- Check URL carefully: Government sites end in .gov.in, never .com or .co.in
- Verify sender by calling the scholarship helpline (available on official website)

THE BAIT:

"Congratulations! You've been selected for the PM Scholarship 2026. Click here to claim ₹50,000 within 24 hours: [bit.ly/pmscholar789]"



CASE STUDY #2 THE UPI "REFUND" REVERSAL

THE TRAP:

The UPI notification appears legitimate: "Refund for Order #FL123456." In your rush, you hit "Accept" without reading the fine print. The notification actually says "Pay ₹2,499 to..." not "Receive." Money flows out of your account, not in. The scammer vanishes.

THE ESCAPE:

- Read UPI notifications carefully: Look for "Pay" vs. "Receive"
- Real refunds are automatic—no company asks you to "accept" a refund request
- Hang up and call back using the official customer care number (from the app, not the caller's number)
- Screenshot suspicious requests before rejecting and report them

THE BAIT:

You get a call: "Hello, I'm calling from Flipkart customer care. Your recent order failed, and ₹2,499 will be refunded. Please accept the UPI request we're sending to complete the refund process."



CASE STUDY #3 THE GAMING "GIVEAWAY" HIJACK

THE TRAP:

The site looks identical to the real BGMI login page, but the URL is fake (real site is "battlegroundsmobileindia.com"). You enter your credentials, and instantly:

- Your account gets stolen
- Hackers change password and email
- Linked payment methods get charged for in-game purchases
- Account sold on black market for ₹3,000

THE ESCAPE:

- Official giveaways never require login on external sites—rewards appear directly in-game
- Check URLs religiously: One letter off (bgmi vs. bgim) means fake site
- Enable 2FA immediately on gaming accounts (Steam Guard, Epic 2FA, etc.)
- Never click Discord/WhatsApp gaming links—verify on official social media first

THE BAIT:

A Discord message from "BGMI_Official": "You've won a free Glacier M416 skin! Login here to claim your reward: [bgmi-rewards.net]. Offer expires in 2 hours!"



PART 3: The 2026 Threat Radar

WARNING #1: AI DEEPFAKE VOICE SCAMS

WHAT IT IS:

Scammers use AI to clone your friend's or family member's voice from social media videos. You get a WhatsApp call: "Hey, it's me, I'm in an emergency and need ₹20,000 urgently. Can you transfer now?"

THE RED FLAGS:

- Urgent requests for money without video call
- Background noise or audio glitches (AI artifacts)
- Refusal to answer personal verification questions
- Unusual payment methods (cryptocurrency, gift cards)

DEFENSE PROTOCOL:

- Always demand video verification for emergency money requests
- Ask questions only the real person would know (not searchable on social media)
- Establish a family code word for genuine emergencies
- Call back on a known number—never use the number they're calling from

WARNING #2: "DIGITAL ARREST" EXTORTION

WHAT IT IS:

Scammers impersonate police/CBI officers on video calls, claiming your Aadhaar is linked to illegal activities (drug trafficking, money laundering). They show fake arrest warrants and threaten "digital arrest" unless you pay ₹50,000 "clearance fee."

THE RED FLAGS:

- Police never conduct arrests over video calls
- Real warrants are physical documents, not WhatsApp PDFs
- Threats of "immediate arrest" without in-person verification
- Demands for payment via UPI/cryptocurrency

DEFENSE PROTOCOL:

- Hang up immediately—no genuine law enforcement operates this way
- Visit the nearest police station if you're genuinely concerned about legal issues
- Record the call (if safe) and report to 1930
- Never make payments to avoid "legal action"—it's 100% a scam



WARNING #3: MONEY MULE TRAPS

WHAT IT IS:

Someone offers you ₹5,000 to "receive and forward" payments through your bank account. Sounds like easy money, but you're becoming a money mule—helping criminals launder stolen funds.

THE CONSEQUENCES:

- Your account gets permanently blacklisted by all banks
- You become a suspect in money laundering cases (legal liability)
- Criminal record affects future loans, jobs, visas
- You're liable for the full stolen amount if traced back

THE RED FLAGS:

- "Work from home" jobs asking for bank details upfront
- Payments from strangers with instructions to withdraw and forward
- Promises of commission for "fund transfers"
- Requests to open new accounts for "business purposes"

DEFENSE PROTOCOL:

- Never lend your bank account to anyone, even friends
- Reject "earn money forwarding payments" offers—they're money laundering schemes
- Report suspicious job postings to cybercrime.gov.in
- If already involved: Immediately report to your bank and file a police complaint to reduce liability



Your 10-Second Cyber-Safety Checklist

BEFORE YOU CLICK, TAP, OR TRANSFER—RUN THIS MENTAL CHECKLIST:

SAFETY CHECK	QUESTION TO ASK	WHY IT MATTERS
LINK CHECK	Is this URL from an official source?	Always type important sites manually.
SENDER VERIFY	Do I really know this person/number?	Names can be spoofed; verify separately.
URGENCY TEST	Am I being rushed?	Scammers hate giving you time to think.
MONEY FLOW	Is money leaving my account?	Read UPI notifications twice before approving.
PERMISSION AUDIT	Why does this app need this access?	Flashlight ≠ Contacts, SMS, or Storage.
2FA ENABLED	Is my second layer of security active?	One password is never enough.
PASSWORD UNIQUE	Am I reusing this password anywhere?	Every account deserves its own password.
EMOTIONAL DECISION	Am I acting out of fear or excitement?	Scammers exploit emotions.
TOO GOOD CHECK	Is this offer realistic?	Free money or gifts are traps 99% of the time.
REPORT READY	Do I know where to report fraud?	Call 1930 or visit cybercrime.gov.in

Final Word: Stay Paranoid, Stay Safe

The internet isn't inherently evil—but it rewards caution. Every click is a decision. Every password is a lock. Every OTP is a key. Treat them like cash, because to scammers, they're worth more.

**WHEN IN DOUBT, PAUSE.
VERIFY. REPORT.**

- National Cybercrime Helpline: 1930
- Online Reporting: cybercrime.gov.in
- Lost Money? File FIR within 24 hours for best recovery chances

SILIGURI CYBER CRIME POLICE STATION

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Your digital footprint is permanent. Make it one you're proud of.

DATA PRIVACY FOR STUDENTS:

CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS IN THE AGE OF AI

In today's hyperconnected world, data has become the currency of the digital age. For college students, who routinely interact with a multitude of online platforms—from social media networks to educational apps—the question of data privacy is no longer optional. While digitization and artificial intelligence (AI) have revolutionized learning, research, and communication, they have also brought unprecedented risks to personal information. Understanding these challenges, the technologies involved, and the strategies for protecting personal data is essential for students navigating the modern digital landscape.

The Importance of Data Privacy for Students

Data privacy refers to the proper handling, processing, and storage of personal information in a manner that safeguards it from unauthorized access or misuse. For students, personal data encompasses a broad spectrum, including:

- Academic records and grades
- Financial information, such as student loans or online transactions
- Personal identification details like phone numbers, email addresses, and government IDs
- Online activity patterns, social media interactions, and browsing histories

The stakes are high. Data breaches can lead to identity theft, financial loss, cyberbullying, and reputational damage. Additionally, sensitive academic information, such as examination records or research projects, could be manipulated or stolen, compromising both educational and professional opportunities.



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"Data Has Become the currency of the digital age"

The Digitization of Student Life

The digitization of higher education has accelerated dramatically, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Online learning platforms, digital libraries, cloud storage, and collaboration tools like Google Workspace and Microsoft Teams have become integral to student life. While these technologies offer convenience and enhanced productivity, they also collect, store, and process massive amounts of personal data, often without students fully understanding the privacy implications.

AI and machine learning play a pivotal role in this digitized environment. Educational platforms now use AI to:

- Track student progress and predict performance outcomes
- Personalize learning materials based on engagement patterns
- Monitor online examinations to prevent cheating
- Automate administrative tasks such as grading and attendance

While these innovations enhance efficiency, they also introduce complex privacy challenges, primarily because AI systems often rely on large-scale data collection and analysis.

AI-Driven Threats to Student Data Privacy

Artificial intelligence has become a double-edged sword. On one hand, it can improve educational outcomes and detect security threats. On the other hand, AI can be exploited to bypass traditional security measures and extract sensitive data. Key AI-related threats include:

 **AI-Powered Phishing and Social Engineering:** Phishing attacks have evolved beyond generic spam emails. AI can now generate convincing, personalized messages that trick students into revealing passwords, banking information, or sensitive academic data. For example, an AI system could analyze a student's social media activity to craft an email that appears to come from a trusted professor or university administrator.

 **Predictive Analytics and Profiling:** AI algorithms can analyze student behavior across multiple platforms to create detailed profiles. While this can enhance learning experiences, it also raises concerns about surveillance. Predictive analytics can inadvertently expose students to risks such as targeted scams or unauthorized monitoring by employers, advertisers, or even malicious actors.

 **Data Re-Identification:** Even anonymized datasets are not immune. AI can combine multiple datasets to re-identify individuals. For instance, anonymized research data shared for academic purposes could potentially be cross-referenced with social media or public records to reveal personal information.

 **Automated Exploitation of Security Vulnerabilities:** Hackers can use AI to identify weaknesses in software platforms, cloud storage, or web applications. These AI systems can scan vast networks of student accounts, attempt countless password combinations, or detect unpatched vulnerabilities faster than any human attacker could.

Problems of New-Age Digitization

While AI amplifies data privacy risks, broader digitization trends exacerbate these challenges. Students face the following problems in the digital era:



Proliferation of Online Platforms: Students frequently use multiple apps for learning, communication, and entertainment. Each platform collects unique data, creating fragmented and vulnerable digital footprints. The more platforms a student engages with, the higher the risk of data exposure.



Cloud Storage and Data Sharing: Cloud-based storage is convenient but often outsources data security to third-party providers. Without proper encryption and access controls, sensitive academic projects, notes, and personal files can be compromised.



Mobile Devices and IoT Integration: Many students rely on smartphones, wearables, and smart campus devices, all of which continuously collect data. Location tracking, device sensors, and app permissions can inadvertently expose personal habits, routines, and private information.



Lack of Awareness: Despite increasing risks, many students are unaware of how their data is collected and used. Weak passwords, oversharing on social media, and indiscriminate app permissions remain prevalent problems.

AI Methods to Prevent and Stop Data Leaks



Despite the threats, AI itself offers powerful tools to protect student data. Universities, cybersecurity firms, and students can leverage AI-driven solutions to reduce risks.



AI-Based Anomaly Detection: AI systems can monitor network activity and detect unusual behavior. For example:

- Sudden access attempts from unexpected locations
- Multiple failed login attempts
- Unusual file downloads or transfers

By flagging these anomalies, AI can alert students or administrators to potential breaches in real-time, enabling prompt action.



Automated Data Encryption: AI can manage dynamic encryption protocols for sensitive data stored in cloud systems or local devices. Advanced AI algorithms can:

- Automatically encrypt emails and files
- Rotate encryption keys regularly
- Apply context-based encryption depending on the sensitivity of the data

This reduces the risk of exposure if an account is compromised.



Intelligent Access Controls: AI can implement adaptive access control mechanisms. For example:

- Multi-factor authentication that adapts based on login context
- Role-based permissions that change dynamically based on user activity
- AI-driven biometric verification (facial recognition, voice authentication) for secure app access



Threat Intelligence and Predictive Defense: AI systems can analyze patterns of cyberattacks across institutions to predict emerging threats. For students, this translates into:

- Alerts about suspicious emails, websites, or apps
- Automated blocking of phishing domains
- Real-time updates to antivirus and endpoint protection systems



Privacy-Preserving AI: Privacy-preserving AI uses methods such as federated learning and differential privacy to enhance services without directly accessing raw personal data. These techniques protect individual identities while still allowing effective data analysis, secure model training, and responsible use of AI technologies.

Best Practices for Students to Protect Their Data

Despite the threats, AI itself offers powerful tools to protect student data. Universities, cybersecurity firms, and students can leverage AI-driven solutions to reduce risks.



Strong and Unique Passwords: Use long, complex passwords that combine letters, numbers, and symbols. Consider password managers to securely store and generate unique credentials for each platform.



Two-Factor or Multi-Factor Authentication (2FA/MFA): Enable 2FA wherever possible. AI-driven authentication apps can detect suspicious login attempts and require additional verification, adding an extra layer of protection.



Mindful Social Media Usage: Avoid oversharing personal information that could be exploited for social engineering attacks. Be cautious about location tags, personal schedules, and financial information.



Secure Devices and Updates

- Keep operating systems and apps up to date to patch vulnerabilities.
- Use AI-powered antivirus software capable of detecting emerging threats.
- Avoid connecting to unsecured public Wi-Fi networks; consider a VPN for encrypted communication.



Encrypt Sensitive Files: Use built-in device encryption or third-party tools for documents containing sensitive information like research data or financial records.

"Students themselves are the first line of defense"

—cybersecurity Expert Panel, 2024



Educate Yourself: Stay informed about phishing trends, AI-generated scams, and digital privacy regulations. Awareness reduces susceptibility to AI-powered attacks.

Institutional and Policy-Level Solutions

Beyond individual efforts, colleges and universities have a responsibility to protect student data. AI and policy solutions at the institutional level include:

- 1. Data Minimization Policies:** Collect only essential student information and limit data retention periods to reduce exposure. AI can assist by identifying unnecessary data storage and automatically deleting or anonymizing it.
- 2. Secure Learning Platforms:** Ensure online platforms comply with privacy standards such as GDPR or local data protection regulations. AI-based security modules can monitor unauthorized access and data exfiltration attempts.
- 3. Privacy Training Programs:** Institutions can offer workshops on cybersecurity, highlighting AI-related threats, safe cloud usage, and responsible data sharing. Knowledge empowers students to safeguard themselves.
- 4. Incident Response AI:** Develop AI-driven systems capable of detecting, reporting, and responding to breaches automatically. Quick containment minimizes data loss and reputational harm.
- 5. Transparent Consent Mechanisms:** AI can assist in streamlining consent management, helping students understand what data is being collected, why it is needed, and how it will be used.

Challenges and Ethical Considerations

While AI provides advanced tools for data protection, it also raises ethical dilemmas:

- **Surveillance vs. Privacy:** AI systems monitoring student activity for security could themselves become intrusive, tracking learning habits, attendance, and even mental health patterns.
- **Algorithmic Bias:** AI tools may unintentionally discriminate against certain students, especially if predictive models are based on biased datasets.
- **Data Ownership:** Students often remain unaware of who owns the data they generate. Institutions must balance data utility with privacy rights.

Addressing these challenges requires a multi-stakeholder approach, involving students, educators, policymakers, and technology providers.

The Future of Student Data Privacy in an AI-Driven World

AI and digitization offer exciting opportunities in education through personalized learning and smart digital tools. However, students must understand data privacy and practice safe habits to thrive securely in the digital age.

Emerging technologies such as blockchain-based credentialing, privacy-preserving AI models, and zero-trust security architectures offer hope for a safer educational ecosystem. However, technology alone is insufficient. Education, awareness, and ethical policy frameworks are equally vital to ensure that the digitized future does not compromise the privacy of students.

The future promises personalized learning but requires heightened responsibility

Conclusion

The integration of AI in education brings both opportunities and risks. While AI can detect threats, enhance security, and streamline learning, it also creates new vectors for data breaches, profiling, and cyberattacks.

Students must adopt proactive strategies, including strong passwords, multi-factor authentication, secure device usage, and mindful data sharing. Institutions, on their part, must enforce robust security policies, leverage AI for protection, and educate students on the ethical and practical dimensions of data privacy. Together, these measures can ensure that the benefits of digitization and AI are harnessed without sacrificing the fundamental right to privacy.

ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

Golden Triumph at Jalpaiguri: Ardish Das and Dibakar Roy Shine in Inter-College Athletics Meet 2025

The Inter-College Athletics Meet held at Jalpaiguri in November 2025 brought immense pride and recognition to our institution by highlighting the talent, discipline, and competitive spirit of our students. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from several colleges, creating a vibrant and motivating atmosphere that encouraged athletes to perform at their best and demonstrate true sportsmanship.

On 29th November 2025, Ardish Das, a 5th Semester student of the Department of Computer Science, delivered an exceptional performance by securing first position in both the 800 meters and 1500 meters sprint events. Competing against strong opponents, he displayed remarkable speed, stamina, and determination. Winning two gold medals in middle-distance races reflected his rigorous training, consistency, and unwavering dedication. His achievement brought great honor to the college and inspired fellow students to actively engage in sports and physical fitness.

Adding further glory, Dibakar Roy, a 1st Semester student of the MDC course, secured first position in the 20 kilometers walk event on 30th November 2025. His success in such a demanding endurance discipline highlighted his mental strength, discipline, and perseverance.



Ardish Das
WINNER of the 800 meters and 1500 meters sprint



Dibakar Roy
First position in the 20 kilometers walk

CELEBRATION OF 28TH FOUNDATION DAY

Celebrating Legacy, Lighting the Future

Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya celebrated its 28th Foundation Day with enthusiasm and reverence. The programme commenced with the hoisting of the college flag, followed by heartfelt tributes to the legendary Masterda Surya Sen and poet Rabindranath Tagore. Principal Dr. P.K. Mishra felicitated the Guests of Honour on the dais, while students resonated the audience with a soulful rendition of the College Anthem.



The ceremonial lamp was lit by the Hon'ble Mayor of Siliguri Municipal Corporation, Mr. Gautam Deb, in the esteemed presence of Deputy Mayor Mr. Ranjan Sarkar and other dignitaries, marking the official inauguration. Dr. Mishra delivered the welcome address, celebrating the college's journey and achievements. This was followed by inspiring addresses from Hon'ble Mayor Mr. Gautam Deb, Deputy Mayor Mr. Ranjan Sarkar, and Mr. Ranadhis Chowdhury, emphasizing the institution's commitment to academic excellence and community service.

The day witnessed the conferment of the Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya Excellence Awards to outstanding faculties, Lifetime Achievement Awards to Dr. Bikash Ranjan Deb and Mr. Biswanath Waddar, and Tokens of Honour for the judges of different events.

Winners of various competitive events were felicitated, highlighting the spirit of healthy competition and achievement. The programme concluded formally with a vote of thanks by Dr. Suphal Biswas, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Bengali, leaving the audience inspired by the college's enduring legacy.



Lifetime Achievement Awards to Dr. Bikash Ranjan Deb (left) and Mr. Biswanath Waddar (right)

The celebrations were further enlivened by cultural performances, featuring vibrant singing and dancing acts by students. Special solo singing performances by Mr Sapan Chettri (Librarian) and Mr Alok Mitra (Non-teaching staff) amazed everyone with their talent. The event was seamlessly hosted by the graceful Smt. Atasi Kundu and Smt. Paramita Dasgupta, whose warmth and poise kept the audience engaged throughout, adding a joyous and memorable dimension to the 28th Foundation Day.



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CELEBRATION OF 28TH FOUNDATION DAY

A Symphony of Voices, Dance, Debate, and Sporting Spirit in Celebration of Talent and Togetherness

Cultural Events

SOLO SINGING COMPETITION

As part of the 28th Foundation Day celebration, a series of vibrant cultural and co-curricular events were organized in collaboration with various committees and IQAC. On 11th September 2025, the Cultural Committee and IQAC conducted a Solo Singing Competition at KCPMSH to encourage musical talent and cultural engagement among students. Seventeen students from different streams and semesters participated, while 47 students attended the event. The competition was judged by Smt. Papiya Chaki Sarkar (Professional Music Teacher), Prof. Madhubanti Basu (Faculty, SSM), and Mr. Sapan Chhetri (Librarian, SSM). The winners were Santanu Dey (3rd Semester, B.Com) – 1st Prize, Mayuri Kundu (5th Semester, Bengali Department) – 2nd Prize, and Srishti Majumdar (3rd Semester, Geography Department) – 3rd Prize.

SOLO DANCE COMPETITION

On 12th September 2025, the Cultural Committee organized a Solo Dance Competition at KCPMSH to promote performing arts and provide students a platform to express creativity through movement and rhythm. Twelve students participated, presenting dynamic and expressive dance performances. The event was judged by Smt. Babli Banerjee (Professional External Dance Teacher), Prof. Susmita Kundu (Faculty, SSM), and Smt. Tanima Ghosh Sarkar (Office Staff, SSM). The winners were Dayeta Biswa (5th Semester, English Department) – 1st Prize, Badal Mandal (5th Semester, Education Department) – 2nd Prize, and Nikita Biswas (1st Semester, Mathematics Department) – 3rd Prize.

Games & Sports

INDOOR GAMES COMPETITION

On 15th September 2025, the Foundation Day itself was marked by enthusiastic Indoor Games Competitions for both staff and students, fostering sportsmanship, camaraderie, and healthy competition. In the Staff category, Sk. Shamsheer Ali and Nikhil Chandra Das won the Carrom Doubles Championship, while Biswajoy Chanda and Debaditya Sarkar were runners-up. In Chess, Shri Abhirup Bhowal secured the first position, followed by Shri Biswajoy Chanda, with Ratna Mukherjee receiving the consolation prize. Student competitions included Carrom, Table Tennis, and Chess in both male and female categories, with champions such as Swastik Gupta, Subhajeet Saha, Riya Chakraborty, Kashish Sharma, Arnav Thapa, Sushmita Sharma, and Biraj Paul. The events were conducted with fairness and discipline under the supervision of Shri Sattyaki Sarkar, Shri Abhirup Bhowal, Augustine Arwind Toppo, Dr. Pranay Moktan, and Shri Yogesh Kumar Agarwal, ensuring transparency and encouraging a spirit of friendly rivalry.

Together, these events added remarkable cultural, intellectual, and sporting vibrancy to the 28th Foundation Day celebrations, nurturing students' talents, confidence, and holistic development while strengthening the sense of unity and enthusiasm within the college community.



CELEBRATION OF 28TH FOUNDATION DAY

A Symphony of Voices, Dance, Debate, and Sporting Spirit in
Celebration of Talent and Togetherness

Literary Events

CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

The Literary Club organized a Creative Writing – Pictorial Analysis Competition on 10th September 2025 as part of the 28th Foundation Day celebrations. The event aimed to promote creativity, critical thinking, and literary expression, with 31 students participating enthusiastically. A special feature was its multilingual format, allowing expression in four languages and celebrating linguistic diversity. The submissions showed originality, imagination, and thoughtful interpretation. The winners were Bidhan Sharma (3rd Semester, Mathematics) – 1st, Monami Bhattacharjee (3rd Semester, Physics) – 2nd, and Purshottam Jha (1st Semester, Political Science) – 3rd. The event enhanced students' confidence and strengthened artistic harmony on campus.



DEBATE COMPETITION



On 11th September,, the Debate Club organised a Debate Competition on the topic “India Should Ban Single-Use Plastics Completely.” After a mock debate held on 10th September for screening and preparation, thirty students competed in the final round, with fifteen speaking in favour and fifteen against the motion. The competition was judged by Dr. Bhawna Rai (Assistant Professor, History) and Dr. Tirthankar Chakraborty (Assistant Professor, Political Science), under the chairmanship of Dr. Arnab Baul (Associate Professor and Head, Department of English). The winners were Pihu Tiwari (3rd Semester, Commerce) for the motion, Nikita Biswas (1st Semester, Mathematics) against the motion, and Subhankar Chakraborty (5th Semester, History) as Best Speaker.

The 28th Foundation Day Quiz Competition was held on 13th September at the KCPMSH Auditorium with the participation of 84 students, along with faculty members and office staff. The event aimed to enhance awareness of contemporary issues, national history, cultural heritage, and geography while fostering critical thinking.

The competition was engaging and well-organized, featuring several interesting rounds that kept participants and the audience actively involved. The audio-visual round was a major attraction, adding an interactive and dynamic element to the programme.

Students displayed impressive knowledge, confidence, and enthusiasm. Overall, the event broadened intellectual horizons, promoted healthy academic competition, and strengthened the institution's commitment to holistic education.

QUIZ COMPETITION



FROM SCRIPT TO SPOTLIGHT

Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya's Theatrical Glory



The event fostered holistic student development, improved theatre skills, built confidence, instilled discipline and teamwork, and motivated students to excel in both co-curricular and academic pursuits.

On 5th September 2025, thirteen students from Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya participated in the 7th Annual Invited School and College Drama Competition organized by the Siliguri Writtick Natya Sanstha at Siliguri Dinabandhu Mancha, aiming to provide a platform for students to express creativity, enhance communication and public-speaking skills, and promote culture, cooperation, and personal development through theatre. Under the direction of renowned theatre personality Koushik Sen, the students performed Agun by Bijon Bhattacharya, competing with 22 schools and five colleges. Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya achieved the 2nd position at the college level and won awards in multiple categories, including Best Music and Best Stage Craft, while Suchismita Mandal (3rd Semester, Bengali Department) received the Best Co-Actor Prize.





VOICES ON CAMPUS

AIR Siliguri Collaborates with IQAC, SSM

Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya, in collaboration with All India Radio (Akashvani) Siliguri and the college Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organised a highly successful cultural-and-media engagement programme on 23 September 2025. The day-long event, which began with spot registration and formally opened at 11:30 a.m., brought together students, faculty members, and media professionals on a common platform. By combining three distinct activities—a large-scale Quiz Competition, an Extempore Speech contest, and a series of faculty interviews—the programme created a vibrant atmosphere of intellectual exchange, creativity, and institutional outreach.

The Quiz Competition witnessed enthusiastic participation, with 34 students forming 17 teams from different departments and semesters. The presence of a large number of students and faculty members added to the excitement and competitive spirit of the event.

The quiz progressed through preliminary and main rounds, testing the participants' general knowledge, logical reasoning, and awareness of current affairs. After a keenly contested final round, Group N, comprising Mukund Bhagat and Kanchan Todi (both from 5th semester B.Com.), emerged as the winners. Group A, consisting of Abhishek Gupta (5th semester Political Science) and Suman Saha (5th semester English), secured the second position, while Group O, represented by Apurba Chakraborty and Utpal Das from Computer Science, achieved third place. The winning team was awarded the distinguished opportunity to participate in a programme at the Akashvani Siliguri studio, a recognition that motivated students and highlighted the real-world relevance of their achievements.



The Extempore Speech competition added another dimension to the programme by showcasing students' spontaneity, articulation, and confidence in public speaking. Eight contestants took part in this segment, each demonstrating their ability to think on their feet and present ideas clearly within a limited time. Sunaina Sah, a 3rd year student of English, was adjudged first for her impressive command over language and thoughtful expression, while Mukund Bhagat secured second place, marking his outstanding performance across multiple events. The extempore competition was judiciously evaluated by Dr. A. Baul and Dr. S. Biswas, whose fair and insightful judging ensured transparency and encouragement for the participants.

Adding professional depth to the programme, representatives from Akashvani Siliguri conducted interviews with faculty members on themes such as innovative teaching practices, community engagement, and cultural initiatives undertaken by the college. These interactions highlighted Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya's commitment to holistic education and student-centred learning. The interviews also served as a bridge between the academic environment and public broadcasting, giving the institution a wider platform to share its vision and activities with the community.

Dr. Bablee Mandal, IQAC Coordinator, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to all IQAC members for their cooperation and dedicated support in organising the event. She also thanked Dr. P. Moktan for efficiently managing the quiz scoring process and acknowledged the valuable contributions of the judges, faculty members, and Akashvani representatives in ensuring the smooth conduct of the programme.

Overall, the collaboration proved to be a meaningful cultural exchange. Students gained firsthand exposure to broadcast formats, public communication, and professional media interaction, while Akashvani benefited from direct engagement with young talent and academic perspectives. The event significantly strengthened ties between Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya and public media, fostering cultural outreach, enhancing student development, and reinforcing the institution's commitment to experiential learning.



TECHNO INDIA GROUP HONoured PRINCIPAL WITH “DRONACHARYA AWARD 2025”

“A BEACON OF EXCELLENCE: HONOURING A VISIONARY IN EDUCATION”



We are proudly sharing that our Principal, Dr. Pranab Kumar Mishra, has been honoured with the prestigious Dronacharya Award 2025 (for Government College Principal) by the Techno India Group. This award is a recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field of education, visionary leadership, and unwavering commitment to academic excellence. Prof. Mishra's guidance has played a pivotal role in strengthening the academic environment of the institution, promoting innovation in teaching-learning practices, and fostering holistic development among students. His dedication to quality education, institutional growth, and ethical academic administration has earned him admiration and respect from the entire academic community.



The conferment of this distinguished award is not only a personal achievement for Prof. Mishra but also a matter of great honour for Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya. It reflects the institution's continuous progress under his dynamic leadership. The college community congratulates him on this remarkable achievement and wishes him continued success in his mission of shaping future generations through education.

A COLLEGE THAT NEVER SLEEPS: TEAMWORK, TRUST, AND A TIMELY INTERVENTION

HUMANITY IN PRACTICE

The day began like any other—until a student after IGNOU exam in room N1 on 19 December 2025, discovered her wallet and two phones had vanished from the bags left outside the hall. Devastated and far from home, she turned to us for help. Our IGNOU team gathered under the stewardship of Principal Sir; together, we watched CCTV footage and felt the story tighten like a noose.

What could have been a routine report became a page-turner when Ujjal Malakar stepped forward. The clock read 6 p.m., the regional centre had shut, but Ujjal — calm, determined, and quietly connected — turned sleuth. With nothing more than a grainy clip, a few details, and a phone that wouldn't answer, he traced the lifter to a town 110 km away. The investigation pivoted from campus corridors to a distant bus stand, and the tone shifted: this was no longer paperwork; it was a rescue.



Ujjal's personal contact in Haripur went to the suspect's home, and when the girl — Rinki — arrived off the bus she was gently intercepted. Confronted by her parents and Ujjal's friend, she confessed. Back in Siliguri, while police formalities were completed and Daisy received compassionate support, Ujjal escorted her to a local PG at 10 p.m., making sure she felt safe until morning. The climax wasn't handcuffs but heart: instead of immediate punishment, we chose counsel. Rinki returned the next day with her mother, remorseful and ready to learn. The college's response — from the Principal's leadership to the assistant's comforting presence and every IGNOU staff member doing their part — showcased what “student first” truly means. Ujjal's presence of mind, connections, and care were later honoured on 31 December, a fitting salute to someone who treated the college as family. This is how our institution acts when tested: quick-eyed, compassionate, and united. As Principal Sir always reminds us, this is our second home—and that night, we lived up to the words.

Dr Arnab Baul, Coordinator IGNOU LSC 45030

[All names, except Ujjal's, have been changed to protect privacy.]

SSM NSS UNIT (I & II) Not Me, But You

NSS UNIT-I

NSS Unit I of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya actively carried out a series of socially responsible initiatives reflecting its commitment to health, environment, and humanitarian service. On 23rd September 2025, the Unit organized a one-day Free Medical Check-up Camp in collaboration with Abhigyan Institute of Pharmacy & Allied and IQAC for the benefit of students, staff, and faculty members. Conducted on the college campus from 11 a.m., the camp was supported by 15 NSS volunteers under the guidance of Prof. Soumajit Sinha, Dr. Sujit Das, Prof. Arpita Chatterjee, Prof. Sourav Saha, and Prof. S.X. Aktar. A total of 61 participants availed services such as Random Blood Sugar tests, Blood Pressure monitoring, blood grouping, and general health check-ups, with several being referred for further medical treatment.

MEDICAL CHECK-UP CAMP



NSS DAY: TREE PLANTATION & CLEANLINESS DRIVE

On the occasion of NSS Day, 24th September 2025, the Unit organized a Tree Plantation and Cleanliness Drive at Valmiki Vidyapith, during which 15 saplings were planted to promote environmental awareness and sustainability. Volunteers also conducted a cleanliness drive in the playground, collecting plastic waste and spreading awareness about a clean and green campus. Further extending its service, NSS Unit I responded to the flood crisis in Porajhar village caused by the breach of the Mahananda River embankment on 5th October 2025.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION AMONG FLOOD AFFECTED PEOPLE

Due to heavy rainfall, the embankment of the Mahananda River broke and floodwater entered the village of Porajhar on 5th October, 2025. Houses were damaged by the flood. Volunteers of NSS Unit I came forward to help the crisis of food and drinking water. Volunteers of Unit 1 of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya assembled relief packets containing rice, pulses and other essentials on 6 October, 2025. They arrived in adopted village of Porajhar where effected people by flood. The volunteers cooked and distribute among the affected villagers.



NSS UNIT-II

DISASTER MANAGEMENT:

NSS Unit II of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya, in collaboration with Dabgram-I Adivasi Welfare Society and ASURE under the leadership of Nikita Hemram, extended relief support to the flood-affected residents of Nagrakata Bamandanga Bichline on 12.10.25. Essential items such as food, clothes, sanitary pads, and drinking water were distributed with support from volunteers Raju Sur and Sweetly Singh. Special gratitude was expressed to ex-volunteer Kiran Roy for her continued spirit of service.

In response to the flood situation at Porajhar on 05.10.25, both NSS Units actively participated in relief operations. Volunteers constructed a temporary pathway using sand sacks, enabling residents to safely reach the community hall serving as a relief and shelter centre, reflecting teamwork and compassion.

SWACHHATA HI SEWA:

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, 02.10.25, NSS Unit II organized a cleanliness drive at Salugara and collected 18 sacks of garbage from a dumping area. The drive honored Mahatma Gandhi's ideals and encouraged community participation in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

VISWAKARMA PUJA:

NSS Unit II marked Viswakarma Puja on 17.09.25 by distributing juice to children of the adopted village and to the public at Bharat Nagar, Subash Pally, and Ghughomoli markets.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM:

An orientation program was organized on 23.09.25 for newly admitted first-semester students to introduce NSS objectives and activities. Ex-volunteer Kiran Roy guided MyBharat registration and conducted a quiz on Vikshit Bharat.

ARRIVAL OF HAPPINESS:

On 26.09.25, during Durga Puja celebrations, NSS Unit II distributed new clothes to 33 differently-abled individuals from Aanchal Foundation, spreading joy and compassion.



Cleanliness Drive

Orientation Program



Juice Distribution

Cloth Distribution



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ARMY ATTACHMENT CAMP 2025

The Army Attachment Camp 2025 provided a valuable opportunity for NCC cadets to gain first-hand experience of military life and operational training in real field conditions. The camp was held from 10.11.2025 to 21.11.2025, where NCC cadets along with their Associate NCC Officers (ANOs) from different colleges participated under the supervision of Lt. Niloy Deb of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya. During the camp, the cadets were attached to the 26th Madras Task Force Division at the Shalugara Army Unit, Siliguri, and were given extensive exposure to combat operation procedures, tactical planning, and operational preparedness. Through demonstrations, briefings, and interactions with army personnel, the cadets developed a deeper understanding of defence operations, discipline, leadership, and teamwork, fulfilling the core objectives of NCC training.

An exceptional performance was delivered by the NCC cadets, as a result of which the college was recognized as the Best Performing College at the national level. A remarkable medal tally of 5 gold, 10 silver, and 3 bronze medals was achieved, reflecting excellence across diverse events. The prestigious Best Cadet Award was secured by SUO Raj Mahato, who also served as Camp Senior and excelled in Volleyball. Notable achievements were recorded in various sports and athletic events. In Volleyball, excellence was demonstrated by SUO Raj Mahato, SUO Anindomahato, Prasant Lohar, Subir Mandal, Aditya Kumar Singh, and Rohit Chhetri. Strong performances in Football were showcased by Cadets Akash Singh, Akash Kumar Sahu, Lakhana Mahanta, and Ahidhar Rahman. In Basketball, commendable achievements were made by Cadets Anuj Jha, Binay Basor, and Amit Barman. In athletics, special recognition was earned by Cadets Lakhana Mahanta and Abhay Paswan, who secured positions among the top ten winners in the 5 km national-level marathon, bringing immense pride and national recognition to the college.

GOLD MEDAL AT AITSC 2025

On 22nd September 2025, Cadet Ramkrishna Giri and Cadet Raj Mahato of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya achieved remarkable success at the All India Thal Sainik Camp, Delhi 2025, by securing gold medals. Their outstanding performance at this prestigious national-level camp reflects their high level of discipline, physical endurance, and military skills. This achievement brought great pride to the institution and highlighted the strong training standards and commitment of the NCC cadets of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya.



NCC DAY CELEBRATION

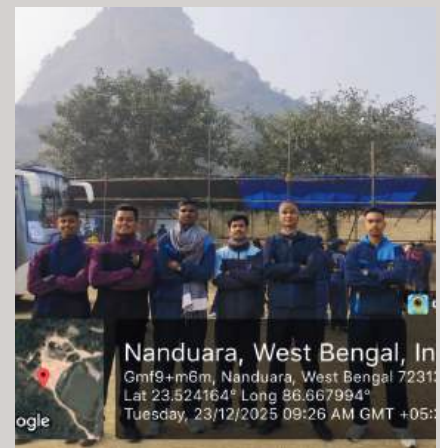
On 23rd November 2025, the NCC cadets of our college celebrated NCC Day by performing various cultural activities.

The cadets took part in programmes that highlighted unity, patriotism, and discipline. The celebration helped create enthusiasm among the cadets and made the NCC Day programme enjoyable and meaningful.



TREK TO THE JAICHANDI HILLS

On 23rd December, 2025, the NCC cadets of our college participated in a trek to the Jaichandi Hills, organised by the NCC Directorate, West Bengal, as part of its training activities in December 2025. The trek aimed to enhance physical endurance, teamwork, leadership qualities, and adventure skills among the cadets. Through this activity, the cadets gained firsthand experience of outdoor challenges while developing resilience, discipline, and a spirit of camaraderie, further strengthening the core values of the National Cadet Corps.



ARMY ATTACHMENT CAMP 2025 SNIPPETS



DEPARTMENTAL DYNAMISM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Journeys of Growth: Where Learning Meets Aspiration

The Department of Commerce organised a series of academic, awareness, and professional development programmes between September 2025 and December 2025 in collaboration with IQAC and other institutional bodies. These activities were designed to promote ethical values, academic excellence, professional awareness, and overall personality development among students.

An Anti-Ragging Campaign was conducted on 4th September 2025 in collaboration with the Anti-Ragging Committee and IQAC. The campaign aimed to create awareness about the legal, social, and psychological consequences of ragging. Through interaction and sensitisation, students developed a clearer understanding of their responsibilities and the importance of maintaining a safe and respectful campus environment. The programme encouraged peer support, promoted harmony, and strongly reinforced the institution's commitment to a strictly ragging-free campus.



Anti-Ragging Programme

The Department also celebrated Teacher's Day on 6th September 2025 with great enthusiasm. Students from the 1st, 3rd, and 5th semesters participated actively and performed various cultural activities such as songs, dances, and speeches. The celebration strengthened the emotional bond between teachers and students and provided a platform for students to express their gratitude and respect towards their mentors.



Teachers' Day Celebration

An Orientation Programme for 1st Semester Honours and MDC students was organised on 6th November 2025 by the Department of Commerce in collaboration with IQAC. During this programme, students were introduced to the department's vision and mission, academic achievements, research activities, scholarship opportunities, and the importance of participation in sports and cultural activities. The session helped new students to understand the academic structure and opportunities offered by the institution.



1st Semester Orientation

The Commerce Library Orientation Program was organized on 19th September 2025 for B.Com 1st Semester students. On this occasion, Mr. Sapan Chhetri, Librarian of the college, delivered an informative session on the functioning of the college library. He explained in detail the rules and regulations, borrowing system, and the wide range of academic resources available in the library, including books, journals, and reference materials. The programme motivated students to make effective use of library facilities for their academic growth.



Library Orientation Program

Furthermore, a Workshop on Company Secretaries & Income Tax E-Filing was conducted on 17th November 2025 in collaboration with IQAC. The resource person, CS (Dr.) Pintu Prasad Jaiswal, Assistant Professor of Commerce, KGTM Bagdogra, and Chairman of the Siliguri Chapter of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), shared valuable professional insights. The workshop enhanced students' understanding of corporate governance, the role of Company Secretaries, and the practical aspects of Income Tax E-Filing, preparing them for future professional challenges.



Workshop



Teachers' Day Celebration



Chemistry major students in Internship



Unveiling of Wall Magazine 'Chemicules' Vol. 3

On 4th September 2025, the Department of Chemistry, Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya celebrated Teachers' Day at Kanad Kaksha to honor the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and recognize the invaluable role of teachers. The programme began with the lighting of diya and floral tribute, followed by a warm welcome to teaching and non-teaching staff. Students of the 3rd and 5th semesters presented cultural performances including group and couple dances, group songs, and a self-composed poem. A joyful Dumb Charades game strengthened bonding among teachers and staff, and the event concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony. The programme was guided and addressed by Dr. Bablee Mandal, Associate Professor & Head, who appreciated the students' enthusiastic participation.

From 14th to 16th October 2025, under the revised FYUGP syllabus, a 60-hour Internship Programme was organised in collaboration with the North Bengal Animation & Film Academy (NBAFA) and PlanetTEA. Two courses were conducted: Tea Tasting and Introduction to Photography & Photo Editing. The Tea Tasting course, conducted by Mr. Saikat Ghosh and Mr. Jyotirmoy Roy, introduced chemistry major students to the origin of tea, tea gardens of North Bengal, varieties of tea, flavoured leaves, brewing methods, and tasting techniques. The Photography and Photo Editing course was conducted by Mr. Sougata Barua, who single-handedly trained students in practical photography, composition, aperture, and mobile photography skills. The programme provided valuable hands-on, industry-oriented exposure.

On 25th November 2025, the Department published its Wall Magazine "CHEMICULES" (Vol. 3) on the theme "Chemistry and Ayurveda." Prepared by 3rd and 5th semester students with support from 1st semester students, it was inaugurated by Dr. P. K. Mishra, Principal. The event, attended by 55 participants, highlighted the chemistry behind Ayurvedic plants, metals, and spices, and showcased the department's academic creativity and interdisciplinary approach.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Echoes of Learning: Where History Meets Awareness and Skill

The Department of History, Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya organized a Student Centric Seminar on the paper "History of Europe (1789–1919)" on 23rd September and 3rd November, 2025, in Room No. K-35 from 10 am onwards. About 60 students of the 5th Semester and 6 teachers participated. The session was chaired by Dr. Bhawana Rai. Students presented papers through PPTs followed by explanations and interactive question-and-answer sessions, making the programme lively and intellectually engaging.

An Orientation Programme for 1st Semester was held on 11th September, 2025, at 12 noon in K-35, in collaboration with IQAC. The programme began with faculty introductions. Smt. Madhubanti Basu, SACT, of the history department, highlighted the department's journey from Programme to Honours and the establishment of the Post Graduate Department, while Dr Bhawna Rai discussed additional college facilities. Students introduced themselves, sharing backgrounds and aspirations in an interactive environment.

An Anti-Ragging Awareness Programme was organised on 11th September, 2025 from 11 am onwards in K-35, in collaboration with IQAC. 21 students of 1st Semester and 6 teachers participated. Teachers explained actions against ragging, encouraged reporting through teachers, authorities, or grievance boxes, and all took an oath to maintain a Ragging Free Institution.

A Hands-on Training Programme for 1st Semester UG was conducted on 13th November, 2025 in two sessions (10:00–10:40 am and 10:45–11:15 am) at K-35. Sri Abhirup Bhowal, Assistant Professor (Mgmt), Department of Computer Science, served as trainer and demonstrated OMR sheet filling. 60 students attended and actively participated.



Student Centric Seminar

Orientation of 1st Semester Students

Anti-Ragging Awareness Programme



Hands-on Training

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

From Orientation to Film Club: A Vibrant Semester



Orientation Programme for 1st Semester Students

Between September and December 2025, the Department of English organised a series of student-centred programmes integrating orientation, safety, wellbeing and creative engagement. The semester commenced with the Orientation Programme for newly admitted undergraduates, which introduced academic expectations, faculty mentors and departmental resources while fostering inclusivity and peer bonding.

Creative engagement continued with the Film Club programme “On the Spot: Watch a Short Film and Share Your Instant Critical Take”, held on 19 November 2025. The short film Little Terrorist was screened. Judges included Dr Bablee Mandal (Chemistry) Ms Sristi Mandal (Sociology), and Dr Pranay Moktan (Commerce). Ananya Bhattacharjee (PG 3rd Sem) secured first place, followed by Bidhan Sharma (Mathematics 3rd Sem) and Shaiqa Khanam (PG 1st Sem). Ms Agnibha Maity, Assistant Professor [Mgt] delivered the vote of thanks.

All programmes were hosted by Ms Paramita Dasgupta, Assistant Professor [Mgt] of English. Collectively, these initiatives reflect the department’s commitment to holistic education and student development.

Student safety was addressed through an Anti-Ragging Awareness Programme held on 23 September 2025, conducted by Ms Sutapa Saha, Associate Professor. Ms Tanima Sarkar, Office Associate, explained the anti-ragging rules and reporting mechanisms, and an awareness film was screened to reinforce institutional values and promote student responsibility.



Counselling Session

To support emotional and academic well-being, a counselling session titled “Discover Your True Self: Unlock the Treasure Within” was organised on 19 November 2025. Resource persons Mr Bishnu Sharma and Mrs Deepika Chettri offered guidance and stress-management strategies. Dr Bablee Mandal, IQAC Coordinator, addressed the gathering, and Ms Nimu Rai, Assistant Professor, English, proposed the vote of thanks.



Film Club Initiatives

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Seeds of Awareness, Paths of Belonging



Anti-ragging Orientation



1st Semester Students Orientation

The Department of Sociology organised two Orientation Programmes in September 2025 to ensure student awareness, safety, and smooth academic integration. The first programme, titled “Ragging: Its Effects, Prevention, and Measures,” was held on 9th September 2025, with 75 participants. Its objective was to sensitise students about the negative consequences of ragging and promote a safe and respectful campus environment. Faculty members discussed the types of ragging, its psychological and legal consequences, and the institutional actions that can be taken against those involved in or abetting such acts. The session emphasised student responsibility in maintaining a ragging-free campus, and both students and faculty took a collective pledge to uphold dignity, respect, and harmony. The programme successfully created awareness, encouraged active student participation, and reinforced the institution’s strong stand against ragging.

The second Orientation Programme was organised on 20th September 2025, with 63 participants, to acquaint students with the college and the Department of Sociology. The objectives included familiarising 1st semester students with the college structure, department, library, class routine, and facilities, while fostering solidarity, confidence, and clarity among them. Faculty members shared essential academic and administrative information, followed by an interactive session where students introduced themselves, raised questions, and clarified their concerns. The programme helped remove confusion, built a sense of community, and laid a strong foundation for students’ academic journey.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

Lines on Maps, Light in Minds

The Department of Geography conducted a series of academic, professional, and co-curricular activities from September to December 2025 with the objective of enhancing students' academic knowledge, professional skills, research exposure, and overall development. The Teachers' Day Celebration was held on 9th September 2025, organized by the students as a mark of respect and gratitude towards the faculty members. The programme included speeches, cultural performances, and expressions of appreciation, and it successfully strengthened the teacher-student bond while instilling values of respect, discipline, and gratitude among students.



Teachers' Day Celebration



Internship Programme

An Internship Programme for 5th Semester Major Students was conducted from 8th October 2025 to 17th October 2025 with a total duration of 60 hours. This programme was designed to provide practical exposure to Geographic Information Systems (GIS), an essential component of the UG curriculum. It was organized by the Integrated Institute for Advanced Research and Information (IIARI), a premier research and skill-development institute certified under MSME, Government of India, and ISO 9001:2015 standards. A total of 32 students actively participated and successfully completed the internship, gaining hands-on experience and valuable insights into the real-world applications of Geography.



Student Centric Seminar

Further, a Student-Centric Seminar for 5th Semester Geography Major students on "Geographical Thought" was organized on 21st November 2025. In this seminar, 26 students presented papers on various topics related to geographical thought, focusing on the evolution of geographical ideas, different schools of thought, and the philosophical foundations of the discipline. The seminar encouraged independent learning, critical thinking, and the development of presentation skills among students.

Together, these activities reflect the Department's commitment to providing a balanced blend of academic learning, professional training, and value-based education during the period from September to December 2025.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Echoes of Respect, Verse, and Democratic Spirit

The Department of Political Science organised several academic and co-curricular programmes in 2025 to promote cultural appreciation, constitutional awareness, and a strong teacher-student relationship. The Teachers' Day Programme was held on 9th September 2025 and was organised by the students to express gratitude and respect towards their teachers. The programme began with a welcome address and a brief felicitation of the faculty members, followed by cultural performances, short speeches, and fun interactive activities specially arranged for them. The sincere efforts of the students made the teachers feel valued and encouraged, strengthened mutual appreciation, and created a joyful and positive atmosphere within the institution.

A Special Lecture on Poetry of Two Bengals of the Fifties was organized on 7th November 2025 at the initiative of the Department of Bengali and the Department of Political Science, Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya, in collaboration with the IQAC. The main speaker was the eminent poet and literary critic Professor Dr. Masudul Haque, Principal, Birganj Government College, Dinajpur, Bangladesh. The lecture on "Poetry of the Fifth Decade of the Nineteenth Century of the Two Bengals – A Review" provided students with a comprehensive understanding of the poetry of the two Bengals in the 1950s and enriched their literary and cultural perspectives.



Teachers' Day Celebration

The Department also observed Constitution Day on 26th November 2025, organized by the students to promote awareness about the Indian Constitution, its values, and its role in shaping the democratic framework of the nation. The programme enhanced constitutional consciousness among students and helped them gain a clearer understanding of their rights, duties, and responsibilities as responsible citizens.

Together, these events highlight the Department's commitment to fostering cultural sensitivity, academic enrichment, and civic responsibility among students.



Special Lecture



Observation of Constitution Day

From September to December 2025, the Department of Bengali, Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya organized a series of enriching academic and cultural events. The Teachers' Day Celebration Programme was held on 5th September, 2025 at 12 noon to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp and an introductory address by Dr. Suphal Biswas, HOD, Department of Bengali.

An invited international lecture was organized on 7th November, 2025 in collaboration with the Department of Political Science and the IQAC, where the eminent poet and literary critic Professor Dr. Masudul Haque, Principal, Birganj Government College, Bangladesh, and Dr. Arun Kumar Sanfui, Teacher-in-Charge, Munshi Premchand Mahavidyalaya, Siliguri, participated as invited speakers.



Invited International Lecture



Teachers' Day Celebration



Unveiling of Wall Magazine 'DISHA' Vol. 3

Shri Jayant Moulik, President of the College Governing Body, Dr. Pranab Kumar Mishra, Principal, SSM, and Dr. Bablee Mondal, IQAC Coordinator, also addressed the gathering; the welcome address was delivered by Dr. Suphal Biswas, the discussion was moderated by Prof. Bhawani Roy, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Bikash Ranjan Deb.

The Department further celebrated the publication of its Wall Magazine 'Disha' (3rd Volume) on 25th November, 2025 at 11 am, themed "War and Bengali Literature," which was unveiled by Dr. Pranab Kumar Mishra in the presence of faculty members, students, and Dr. Bablee Mondal, marking a moment of pride and creativity.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

From Numbers to Values: A Journey of Growth

The Department of Mathematics organized a 30-hour Add-on Course titled "Fundamental Knowledge of Algebra, Calculus, and Geometry for UG Mathematics" from 17/09/2025 to 22/09/2025 for Semester I Mathematics Major students, with the participation of 11 students. The course was designed to bridge the gap between Class XII school mathematics and the undergraduate major syllabus by strengthening conceptual understanding in Algebra, Calculus, and Geometry. Tutorial sessions encouraged active student participation, discussion, and problem-solving through illustrative examples, thereby enhancing their academic preparedness.

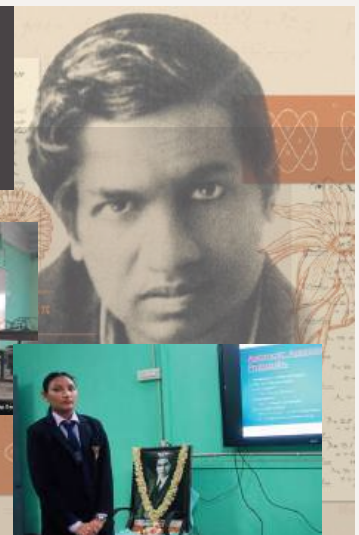


Separately, an Anti-Ragging Awareness Program was conducted on 22nd September 2025, in which 23 students participated. Faculty members counseled especially the first-semester students about the meaning of ragging, its serious consequences, and the importance of maintaining discipline. Students were informed about the rules, regulations, code of conduct, and anti-ragging measures of the college, and it was confirmed that all had submitted their anti-ragging affidavits at the time of admission.



A SCIENCE SOCIETY INITIATIVE: OBSERVATION OF NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY, 2025

National Mathematics Day was organised by the Science Society in collaboration with the Department of Mathematics and IQAC, SSM on 23rd December, 2025 in room number A-12. The programme was conducted to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan and to highlight the importance of Mathematics in academic and everyday life. Students from the 1st semester major Mathematics delivered PPT presentations related to the contribution of Ramanujan to mathematics, exploring the role of mathematics and its application in nature, which reflected students' understanding of mathematical concepts and real-world relevance.



THURSDAY ROSTRA

LECTURE SERIES

AN R&D CELL INITIATIVE

THURSDAY ROSTRA LECTURES FROM SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER, 2025

SEPTEMBER



Focusing on the growing relevance of organic nutrition, a special lecture on “Organic Food and Human Health” was organised by the R&D Cell, SSM along with IQAC on 11.09.25, with 25 participants. Dr. Aminul Islam, Department of Chemistry, delivered an insightful talk on the importance of organic food and its positive impact on nutrition, immunity, and overall well-being. He explained how natural farming practices enhance food quality and promote sustainable health. Moderated by Dr. Bablee Mandal, the session included an interactive Q&A segment. The lecture successfully achieved its objective by encouraging health-conscious choices and raising awareness about the benefits of organic and sustainable food practices.



The ROSTRA lecture on “Cyber Security” was organised by the R&D Cell, SSM in collaboration with IQAC on 11.09.25, with 25 participants. Smt. Babita Prasad (SACT) delivered an informative session on emerging cyber threats, recent trends in cybercrime, and effective strategies for data protection. She highlighted best practices for safeguarding personal and organisational information and provided practical tips to prevent cyber-attacks. Moderated by Dr. Bablee Mandal, the lecture included an interactive Q&A session. The programme successfully met its objectives by enhancing awareness, updating knowledge, and empowering participants with practical cyber safety measures.

NOVEMBER

Dr. Ranjit Kumar Barman, Assistant Professor, Department of Bengali, delivered a rostra lecture on “মহাভারতে বিবাহ: নারীর স্বাধীকার চেতনা” was organised by the R&D Cell, SSM in collaboration with IQAC on 13.11.25 at KCPMSH, with 23 participants. , discussed various forms of marriage in the Mahabharata and analysed women’s consent, choice, and autonomy within those narratives. He highlighted how the epic reflects and questions social norms related to women’s rights and freedom. Moderated by Dr. Arnab Baul, the session encouraged critical reflection on marriage as a social institution and enhanced awareness of gender justice and women’s rights.

A special rostra lecture on “An Assessment of Anthropogenic Impact on River Mahananda in the Siliguri Region, West Bengal” was organised by the R&D Cell, SSM in collaboration with IQAC on 27.11.25 at KCPMSH, with 60 participants. Dr. Pompei Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya, delivered an insightful talk on the ecological condition of the river and the growing impact of human activities. Using regional data and visual examples, she discussed pollution, waste disposal, encroachment, deterioration of water quality, and threats to biodiversity. The interactive session encouraged discussion on sustainable management, community participation, and policy support. Overall, the lecture successfully raised awareness and promoted responsibility towards river conservation.



DEPARTMENT OF BENGALI

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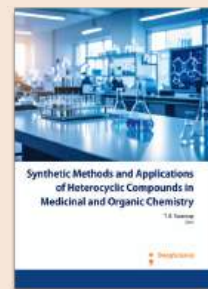
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TWO CHEMISTRY FACULTY MEMBERS CONFERRED PH.D.—A MILESTONE FOR THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Chemistry proudly celebrates the doctoral achievements of Mr. Aminul Islam and Mr. Subham Mukherjee, both of whom were conferred their Ph.D. degrees in the 2025 calendar year. Their research contributions mark a significant academic milestone for the college. Mr. Aminul Islam was awarded the Ph.D. degree on 19/02/2025 for his thesis titled "Transformative Reactions Involving Carbon-Hetero and Carbon-Carbon Bond Formations." His work opens new pathways in synthetic chemistry, with potential applications in pharmaceuticals and materials science. Mr. Subham Mukherjee received his Ph.D. on 22/12/2025 for his research on "Investigation of Ligational Behaviours of Some



Mr. Subham Mukherjee



Mr. Aminul Islam

Chelating Ligands Towards Transition Metals and Bio-Catalytic Activities of the Designed Coordination Compounds." His findings enrich the field of bioinorganic chemistry and catalysis, offering insights into molecular design and environmental remediation. These scholarly accomplishments, both achieved within the same calendar year, not only reflect individual excellence but also elevate the research profile of the Chemistry Department. Their work promises to inspire future collaborations, enhance curriculum depth, and strengthen the college's commitment to cutting-edge scientific inquiry.

A DISCIPLINARY AND ANTI-RAGGING COMMITTEE JOINT INITIATIVE

ZERO TOLERANCE: CREATING A RESPECTFUL CAMPUS THROUGH ANTI-RAGGING & CODE OF CONDUCT

An Orientation Programme titled “Zero Tolerance: Creating a Respectful Campus Through Anti-Ragging & Code of Conduct” was organised by the Disciplinary Committee and Anti-Ragging Committee in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya. The programme was attended by 151 students along with faculty members and staff. The speakers on the occasion were Dr. P. K. Mishra, Principal of the College, and Dr. Suphal Biswas, Head of the Department of Bengali. The programme aimed to sensitise students about discipline, ethical conduct, and the importance of maintaining a safe and respectful academic environment.

The main objective of the programme was to foster a peaceful, orderly, and ethical campus by upholding institutional rules, codes of conduct, and standards of behaviour. It focused on preventing misconduct, promoting accountability, ensuring transparent and impartial handling of complaints, and protecting the rights of all members of the institution.



Dr. Suphal Biswas emphasised the importance of internalising the fundamental duties of citizens and strictly adhering to institutional rules and regulations. He highlighted that discipline and respect are essential for maintaining harmony within the academic community. Dr. Bablee Mandal, Coordinator of IQAC, stressed the significance of personal and collective responsibility in maintaining discipline. She urged students not to remain silent in situations of harassment and to make proper use of helpline numbers and institutional support systems to ensure their safety and well-being.

Dr. P. K. Mishra, in his address, described the college as a family governed by mutual respect and discipline. He stated that the college treats all students equally, irrespective of caste, creed, or religion, and emphasised the importance of the college uniform as a symbol of discipline. He also cautioned that casual jokes or pranks can sometimes result in serious consequences. Referring to the Supreme Court's ban on ragging, he screened a short video to highlight its harmful physical and psychological effects.

Prof. Sutapa Saha, Convener of the Disciplinary Committee, in her welcome address, highlighted the importance of family upbringing and introduced various support committees working together to prevent harassment and ragging. The programme concluded successfully with active participation, strengthening awareness and commitment towards a respectful and disciplined campus.

AN INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE (ICC) INITIATIVE

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON EARLY MOTHERHOOD AND TEENAGE FORCED MARRIAGE

An Awareness Programme on “Early Motherhood and Teenage Forced Marriage: Causes, Consequences and Prevention” was organized by the Internal Complaints Committee and IQAC of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya in collaboration with the Kanyashree Prakalpa Unit, SSM. The programme was coordinated by Smt. Tanima Ghosh Sarkar, Nodal Officer, Kanyashree Prakalpa Unit, SSM, whose efforts ensured the smooth and effective conduct of the event.

The resource person, Mr. Shamideep Dutta, Eminent Journalist, delivered an insightful and engaging lecture highlighting the social, economic, and cultural causes behind early motherhood and teenage forced marriage, such as poverty, lack of education, gender inequality, and social pressure. He elaborated on the serious consequences of these practices, including health risks, psychological trauma, disruption of education, and restricted opportunities for personal and professional growth of young girls. He also stressed that child marriage is a punishable offence under Indian law and emphasized the need for awareness and collective responsibility to prevent such social evils.

Special emphasis was laid on the role of the Kanyashree Prakalpa, a flagship initiative of the Government of West Bengal, in preventing early marriage and motherhood. The scheme encourages girls to continue their education by providing financial assistance and incentives, thereby reducing school dropouts. It empowers girls economically and socially, promotes independence, and motivates families to delay marriage until the legal age. By ensuring education and security, Kanyashree plays a vital role in safeguarding the rights and dignity of young girls.

The programme was highly relevant in the present context and successfully sensitized students to become aware, responsible, and proactive citizens committed to promoting gender equality and social justice.



CENTRAL LIBRARY



WHERE PAGES OPEN PATHS: A GATEWAY TO KNOWLEDGE AND DISCOVERY



The Central Library, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organised a Library Orientation Programme for the B.A. 1st Semester students on 3rd December, 2025, at KCPMS Hall. The programme was designed to familiarise the newly admitted students with the vast resources, services, and facilities of the Central Library and to inspire them to make effective and responsible use of the library for their academic and personal growth. It aimed to create awareness about both traditional and digital learning tools available in the institution and to cultivate a habit of regular library usage among students.

An enlightening session was conducted by Dr Arnab Baul, IQAC Member and Head, Department of English, who introduced the students to the e-NGAGE learning portal available on the college website. He explained the step-by-step procedure to access academic information, digital resources, and institutional data through the portal. His guidance helped students understand the significance of digital platforms in modern education and how they can effectively support their learning process.

Following this, Mr Sapan Chhetri provided a comprehensive overview of the services and facilities of the Central Library. He explained the circulation system, book bank facilities, newspaper and periodical sections, reading room and reference services, library rules and regulations, and the availability of computer facilities with LAN connection. He also stressed the role of the library in developing reading habits, improving communication skills, enhancing personality development, and supporting career advancement.



The programme commenced with a warm welcome address by the Librarian, Mr Sapan Chhetri, who outlined the objectives of the orientation programme. He highlighted the library as the intellectual hub of the institution and emphasised its vital role in supporting academic excellence, research, and the holistic development of students. He encouraged students to consider the library not merely as a place for books, but as a dynamic space for exploration, creativity, and lifelong learning.

The Principal, Dr P. K. Mishra, addressed the gathering and spoke about the importance of discipline, regular class attendance, and the optimal utilisation of library resources. He elaborated on the various facilities and services provided by the Central Library and motivated students to actively engage in academic, cultural, and co-curricular activities. His address inspired students to adopt a balanced approach towards education, combining classroom learning with extensive use of library materials for overall personality development.

The technical session was conducted by Mr Guruchand Pandey, who presented a live demo video on the effective use of Web OPAC. He demonstrated how to search for books, check their availability, and use OPAC as an efficient tool for information retrieval, making the session highly practical and informative.

The programme concluded with an interactive session, where 113 students enthusiastically participated and clarified their queries. Overall, the orientation programme successfully created awareness about library resources and digital tools, encouraging students to become active, informed, and responsible users of the Central Library.

HELP IS JUST A CALL AWAY:

Anti-Ragging Cell - 9832073161
Internal Complaint Committee - 9832073161,
Grievance Redressal Cell - 6295081848

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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

(Tourism, Aviation & Hospitality Management)

The BBA-TAH department, SSM organized a series of academic, cultural, and developmental activities from September to December 2025 to ensure the holistic development of students. These programmes aimed to enhance academic competence, personality development, social responsibility, creativity, leadership skills, and experiential learning. Through orientations, workshops, celebrations, awareness campaigns, and educational visits, students were provided with opportunities to learn beyond the classroom and prepare themselves for future academic and professional challenges.

1. Orientation and Induction Programme (02 September 2025)

The programme welcomed newly admitted students and introduced them to the institutional environment, curriculum structure, rules, and support services, ensuring a smooth transition into higher education.

2. Teachers' Day Celebration (05 September 2025)

Faculty members were honoured through cultural programmes and felicitation, strengthening student-teacher bonds and promoting institutional harmony.

3. Workshop on Academic Skills (19 September 2025)

The workshop focused on study techniques, time management, communication, and presentation skills, enhancing students' academic confidence and learning efficiency.

4. World Tourism Day Celebration (23 September 2025)

Expert talks, competitions, cultural performances, and regional cuisine displays highlighted tourism's role in economic growth and sustainable development.

5. World Tourism Day Awareness Rally (27 September 2025)

Students carried awareness messages to the community, promoting responsible tourism and environmental protection.

6. Student Development Programme (15 November 2025)

The programme enhanced communication skills, leadership qualities, teamwork, and self-confidence through interactive sessions.

7. Pre-Christmas Celebration and Cake Baking (23 December 2025)

Students developed creativity and teamwork through cake-baking activities and cultural programmes, promoting cultural harmony.

8. Wright Brothers' Day Celebration (17 December 2025)

Presentations and quizzes on aviation history inspired scientific thinking and technological curiosity.

9. Educational Excursion to Tiedi Mountains (07 December 2025)

The excursion offered experiential learning, environmental awareness, and teamwork through observation-based activities.

10. Visit to Science City (11 December 2025)

Interactive exhibits and demonstrations promoted scientific curiosity and practical understanding of concepts.

Together, these programmes enriched students' academic growth, leadership abilities, cultural awareness, creativity, and social responsibility, ensuring their all-round development under the BBA Programme.



SSM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INITIATIVES

Threads of Empowerment: Weaving Safety, Skill, and Self-Reliance into Stronger Futures



Self Defence Training

The Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya Alumni Association actively organized several skill-oriented and empowerment programmes during 2025 with the objective of enhancing students' safety, employability, and self-reliance. These initiatives reflected the Association's strong commitment towards holistic development and vocational training of students, especially female students.

A Self-Defence Training Programme for female students was successfully conducted from 19th April 2025 to 29th November 2025, with regular sessions held every Saturday at 3:00 PM at the Yoga Centre of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya. The training was conducted by Sensei Ankur Barman, an international-level sportsperson and proud alumnus of the institution. The programme focused on practical self-defence techniques, situational awareness, physical fitness, mental preparedness, and confidence building. A total of 493 female students actively participated, showing the wide reach and relevance of the initiative. Participants expressed increased confidence and awareness regarding personal safety, making the programme a remarkable success in empowering women students.

In collaboration with NSS Academy, Siliguri, the Alumni Association organized a 15-day free Data Entry Course from 21.08.2025 to 06.09.2025 to enhance students' digital skills and employability. The curriculum included MS Office, Canva, typing speed improvement, basic photo editing, and other data entry-related skills. The training was conducted through both theoretical and practical methods with individual guidance. Out of 32 enrolled students, 24 successfully completed the course. The programme significantly contributed to strengthening students' computer proficiency and preparing them for future job opportunities.

Another major initiative was the 15-day free Beautician Training Course for female students, organized from 01.09.2025 to 17.09.2025, continuing for 15 consecutive days. The course provided both theoretical and practical knowledge on basic beautician skills, grooming techniques, and professional practices. The programme received an enthusiastic response, with 60 students enrolled and 56 successfully completing the training. It helped participants enhance their confidence, creativity, and employability, promoting vocational education and self-employment.

Furthermore, a 15-day free Tailoring Course for female students was organized from 06.11.2025 to 22.11.2025 in collaboration with NSS Academy, Siliguri. The course emphasized hands-on training with individual guidance on sewing machine operation, measurements, cutting, and stitching. Out of 25 enrolled students, 20 successfully completed the training. The participants showed great dedication and enthusiasm throughout the programme, gaining valuable practical skills for self-reliance.

Overall, these programmes organized by the Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya Alumni Association played a vital role in empowering students by enhancing their safety awareness, technical competence, vocational skills, and self-confidence. They stand as significant contributions toward student development, employability, and women empowerment.



Data Entry Course



Beautician Course



Tailoring Course

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