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Rtn. Siddhant Jain
Club President, 2025-26



Rtn. Bandana Ghosh
Club Secretary, 2025-26



SEPTEMBER IS



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH


"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."
John Dewey

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary. Get Involved




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BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

The more people who are literate, the more we can help the world's poorest people. Let's join the literacy revolution.

MESSAGE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2025-26

When I stepped into the role of Rotary International president, the moment came swiftly and unexpectedly. It got me thinking how the world can change in an instant, and how Rotary has the power to be a steady force for good in that change. This month, Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month, we have a clear call to action: to strengthen the foundation of learning in every community we serve.



Millions of people worldwide remain unable to read. Millions of children lack access to basic education. And yet, we know the solution: sustainable, inclusive, and equitable education, especially for girls and marginalized youths. Literacy is more than the ability to read and write. It is the key to human dignity, economic mobility, and peace. Every book opened, every classroom supported, and every teacher trained becomes a building block of peace.

This year, our message is Unite for Good. "Unite" speaks to the strength we find in each other. When we unite our talents and resources — not only among our clubs but across partners, organizations, and communities — we expand our reach. And when we do so consistently over time, we create lasting change. Rotary service cannot be measured only in annual goals. Our work in education must extend beyond a single year. Literacy projects take time to take root, grow, and bear fruit.

Now is the time to think boldly and creatively. New types of clubs can help us engage educators, students, and advocates in new ways. Let us use this month to welcome new members with a passion for education and empower existing ones to lead service projects that reflect local needs. Whether you're building libraries, distributing textbooks, or mentoring students, your actions matter.

Education is also peacebuilding. Every scholarship we provide, every early childhood program we support, every adult literacy class we fund is an act of peace. And Rotary has been building peace in this way for more than a century.

Let us not forget that the fight for literacy is not only about access, it's about equity. It is about ensuring every learner, regardless of background, has the opportunity to reach their potential. And it is about standing together — across borders, languages, and generations — to say that education is a right, not a privilege.

Let's Unite for Good by committing to literacy that lasts. Let's dream of a world where every child learns to read. And then, as people of action, let's work together to make that dream a reality.

Together, we can change lives, starting with the power of education. Together, we Unite for Good.

Francesco Arezzo
President, Rotary International,
2025-26

OBITUARY



LATE RTN. SANGKOO YUN

In Loving Memory of SangKoo Yun Rotary International President-Elect it is with profound sorrow that we mourn the passing of SangKoo Yun, a visionary leader and compassionate soul who touched countless lives through his service and dedication to Rotary International.

Mr. Yun had bravely stepped down from his presidential duties earlier this year to focus on treatment after being diagnosed with pancreatic adenocarcinoma. His strength, humility, and unwavering commitment to service—even in the face of personal adversity—remain an inspiration to us all.

We extend our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones.

May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may the Almighty grant his family the strength to bear this immense loss.

His legacy of kindness, leadership, and service will continue to guide and uplift us.



CLUB PRESIDENT'S SPEECH



Dear Rotarians

Basic education and literacy is one of The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus. We know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

Enhancing Basic Education skills and Literacy are essential in reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace. Improvements can reduce maternal death, improve childhood survivability, and reduce poverty. They can also enable success in business or a profession.

We have celebrated Teachers Day on 05.09.2025 successfully and awarded 5 Nation Builders Award to the Teachers of two Schools. We also organized Zonal Literacy Seminar, Zone II on 14.09.2025. The eminent speakers were invited; a debate was held on the subject of "Digital Learning Vs Traditional Learning Methods".

We missed out on Career Guidance, but I am sure we are going to do it in the coming months for our Interact Club of Sant Nirankari School.

"Pandal Hopping" a mega Public Image Program was also organized for the underprivileged children of our community, which was a great success.

I am once again thankful to all the members of the Club for their continued support.

Shubho Bijoya to all.

Let's "UNITE FOR GOOD"

With Best Rotary Regards,

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Siddhant Jain".

Rtn. Siddhant Jain

FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Rotary has designated the month of September, 2025 as “Basic Education and Literacy Month” mentioning the “Areas of Focus” on Adult Education, E Learning, Happy School Projects, Traffic Awareness, Development of Libraries etc.

Literacy is the ability to read, write and comprehend information in order to communicate effectively. From reading the Newspaper to understanding the Road Signs, Literacy is the only tool that helps us to make sense of our surroundings .It is empowering and promotes the social and human development. Literacy also serves as the foundation of the basic education for all. Rotary highlighted the purpose of imparting “Basic Education & Literacy” as a tool that increases the ability to read and write which is more than a skill, it is a bridge to dignity, opportunity and a better future.

The top 10 most educated states and UTs in India, based on the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2023-24, are Mizoram (98.2%), Lakshadweep (97.3%), Kerala (95.3%), Tripura (93.7%), Goa (93.6%), Delhi (93.6%), Himachal Pradesh (92.7%), Sikkim (92.3%), Punjab (92.1%), and Tamil Nadu (92.1%). On the other hand, Madhya Pradesh (75.2%), Rajasthan (70.8%), and Bihar (74.3%) are the states with the lowest literacy rates for those aged 7 and up. Bihar, on the other hand, came in last in the 5+ age group (73.2%), followed by Madhya Pradesh (73.7%) and Rajasthan (74.9%).

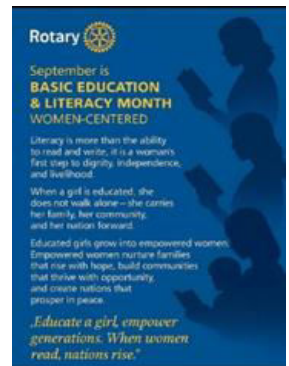
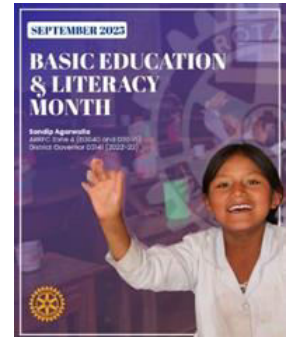
India's basic education is marked by high enrolment rates but faces a severe learning crisis, with a significant number of students unable to read and perform basic math, especially in rural areas. While the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 aims to improve the system through a new 5+3+3+4 structural model, public spending on education remains low, and issues like poor infrastructure, teacher quality, and access persist, particularly for marginalized groups.

Therefore, a lot of work is still pending in India where Rotary Clubs can explore to fulfill their target to make the countrymen fully literate in true sense.

With Warm Regards,

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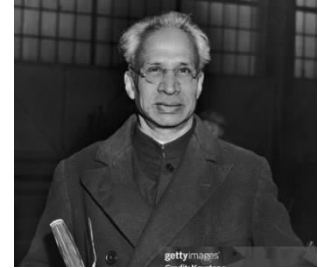
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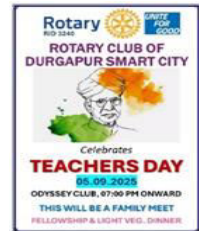
CELEBRATION OF TEACHERS DAY

President S Radhakrishnan

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's birthday, September 5, is celebrated as Teacher's Day in India at his own request. When he became President in 1962, his students wanted to celebrate his birthday, but he suggested they instead honor all teachers and acknowledge their significant contributions to society. This selfless request led to the official observance of Teacher's Day, recognizing the importance of educators in shaping individuals and the nation.



Anup Kumar: Today we need teachers at all stages of our lives beyond schools, colleges and universities. Never ever has it been more palpable than today's flux of learning, unlearning and relearning. Let Rotary become a learning platform for each one of us so that we constantly learn, unlearn and relearn from each other all the time. Each day would then become truly Teachers Day and Learners Day. Do we have a day reserved as "Learners Day"?



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Celebration of birthday of PDG Dr. Rintu Guha Niyogi

5th September was the birthday of PDG Dr. Rintu Guha Niyogi. Like previous year Dr. Guha Niyogi spent the day among the little students of a local Non Government school where he sponsored the lunch for the students and teachers of the school.



A report on above was published in a local newspaper in bengali which is placed here.

মানবিকতার এক অনন্য উদাহরণ

দুর্গাপুর ইস্পাত কারখানার মেইন হাসপাতালের অবসরপ্রাপ্ত চিকিৎসক Dr. Rintu Guha Niyogi ছিলেন তাঁর কর্মজীবনে যেমন জনপ্রিয়, আজও তেমনি মানুষের হৃদয়ে জায়গা করে আছেন। চিকিৎসক হিসেবে নির্ভা ও আল্লরিকতার পাশাপাশি তিনি সবসময় মানুষকে ভালোবাসায় জড়িয়ে রেখেছেন।

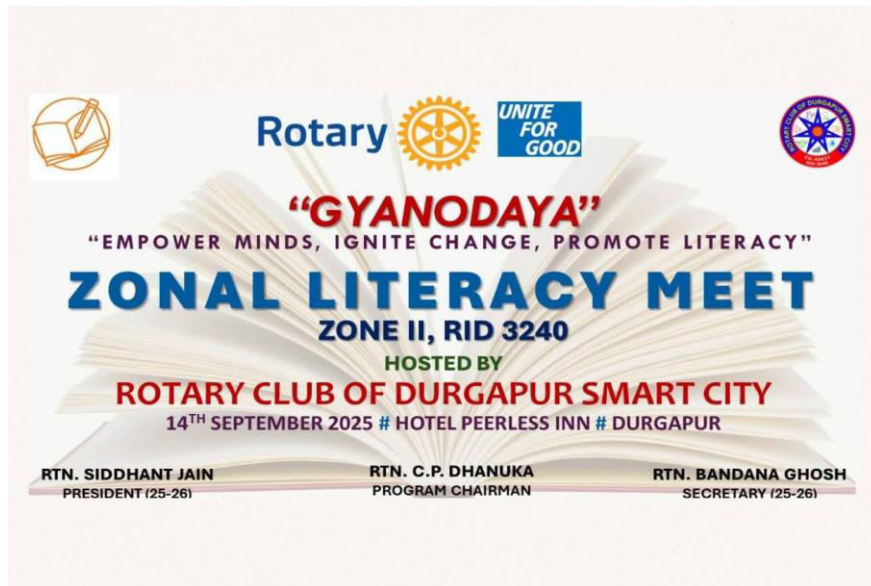
গত 5th September নিজের জন্মদিনে তিনি এক হৃদয়স্পর্শী উদ্যোগ নিলেন। দুর্গাপুর আড়া ইয়ং অ্যাসোসিয়েশন পরিচালিত "জীবনপাঠ" কেন্দ্রের ৪৩ জন পড়ুয়া, সহায়ক কর্মী ও শিক্ষাবন্ধুদের জন্য দুপুরের আহ্বারের সম্পূর্ণ ব্যয়ভার বহন করার পাশাপাশি তিনি নিজ হাতে খাবার পরিবেশন করেন। তাঁর কয়েকজন বন্ধু এই মহৎ মুহূর্তে উপস্থিত থেকে আনন্দ ভাগ করে নেন এবং খাবারও খান সেখানকার পড়ুয়াদের সাথে।

ডাঃ নিয়োগীর এই পদক্ষেপ প্রমাণ করে—মানবিকতা মানে শুধু দান নয়, বরং ভালোবাসা দিয়ে ভাগ করে নেওয়া। তাঁর এই নিঃস্বার্থ প্রয়াস আমাদের মনে করিয়ে দেয়, সামান্য আল্লরিকতাও কতগুলো জীবনে আলো ছড়াতে পারে।

আমরা ডাঃ রিন্টু নিয়োগীর প্রতি জানাই আল্লরিক শ্রদ্ধা ও কৃতজ্ঞতা। তাঁর এই উদ্যোগ সমাজে মানবিকতার উজ্জ্বল দৃষ্টান্ত হয়ে থাকবে।

আসুন, আমরা সকলে অনুপ্রাণিত হই এবং এরকম সামাজিক কাজে এগিয়ে আসি। আপনার একটি ছোট প্রয়াসও অনেক শিশুর মুখে হাসি ফোটাতে পারে।

আপনিও কিভাবে এই প্রান্তিক পরিবারের শিশুদের মুখে হাসি ফোটাতে পারেন, তা জানতে কল করতে পারেনঃ *7980637268* নাম্বারে।



The "**Gyanodaya**" Zonal Literacy Meet program organized by Rotary Club of Durgaour Smart City under the leadership of Club president Rtn Siddhant Jain & AG Zone II Rtn Sudipta Acharya 14.09.2025. Program Chairman, Rtn. C.P. Dhanuka furnished the following details...

1. 09 clubs of Zone II, & 50 Participants Registered & Eco Friendly with. Seeded Pen was given to promote Save Environment.
2. Inaugural Ceremony followed by National Anthem, dais decoration, and lighting of the lamp.
3. Felicitations: Honoring distinguished guests and speakers., AG Zone II Rtn Sudipta Acharya, Zonal Coordinator Rtn Nirmalya Ghosh, Distrct Chair Women Empowerment Rtn Siuli Mukherjee, Past DRR Rtn Dr. Prem Agarwal, District Chair GML Publication Rtn Rajesh Surana, Member of district Literacy Committee Rtn Malbika Mukherjee.
4. We felicitated Rtn Mathews Joseph from Rotary Club of Cochin, he was here to review CSR project of RC Ukhra.
5. Welcome Address by Program Seminar Chair Rtn CP Dhanuka Shared insights on the objectives. & Purpose of the seminar was shared by AG Rtn Sudipta Acharya.
6. Interactive Sessions:
 - a. "**Importance of Functional Literacy**" was deliberated by Rtn Dr. Prens Agarwal
 - b. "**Innovative Methods to Promote Literacy**" deliberated by Rtn Rajesh Surana
 - c. "**Role of Rotary in Achieving Literacy Goals**" was Deliberated by Rtn Malbika Mukherjee
 - d. **In Debate Challenge:** 05 Participants debated on "Digital learning is better than traditional learning environments
 - e. **Memento Presentation and Prize Distribution:** Honoring debate Winner Rtn Col Dr. VV Gantait of RCD Smart City & Runner uo Rtn Subhojit Bandyopadhy RCD Smart City & Memento presentation to AG, ZC & Speakers.
 - f. **Vote of Thanks:** Expressing gratitude to participants and organizers by Lt. Col Bhagirath Day
 - g. **Fellowship and Lunch:** Networking and discussion over lunch.

The program was a grand success promoting literacy and education through discussions, debates, and networking.

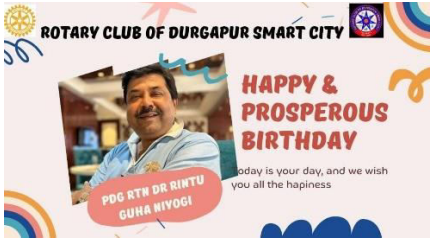




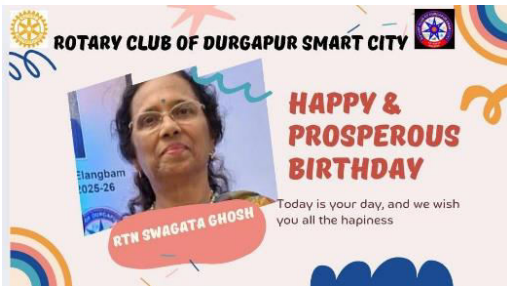
Rtn. Siddhant Jain, Club President: An overwhelming response, remarkable support, efficient execution, distinguished speakers and guests, a great success - this defines our Zonal Literacy Meet "Gyanodaya" Special thanks to Program Chair & MOC - Rtn. Dhanuka Ji & Jt. Secretary Rtn. Vinod Ji for taking the lead participation in the program. Wonderful work done by team RCDCS.

HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENTS

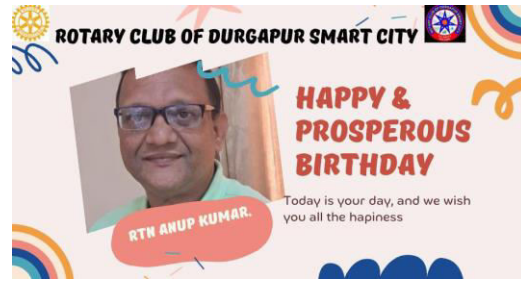
Birthday Celebration



05th September



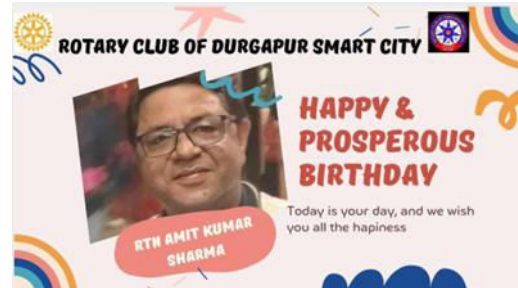
15th September



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27th September

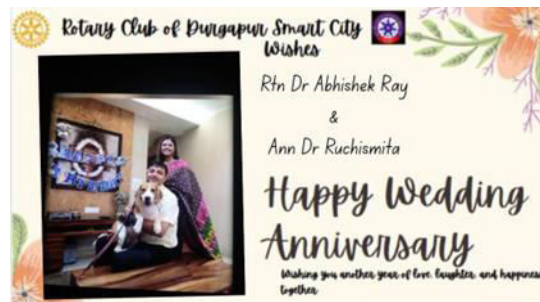


28th September

You have the most beautiful and sensitive soul.

May your day be filled with joy and memories that make you smile.

Wedding Day Celebration



19th September

Congratulations on your wedding day.

May you always be able to put up with each other.

REGULAR WEEKLY / ASSEMBLY AND BOARD MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER 2025

245th RWM dt. 05th September



3rd Board Meeting Dt. 10th September



246th RWM dt. 12th September



247th RWM dt. 19th September



No RWM was held on 26th September due to Festival

OBSERVATION OF INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

Collected by Rtn. Chandra Prakash Dhanuka

The **International Literacy Day** is celebrated annually on September 8 to highlight the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights. This year's theme is "Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era" and "Promoting Multilingual Education: Literacy for Mutual Understanding and Peace," focusing on the need for digital literacy, functional literacy, and financial literacy in today's rapidly changing world.

Key Significance:

Dignity and Opportunity: Literacy is vital for dignity, opportunity, and freedom, empowering individuals to access knowledge, exercise their rights, and make informed decisions.

Global Progress: Despite progress since its inception in 1966, significant gaps persist, especially among women and marginalized communities, with around 773 million adults worldwide lacking basic literacy skills.

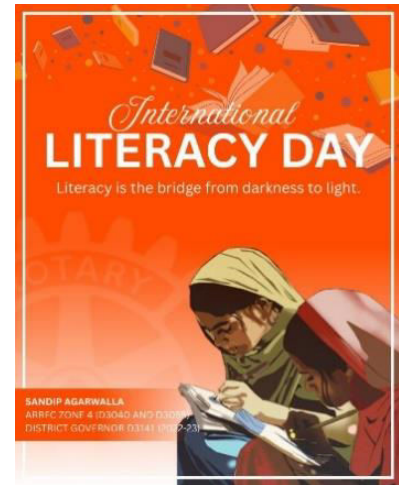
Digital Divide: The rapid digitalization of information has created new forms of illiteracy, emphasizing the need for digital literacy skills to navigate and critically evaluate online content.

Celebrations and Initiatives:

Global Conference: A global conference takes place on September 8 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France, to spotlight effective policies and interventions promoting literacy.

Community Events: People can participate in book exchange events, multilingual storytelling sessions, social media campaigns, and fundraising for literacy programs.

Volunteering: Individuals can contribute by volunteering at local literacy programs, donating books, or simply reading with family and friends.



A COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PUBLIC IMAGE PROJECT

An arrangement was made by the club for a trip of little children to enjoy different puja pandels in Durgapur



Durga Puja Pandal Hopping with a Purpose! RCIDSC (RID 3240) brought smiles to the faces of underprivileged children and their parents by organizing a joyful pandal hopping experience 28/9/2025





Rtn Siddhant Jain, Club President: Heartfelt Thanks to Rupam Da and Priyobrata for their support. I missed the event as I am in Varanasi. No words for the generous time you have spared during this Puja Festival. Thanks again.

Col. Rtn. Subrata Chakraborty: I am taking this opportunity to compliment both Rtn Rupam and Rtn Priyobrata for sparing time, efforts and pain throughout the day of the festival, for the very special cause. Special appreciation for taking their daughters along with Rotary let Khushi.

They too formed part of the big group and participated despite the fact that the day was unusually warm and sultry. Despite the stated vagaries, they cheerfully opted to sweat it out !

I am certain all three children have quietly imbibed humility and empathy by deciding to share the joyous moments of festival with the segment who are not as fortunate and are often overlooked.

These are the occasions when one feels proud to be part of the larger family called RCDSC in particular and Rotary at large.

CONGRATULATIONS

On 30th August, District level Power Lifting and Benchpress Championship was held at NSHM Knowledge Campus, Durgapur on national sports day 2025. **Rtn. Subir Roy** was invited as Special Guest. The organizing committee recognized and felicitated him at his residence. We congratulate him for his participation to build the image of Rotary Club.



HOMAGE TO PANDIT ISHWAR CHANDRA VIDYASAGAR



26th September was the birthday of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar whose 206th birth anniversary was observed in the country.

Pandit Ishwar Chandra was Bengali polymath from the Indian subcontinent and a key figure of the Bengali Renaissance. He was a philosopher, writer, translator, printer, publisher, entrepreneur, social reformer, academic educator and philanthropist.

In this Rotary month, dedicated to basic education, the RC Durgapur Smart City paid homage to Vidyasagar with respect and honour.

(26.09.1820 - 29.07. 1891)

ROTARY MOMENT – SERVICE ABOVE SELF IN ACTION



The story forwarded by PDG Dinanath Lohia

PDG Rtn. Jugal Somani stated....Last night, on a distress call from my sister-in-law who was travelling from Malda to Rourkela on Surat bound train which was then near Raniganj that the train was being diverted from its original route via Jharkhand due to some agitation, I immediately reached out to my dear friends PDG Swapan and PDG Dina for helping this lady in panic and distress.

Swapan left an important business meeting to be at Asansol station well before the train's arrival, and Dina, along with his son, drove down to ensure her safe pickup and graciously hosted her overnight.

Today, of course, I organised her transfer to Bolpur to be by the side of her nanad Rupa recuperating from knees surgery. Now she would be able to comfortably leave for her destination Manoharpur whenever things normalise..

This was Rotary in its truest form — spontaneous, selfless, and deeply reassuring.

Rupa and I & Pushpa (that lady) and her family, will remain ever grateful to Swapan and Dina.

Proud to be among such Rotarians, when they become Angels in Action when needed.

ROTARACT CLUB OF DSMS COLLEGE: ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER 2025

(1) The online Board of Directors' meeting

The online Board of Directors' meeting jointly organized by the Rotaract Club of DSMS College (RID 3240) and the Rotaract Club of JEC (RID 3234) under the guidance of Rotaract District 3240 turned so full of happy faces and excited talks.

Supported by DSMS Group of Institutions, the event fostered dynamic discussions and collaboration between the clubs, showcasing the commitment to service, youth leadership, and club development even in a virtual format. Such cross-club initiatives reflect the spirit of unity and growth among Rotaract members, building connections for future projects and positive community impact.

(2) National Engineer's Day – 15th September

Engineers are the true architects of progress, shaping the world with innovation, dedication, and vision. From building bridges that connect lives to designing technologies that define our future, they turn ideas into reality.

On this Engineer's Day, we salute the workforce that continues to inspire growth and development. Your hard work builds the foundation of a better tomorrow.

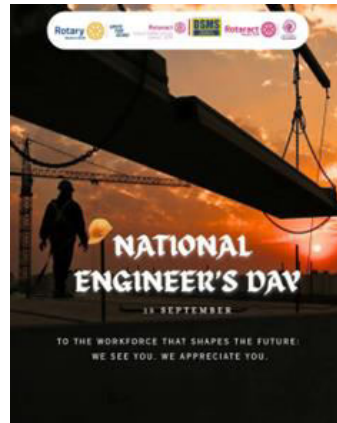
(3) District Project | EDU BRIDGE: Connecting Learners to Opportunity

Rotaract Club of DSMS College, organized Skill For Me as part of the EDU BRIDGE initiative. The session aimed at enhancing knowledge, building confidence, and providing students with essential skills for personal and professional growth. With active

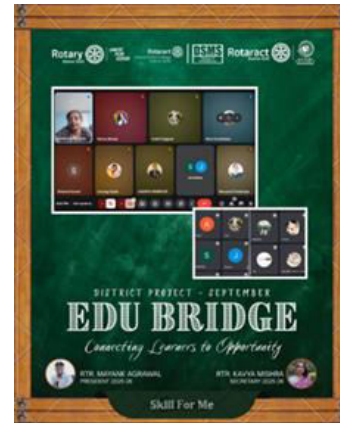
participation and valuable guidance from experts, the project successfully created a platform where learners could gain practical insights and opportunities for self-development. Kudos to all participants for making this district project a great success!



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ROTARACT CLUB OF NSHM COLLEGE: ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER 2025



EDU BRIDGE (LITERACY CONCLAVE)

On 11th July Rotaract club of Nshh knowledge campus Durgapur organised a seminar that was rich in knowledge and insights. It not only enhanced our understanding but also gave us valuable experiences that will help us in our work and future endeavors.



A national seminar on NextGen Healthcare: Pathways and Prospects
Lectured by Mr. Arnab Mondal.

This seminar not only enriched our knowledge but also broadened our perspectives, opening new doors of opportunity and growth for us.

MEGA BLOOD DONATION CAMP

A Mega Blood Donation Camp was organized in NSHM college on 16.09.2025.

The program commenced with a brief inaugural session, followed by the presence and encouragement of our esteemed guests and faculty members.

We had 230 blood donors this time. All donors were provided with light refreshments and a certificate of appreciation. The event was a grand success, leaving behind the message that together, we can make the world healthier and happier.



INTERACT CLUB OF SANT NIRANKARI HIGH SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER 2025

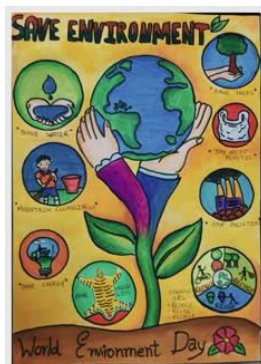
The members of Rotary Interact Club of Sant Nirankari High School swept the campus and put the garbage in the dustbins kept at various spots in the campus on 15.09.2025. This event witnessed a humongous participation from the Interact Club members.



MISCELLANEOUS SECTION

Good news for Environment Preservation Enthusiasts.

Highlighted by PDG Dr. Rintu Guha Niyogi



Forty years ago, nations came together under the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and agreed to take appropriate measures to protect people and the planet from harmful UV radiation pouring through a potentially damaged ozone layer.

They succeeded. Based on additional scientific information, the Montreal Protocol was adopted and chlorofluorocarbons – man-made chemicals used in refrigeration, aerosol sprays and foam production – started being phased out setting the ozone layer on the road to recovery.

This year, on the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, we celebrate this historic achievement and look forward to another forty years of action.

ACTIVITY OF PP RTN. DR. TARUN GUPTA AT NEW DELHI

PP Rtn. Dr. Tarun Gupta was invited to the Investiture Ceremony of a new Rotaract Club of SGT, Delhi.



PARTICIPATION IN THE 19TH AGM OF DURGAPUR ABOSAR

DURGAPUR ABASOR is a renowned Service organization in Durgapur. They are active with so many social and humanitarian work, not only in Durgapur but also in outside of Durgapur. The organization specially is concentrated for giving support to needy students for their study from School level to University level. Rtn P K Samant is the President of this organization since last few years. Rtn. Subir Roy was present as a member and Guest Speaker.



CLUB PRESIDENT VISIT TO ROTARY CLUB OF RENUKOOT (RID 3120)



Club President, Rtn. Siddhant Jain visited Rotary Club of Renukoot, RID 3120 during Durga Puja Festival.

He was Chief Guest for the Dhunuchi Dance Competition organized by Rotary Club of Renukoot.

Some Glimpses..

