



**Narendrapur
Ramakrishna Mission
Vidyalaya Praktani**

NEWSLETTER

July 2025 — December 2025



President's message

Dear Brothers,

Happy New year to you all.

The **July to December 2025 issue of the Praktani Newsletter** is here. It contains news updates from the Vidyalaya, information on personal achievements of our brothers and some glimpses of collective activities carried out by NRVP and various batch-oriented alumni groups.

I hope the newsletter finds you in best of health and spirits, and enables you to connect with your alma mater and your friends and brothers, wherever you are.

Even as you enjoy going through the issue, may I take the opportunity to remind you that the newsletter can continue to come out regularly only if the batch coordinators step up and share important developments related to their batch. I request all batch coordinators to reach out to the newsletter team on nrvpnewsletter@gmail.com as and when there is some update worth sharing with the larger alumni community.

May Thakur, Maa and Swamiji bless us all.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Sarad Kumar Mirani
President
NRVP

A Walk Down Memory Lane



The ashram football team pose for a photo after a practice session in 1968. Seated in front, among others, are Debabrata Ghosh, Tushar Goon, Pradip Dutta, Sudeep Ghosh. Standing at the centre is Arun Das. Arun da, who taught at our Vidyalaya for over three decades, was a gold medalist from Banipur Physical Education College. He excelled in almost every sport he played. Played football for prominent Kolkata clubs; was a terrific fast bowler as well. During his teaching days, Arun da had a vision --- that all his students, no matter how they fared in academics, would possess a healthy physique --- an idea that he successfully passed on to many across generations. And ideas, as they say, are bulletproof. They have outlived Aurn da.

Arun da was not the only sporting genius that the Vidyalaya produced in those years. Pradip da, now a resident of Garia, played cricket and football equally well. He was a part of the junior Indian soccer team. And a Jadavpur University Blue in both cricket and football.

Tushar da, who continues to advise Praktani on complex legal matters, was a footballer par excellence as well as an ace athlete.

Paradise Regained

Winter Retreat 2025 was held on December 27 and 28 at the junior section. As many as 78 praktanis took part in it. They stayed at the Advaitananda Bhavan, spent a day and a half following the hostel routine, enjoyed the sumptuous food on offer, sang songs, attended prayers, played football, chatted with friends and brothers and relived the best days of their life.



News From The Campus

Sera Vidyalaya Award 2025

Our Vidyalaya was selected for conferment of Sera Vidyalaya Award 2025 (Best School Award) by the directorate of school education, Govt. of West Bengal. The Award was handed over to us on September 4, 2025, on the occasion of Teacher's Day at the Dhano Dhanyo Auditorium. A trophy along with a cheque of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) was handed over to respected headmaster maharaj by Srimati Mamata Banerjee, chief minister of West Bengal, in the presence of Sri Bratya Basu, minister in charge, school and higher education department. It is also to be noted with pride that our Vidyalaya was honoured with the Sera Vidyalaya Award in 2017, 2021, 2023 and 2024 (announced) as well.



The Vidyalaya proudly celebrated the exceptional performance of its students in the Higher Secondary Examination (Semester 3), with an impressive 31 students securing positions within the top 10. Their success reflects not only academic brilliance but also dedication, discipline, and perseverance. Guided by our revered teachers and supported by the ethos of the Vidyalaya, the students have set a high standard for others to follow. Their success is a source of pride and inspiration for the entire Narendrapur family.

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Higher Secondary Examination Semester - III STATE RANKERS

 ATANU BANERJEE 2 nd (98.95%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, STAT	 ARKADYUTI DHAR 2 nd (98.95%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, STAT	 ARIGHNA SARKAR 2 nd (98.95%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, STAT	 AITIHYA PACHHAL 2 nd (98.95%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, STAT	 ADRITO PAL 2 nd (98.95%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, STAT
 PRATYUSH MONDAL 2 nd (98.95%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, COM. SC.	 SOHAM BHOWMICK 3 rd (98.92%) PHY, CHEM, BIO, MATH	 ALEKHYA MAITY 4 th (98.42%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, STAT	 JOY HIRA 4 th (98.42%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, COM. SC.	 SAGNIK GHATAK 4 th (98.42%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, COM. SC.
 RITABRATA GHOSH 4 th (98.42%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, COM. SC.	 SOUMODIP MISHRA 5 th (98.38%) PHY, CHEM, BIO, MATH	 ABIR BHATTACHARYA 6 th (97.89%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, STAT	 ABHRANEEL CHAKRABORTY 6 th (97.89%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, STAT	 SWATANTRA JANA 6 th (97.89%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, COM. SC.
 AYUSH GHOSAL 6 th (97.89%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, STAT	 SOUHARDYA DAS 7 th (97.84%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, BIO	 SUBHADIP DINDA 7 th (97.84%) PHY, CHEM, BIO, MATH	 SRIJAN PAL 7 th (97.84%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, BIO	 OLIVE GAIN 7 th (97.84%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, BIO
 SOURASHIS DEY 7 th (97.84%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, BIO	 ANISH GANTAIT 7 th (97.84%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, BIO	 PALLAB KR. BHOWAL 9 th (97.37%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, STAT	 SAMARPAN BISWAS 9 th (97.37%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, COM. SC.	 SADMAN ABTAHI 9 th (97.37%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, COM. SC.
 SUBHAM RAY 10 th (97.30%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, BIO	 SOUMALYA PATRA 10 th (97.30%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, BIO	 SUBHODIP SARKAR 10 th (97.30%) PHY, CHEM, BIO, MATH	 SUBHRAKANTI JANA 10 th (97.30%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, BIO	 NAIRIT RANJAN PAL 10 th (97.30%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, BIO
 RITWIK DUTTA 10 th (97.30%) PHY, CHEM, MATH, BIO				



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Hitting Bull's Eye

The Vidyalaya introduced Archery as a new addition to its Games and Sports Department from November 1, 2025. Students have embraced the sport with enthusiasm, learning to steady their minds as much as their aim. Archery fosters patience, focus and inner discipline, making this initiative an important step by the school in shaping individuals.



Swami Prabhananda Shiksha Sahayak Prakalpa

The Madhyamik Study Camp – “Swami Prabhananda Shiksha Sahayak Prakalpa”, was launched on August 14, 2025, for students from neighbouring schools preparing for the Madhyamik Examination 2026. A total of 62 students attended the camp regularly every Monday and Thursday. The sessions provided them with steady academic guidance along with



Students Hear Swami Sarvapriyananda

On November 30, 2025, Revered Swami Sarvapriyananda addressed students on “Consciousness: Ancient and Modern Perspectives.” Maharaj presented the profound ideas in a simple manner, engaging the students throughout. The session left a lasting impression, encouraging reflection and deeper understanding among students.



Mahavir Bhavana Inaugurated

Revered Swami Vimalatmanandaji Maharaj, vice-president, Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission and Adhyaksha, Ramakrishna Math (Yogodyan), Kankurgachhi, Kolkata inaugurated the reconstructed and renovated Mahavir Bhavana of the Vidyalaya on Sunday, 10th August, 2025..



Achievements

I'll go to The Top

Dr Arghya Narayan Banerjee, an alumnus of **1992 batch**, is currently a professor in the School of Mechanical Engineering at Yeungnam University, Republic of Korea.

An internationally recognized researcher in nanomaterials and energy devices, Arghya has been consistently listed among the Stanford–Elsevier Top 2% Scientists (2021–2025).

He has published over 150 peer-reviewed research articles, authored 2 books and 10 book chapters/invited reviews, and has received approximately 5,760 citations with an h-index of 41 (Google Scholar, January 2026). He also serves as editor-in-chief and holds editorial roles with several international journals, and is widely respected for his contributions to advanced materials and nanotechnology research.



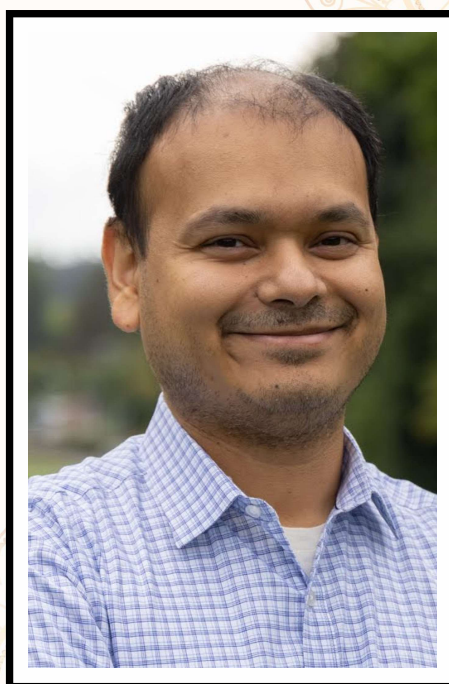
Arko Shines On

Arka Majumdar, an alumni of **2001 batch** continues to make our alumni proud with an impressive set of achievements in the academic fields of optics and photonics. In September 2025, he led a research team at the University of Washington that developed a breakthrough “ultra-flat optic” — a one-micron-thick metalens capable of capturing full-colour high-quality images and video, despite previous limitations in large-aperture flat optics. This milestone not only advances fundamental science but has clear practical potential in smartphones, medical imaging (endoscopes/angioscopes) and lightweight cameras for drones or satellites.

Beyond this, Arka holds a joint appointment at the departments of electrical & computer engineering and physics at the University of Washington, and his portfolio spans nanophotonics, optical computing, meta-optics and high-impact entrepreneurship.

As we feature Arka in this edition of the newsletter, let's celebrate not just the accolades but the spirit behind them — curiosity, perseverance and the drive to push boundaries.

Here's to his future breakthroughs and to the wider impact they will create.



Young Achievers

Sahars Kumar from the **2010 batch** secured an impressive All India Rank 153 in UPSC 2025 and has joined the esteemed Indian Police Service (IPS). His perseverance and success are a matter of great pride for all of us.

After completing his M.B.B.S. and M.D. in Radiodiagnosis, **Dr Sujit Saha** from the same **2010 batch** successfully cleared all three parts of the FRCR examination (Fellowship of the Royal College of Radiologists) in 2025. The exam is widely regarded as the pinnacle qualification for radiologists.

Our best wishes to them.



Excellence in Photography

Prantik Biswas, an alumni of **1991 batch** was awarded the EFIAP (Excellence FIAP) distinction in December 2025. FIAP (Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique) is one of the world's leading international photography bodies, and the EFIAP honour recognises sustained creative excellence on a global platform. Prantik's 59 images have earned 31 awards and 283 acceptances across 58 international salons in 26 countries.

He credits his achievement to the invaluable mentorship of Dr. Ashok K. Ghosh (EFIAP, EFIP, Batch of 1970), who introduced him to photography in 2019 and guided his artistic development throughout this journey. Dr. Ghosh's mentorship has shaped Prantik's growth from his earliest frames to this international distinction.

Below are two stellar examples of Prantik's magic behind the lens.



Excellence on Celluloid

The latest documentary film by **Jaydip Mukherjee**, an alumni of **1979 batch**, titled 'Painted Memories: Calcutta Connects Raj Kapoor' was shown in the Competition Section of the 31st Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) held in December 2025. The film opens a window to a little-known chapter of Indian cinema: the childhood days of legendary actor-filmmaker Raj Kapoor in Calcutta.

Set against the vibrant cultural landscape of the 1930s, the documentary traces the years when Raj Kapoor lived in Calcutta while his father, Prithviraj Kapoor, served as a staff artist at the historic New Theatres Studio. The film explores the city's profound influence on the young Kapoor, weaving together stories of artistic exchanges, social ties, and creative collaborations.

What made the entire project really special was the unwavering support Jaydip received from his school and college batchmates — Sugato Mukherjee, Amit Chakraborty, Suman Sen, Rajib Banerjee, Pradip Chatterjee, Aruni Chakraborty, Sudipta Bose and others



A Man with a Vision

The Helen Keller Smriti Vidyamandir, an educational institute for the visually challenged, is running successfully in Krishnanagar, Nadia. The project was conceptualized and founded by the **late Mrinal Kanti Dutta**, an alumni of **1972 batch**, who was visually impaired himself, yet gifted with a vision few possess.



South Suprayas Marches On

South Suprayas, a group formed by the **1979 Madhyamik** and **1981 HS batches**, spent Rs. 4,48,774/- towards renewal of 21 Medical Insurance Policies for retired teachers of NRKMV and their spouses, covering 36 persons. The boys of the 79(M)/81(HS) batch thank all the donors, whose benevolence enabled them to continue this project since 2012. This year, NRVP made a donation of Rs. 1,00,000/- to South Suprayas for this purpose (photo below).



Health Camps

The 1979 batch conducted health camps for students at the Blind Boys Academy in Narendrapur ashram. Anchored and supervised by Sri Aruni Chakraborty, the project has seen four medical camps for the students, staff and others at BBA, once every month from August to December 2025. Dr Buddhadeb Bose from the same batch, a pioneer of the Piyali Welfare Foundation, attended the camp with other medical and non-medical staff. Medicines were distributed for free. Free blood pressure checks were arranged. A dermatologist also attended one of the camps. On an average, 55 to 60 members of the BBA community benefitted from each of the camps.



Skill Development Training at Uddyom

A Government of India–certified four-month training program on Fundamentals of Healthcare has started at the Uddyom Activity Centre (UAC), Ramgarh, under the aegis of the Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur. Uddyom is an initiative of 1987 Madhyamik students.

The batch comprises 20 participants and is being offered at a nominal one-time fee of Rs 275. The program aims to provide foundational healthcare knowledge while building practical skills for future opportunities in the sector. The curriculum includes patient support, first aid and emergency response, patient handling, health and hygiene, nutrition, and an introduction to hospital and community health services. With a strong focus on hands-on learning, the training involves interactive sessions, group discussions, and real-life practice under expert supervision. The initiative has received a positive response, with participants actively engaging in a supportive and collaborative learning environment.





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