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## SKBUian claims first prize at national competition

**Pallab Sarangi:** Amit Ranjan Kuiry, a first-year Computer Science student from Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, has secured the first position in the "Ideation of Start-ups" category at the national-level "Technovate" competition. Held under the ANRF (SERB)-INAE Conclave 2025 at the National Institute of Advanced Manufacturing Technology (NIAMT), Ranchi, the event occurred from March 21 to 22, 2025. Amit earned top hon-



ours for his Scort India Technology project, an innovative concept that proposes a travel companion app designed to transform local exploration. The application aims to connect travellers with verified local guides, ensuring a safer, more culturally immersive experience. Key proposed features include a multilingual voice assistant, robust security mechanisms, and a streamlined booking interface. The concept impressed judges with its relevance to real-world travel concerns and potential for positive social and economic impact. "Technovate" served as a national platform for students to showcase innovative ideas under the broader theme "Atmanirbhar Technologies Engineering Secure Future." Other featured categories included Innovative Products >> Page 4...

## Where Vision Meets Reality: SKBU Unveils Swami Vivekananda Centre for Innovation and Transformation to Enhance Empowerment

**Barsha Mukherjee:** The statue of Swami Vivekananda was inaugurated at Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University campus on 30<sup>th</sup> May, Friday. Swami Divyanandaji Maharaj of the Ramakrishna Math commenced the inaugural; dignitaries included Swami Shivapradanandaji Maharaj and the Secretary of the Purulia Ramakrishna Mission. On this occasion, Vice-Chancellor Pabitra Kumar Chakrabarti congratulated the academic society of the university professors and staff for their open contribution and initiation in installing the statue. It has been funded altogether through personal donations. Along with the inaugural, the university also extended the launching of the Swami Vivekananda Centre for Innovation and Transformation, offering six-month and one-year courses through this Centre, bringing 20 courses under one umbrella to meet practical industry standards. It will include progressive subjects such as Psychological Counselling, Public Administration, Income Tax & GST, Heritage Management, and Public Health. The vice chan-

cellor added that the university is also implementing initiatives to encourage students to study military subjects. The necessary clearance for this is under discussion



with the country's armed forces to start diploma courses. Additionally, the vice chancellor stressed the need for such academic blending

to achieve a better outcome for the student's potential and unlock many timely possibilities, making this initiative at a first level in the university standards. Swami Divyanandaji Maharaj seconded this noble thought while addressing the students; further, he quoted many incidents from Swamiji's life and expressed his belief that the Centre will bring Swamiji's ideas into practicality among the youth, creating numerous opportunities with a sustainable future. Interested students need to visit the official website of the University for enrollment in the offered courses and eligible candidates may apply at [https://www.skbu.ac.in/students/diploma\\_admission](https://www.skbu.ac.in/students/diploma_admission). The ceremony concluded with a cultural program, where students performed traditional songs and dances. The event highlighted the university's commitment to holistic education, blending academic rigour with practical skills and ethical values. This collaborative spirit promises a bright future for the university students.

## Youth-Led SEYVA Project at SKBU Pioneers Elderly Care in Rural India

**Prajna Banerjee:** As India approaches a demographic turning point, with its elderly population projected to reach 194 million by 2030, it faces mounting challenges in providing adequate care for its ageing citizens. Rising life expectancy, coupled with declining fertility and mortality rates, signals



a future where older adults will soon outnumber the young. Yet, in a nation still grappling with basic healthcare and infrastructure needs, the looming burden of chronic illness among the elderly poses a significant public health concern. Amid this backdrop, the traditional support system for India's elderly is eroding as joint families give way to nuclear households driven by rapid urbanization and economic shifts. With daily reports highlighting elder abuse and neglect, concerns are growing that India may be evolving into a society where >> Page 6...

## Beyond the Kitchen: Varsity Canteen fuels Women SHGs



**Tamanna Mondal:** Cooperation, self-reliance, and collective progress, these are the core values of the co-operative movement. Based on these ideals, Sampurna Pariseva Co-operative Society Ltd. Was established on March 30, 2016. From its inception, the society has aimed to create employment opportunities for the underprivileged, especially women, and help them to wvachieve economic self-sufficiency. With this goal in mind, since 2021, a team of 15 women from the society has been successfully running a food canteen at Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, one of the prominent higher education institutions in the Purulia district of West Bengal. Beyond a canteen with daily hustles of the students, this place also tells a powerful story of the confidence, struggle and women's empowerment. These women work efficiently to deliver their best within the working

hours of university and serve the students with maternal care, taking care of cooking with fresh ingredients, serving meals, maintaining hygiene, and managing accounts all by themselves. The university authorities have also extended strong encouragement and necessary support to their initiative. The most noteworthy aspect of this effort is that the women involved were formerly homemakers, agricultural workers, or unemployed. By becoming part of this co-operative, they are now financially stable and way towards self-sufficiency against majorative connotations. Sitla Mahato, one of the members, justified the same when asked about her achievement. There is a strong hope that in the future, this co-operative will engage in more service-orientated activities and play an important role in encouraging others in the same line of such societal progress.




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**Equations with Excellence:**  
The story of a globally acknowledged academician

**Anuj Thakkar:** Dr. Gour Chandra Mahata from the Department of Mathematics at Sidho Kanho Birsha University has received global recognition. Stanford University and Elsevier ranked him among the top 2% of scientists worldwide. He has done great work in operations research and applied mathematics and adds environmental issues



and uncertainty to supply chain studies. This has made his work popular around the world. He has written more than 100 research papers. These were published in international journals. He also wrote two books. One of them is "Credit Policy and Inventory Management". His work helps industries make better decisions and improve performance. Dr. Mahata is a role model for students. His dedication to teaching and research is truly inspiring.

**Jhalda Forest Dept**  
**Quenches Birds' Thirst**  
**with Tree-Tied Water Pots**

**Puspita Koner:** The Forest Department of Purulia has taken the initiative to quench the thirst of birds. From the division, the Jhalda Range Office to beat offices and nurseries wherever there is frequent bird activity clay pots filled with water have been tied to trees. Forest workers fill these pots with water every morning and evening.



Both known and unknown birds are seen dipping their beaks into the water and seemingly setting off on long, refreshed journeys. Such scenes have been witnessed at the Jhalda Range and its sub-offices, like the Khamar and Kalma beat offices, where forest staff are filling the earthen pots with water. Apurba Mahanti, the ranger of the Jhalda Forest Department, stated that apart from the range and beat offices, nurseries, some local schools, and the BDO office, several other bird-frequented spots have been identified and equipped with water pots tied to trees. He added that the number of pots will be increased if necessary. The residents have praised and welcomed this thoughtful initiative by the Forest Department.

## Purulia Teacher Honored with Bal Sahitya Puraskar for Contribution to Santhali Children's Literature

**Debanjali Bhakat:** Purulia Teacher Honored with Bal Sahitya Puraskar for Contribution to Santhali Children's Literature Poet and teacher Haralal Murmu has been nominated for Bal Sahitya Puraskar for his significant contribution to children's literature in the Santhali language. Haralal Babu, a resident of Teheldi village in the remote Barabazar block of Purulia, was informed about his award by the Sahitya Akademi. As soon as the news broke, congratulatory messages poured in for this English teacher at Bari High School in Manbazar No. 2 block.

The teacher added that his poetry collection for children, "Sona Miruwa: Sandesh", earned him a nomination in the Santhali language category. He has published seven books in Santhali, including literature for children. His passion for literature dates back to his

childhood; he started writing poetry in the sixth grade. Later, besides poetry, he also wrote short stories and novels.

The poet is deeply concerned about children's growing addiction to mobile phones. He said, "Children are losing their connection with nature. One of the main purposes of my writing is to establish a connection between the child's mind and nature, to awaken their love for nature. Also, I want humanity to be ingrained in children's minds from childhood." Haralal mentions that nature is the primary subject in his poems.

The people of the district are also happy that a teacher and poet from a remote area of Purulia has received a national award. Shanti Gopal Mahata, the acting headmaster of Bari High School, said, "We are proud that a poet from our district has been honoured, and that

too by an organization like Sahitya Akademi. This award proves how deeply literary pursuits are rooted in the remote areas of this district. Haralal Murmu's father, Kaleshwar Murmu, also expressed his joy, saying that his son's pen should never stop. Haralal Murmu aims to encourage the new generation's interest in literature in the future. With the prize money, he plans to establish a literary library.



## Preserving mother tongues: Voices from the Seminar

**Sweetie Koner:** The Department of Bengali Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University organized a national "Mother Language: Problems and Possibilities" seminar on the occasion of International Mother Language Day. Speakers at the sem-

inar included Professor Chhanda Ghoshal from Vidyasagar University, Professor Sanat Kumar Mahata, and Professor Sambhunath Maji from Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University. Speakers at the symposium discussed the importance of the mother tongue, current challenges, and future possibilities. Professor Chhanda Ghoshal, in particular, highlighted essential issues such as language preservation and language extinction in her speech. This seminar created a necessary platform for discussions on various aspects related to the mother tongue.

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## From Village to Stethoscope: Purulia Duo Journey from Fields to Medicine

**Bushra Naaz:** Two determined individuals from the rural corners of Purulia district, Aatika Zamil and Fardin Akhtar, have achieved a significant milestone by completing their MBBS degree despite facing considerable challenges. Their journey from villages with limited educational facilities to becoming qualified medical professionals is a testament to their resilience and dedication. Aatika and Fardin, both hailing from ignoble backgrounds, navigated a path where access to resources for competitive exam preparation was scarce. However, with unwavering determination, the support of their families, and

with the guidance of dedicated teachers, they successfully cleared the NEET examination and secured admission to government medical colleges.

As qualified doctors, their aspirations are rooted in serving their communities. Both Aatika and Fardin are keen to return to rural areas where healthcare access remains a dream for many. Their goal is to provide medical care and inspire the local youth to pursue their dreams, demonstrating the transformative power of education. These two young doctors from Purulia are not just medical professionals but powerful role models for a generation.



**Widdhiman in Purulia**  
**to train youthful cricketers**

**Chiranjib Pan:** Famous Indian cricketer Widdhiman Saha has decided to help young cricketers in Purulia. On March 11, he visited the MSA Ground in Purulia. Manbhum Sports Association welcomed and honoured him, and people gathered to see him.

While addressing the crowd, Widdhiman said he would now visit Purulia twice a month to train young players. He wants the local boys and girls to get better chances to retain and extend in cricket. He also added he would try to assist them in getting selected for big teams in Kolkata and even for the Bengal state team.

The young players were pleased and optimistic with his support. Firoti Singh Mura from Baghmundi and Payel Pandey from Station Para, both from the district women's team, said they would try their best to get selected for the state if provided with good coaching. Aslam Sheikh, Joint Secretary of the Manbhum Sports Association, asked Widdhiman to train the players at their ground. Overall, Widdhiman's decision has brought a lot of hope to young cricketers in Purulia.



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## An animated classic still delivers war's grim truth

**Pallab Sarangi:** With an impressive IMDb score of 8.5/10 and a stunning 100% on Rotten Tomatoes. It is an Isao Takahata's film which was released in 1988. Grave of the Fireflies transcends its animated form to become a profoundly impactful piece of communication. This film serves as an unforgettable testament to the true face of war. This work was directed by the legendary Isao Takahata. This film was produced by Studio Ghibli. It is a name synonymous with high-quality and emotionally resonant animation. Grave of the Fireflies features impactful original Japanese voice performances from Tsutomu Tatsumi as the older brother Seita and Ayano Shiraiishi as his younger sister Setsuko. They both deliver heartbreaking authenticity to their roles.

The film powerfully communicates its core theme. The devastating and multifaceted human cost of war, particularly its impact on innocent civilians and children. It clearly and unflinchingly shows how conflict leads not just to violent death but also to the horrors of starvation, societal breakdown and the tragic erosion of compassion. It delivers a powerful message about neglect and the dire consequences when national pride

and the machinery of war override basic humanity. This critical message is amplified significantly by the film's strong historical grounding. Grave of the Fireflies is adapted from Akiyuki Nosaka's semi-autobiographical short story, which reflects his own harrowing experiences during and after the 1945 firebombing of Kobe, Japan, near the end of World War II. This basis in real events allows the film to present an unflinchingly honest and deeply personal civilian perspective on horrors often glossed over in more depersonalised war narratives.

The story itself follows two young siblings. During WWII in Japan, teenager Seita and his little sister Setsuko are orphaned after their home is destroyed by bombing. They struggle to survive. They were facing cruelty from a relative and severe food shortages and were forced to live alone. Seita's desperate attempts to care for Setsuko lead them on a tragic fight for survival in an indifferent world. Grave of the Fireflies is a masterclass in leveraging the medium of animation to convey a profound, complex & incredibly difficult message. It doesn't shy away from portraying the depths of tragedy. It stands as a powerful example

of how narrative storytelling can foster deep empathy and deliver a lasting anti-war statement. This film compels viewers to confront uncomfortable truths and demonstrates the immense power of film as a communicative tool for social commentary & human connection.



## Hum Gareeb Hai, Gaddar Nahi! : Season 4 Panchayat

**Anuj Thakkar:** *Do you know what the best thing about Panchayat is?* In a time where everyone is trying to create something extraordinary, the creators of Panchayat quietly delivered four solid seasons, each one better than the last; however, is it? The show's simplicity touches the audience the most, and that's precisely why it has become one of India's most loved web series.

This season received mixed reviews; I wasn't quite satisfied with the previous one. But this season? It is incredible and heartwarming. The storyline is simple and easy to follow, with no unnecessary complications, ensuring you never feel bored while watching. Even if you don't remember how the last season ended, the opening of this one helps you quickly connect the dots. The plot revolves around the Panchayat elections, and the story handles this theme well. While



Source: Viewer's screenshot from YouTube

politics is the central focus, the chemistry between Sachiv ji and Rinki also develops further, giving clear hints about the future.

Talking about the characters, every one of them justifies their presence and performance. Jee-tu Bhaiya as Abhishek is always lovable. However, Chandan Roy (Vikas) and Faisal Malik (Prahla Cha) deserve special mention for their solid performances. Prahlad Cha was a fan favourite last season, and he's even better this time. Neena Gupta, Sambhika, and Raghurib Yadav were all top-notch, too. But this season, Binod, played by Ashok Pathak, truly stole the show. He portrayed the character with such depth that you can't help but admire him. Whenever they appear on screen, Durgesh Kumar and Sunita Rajwar make you instantly dislike their characters, a true sign of brilliant acting. Bullo Kumar, as Madhav, also did an outstanding job. What's lovely about Panchayat is that no character feels unnecessary, even the most minor roles have meaning and contribute to the story. Another reason I love Panchayat is the music. The background score has always been beloved, but this season also introduced some beautiful songs. The song covering the voting process in 3 to 3.5 minutes perfectly exemplifies efficient and emotional storytelling. The music fits every scene, funny, emotional, or intense, perfectly elevating the mood. The dialogue writing in Season 4 is outstanding. Some



Source: Viewer's screenshot from YouTube

lines make you laugh out loud, while others touch your heart and make you emotional. The screenplay is tight and never strays from the main storyline, maintaining a good pace throughout. The direction by Deepak Kumar Mishra and Akshat Vijayvargiya is clear and consistent. Their vision is evident in every frame.

However, one minor drawback this season was the absence of a few important characters, like Jagmohan, his grandmother, and Parmeshwar ji. Their presence was meaningful in the last seasons, and their absence was noticeable. Another important and negative aspect of this season is that while doing election campaigns both the parties failed to raise important issues like the bad condition of the road. Bhushan and other members did not use that issue.

Personal Rating: ★★★★★ (3/5)

## From the Muddled Head person called Editor

**Dr. Nandita Banerjee:** The idea of a university tabloid struck us like lightning in a cloudless, starry night. Without any scope of prior preparation, planning and execution, somehow, we tumbled into the massive task of capturing the fresh ideas from our future journalists. Being aware that an editorial in a university tabloid is a powerful tool for engaging the campus community in meaningful conversation about the issues that matter most. As it's the first issue of the campus chronicle, we tried to include all possible topics, from university updates to the news items carefully collected from the surrounding areas. Films, series reviews, sports columns, and news revolved around the surface of the clear blue sky and visible greeneries and the faint glimpse of Ajodhya pahar from our fifth-floor wide verandas in rain-drenched afternoons. We trusted the young minds, their creativity and dedication, through which they had miniaturized and brought inside the myriad moods and montage of memories created by their creative ink, seconding the notion, 'whenever it pours in Purulia, so does nostalgia.' We have got a few success stories of past students and many promises made by the future ones. We sincerely thank their relentless efforts to make the Campus Chronicle see the light of the day. I sincerely thank our Vice Chancellor, Professor Pabitra Kumar Chakrabarti, for



his encouragement and innovative approach in publishing the first tabloid on the University's Foundation Day. I would particularly thank dear friends and colleagues Samrat Sengupta and Joydeep Sengupta for their constant support and for taking time out of their busy schedule to advise and guide us throughout the journey, and last but not the least Sabyasachi Bhattacharjee for his constant effort to make it a success. It's the beginning of a road less travelled, belonging to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams...





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## SKBU Grows endenger variety of White Palash at lab

**Gungun Bannerjee:** The rare white Palash has recently become a significant attraction in Purulia, which is known for its vibrant red Palash trees. In response to public interest and conservation concerns, the Botany Department of Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University has initiated a unique project to propagate white Palash saplings through tissue culture and vegetative propagation. Dr. Subrata Raha's initiative aims to preserve the few surviving trees and meet growing demand. Using micro-propagation techniques, up to 100 saplings can be generated from a single cutting, with the first batch expected in six months to be planted with support from the Forest Department. White Palash trees in small numbers in areas like Baghmundi, Pancha, and Rakab are scarce compared to the commonly seen red and the occasionally found yellow varieties. Due to beliefs

in its medicinal properties—particularly its gum being linked to infertility cures—branches are often broken off, making the species more vulnerable. To protect the remaining 15 identified trees, the Forest Department is conducting local awareness drives and monitoring efforts. Locals and environmentalists, including President's Award recipient Birbhanu Giri, have been working to preserve the species and support propagation. Researchers such as Sourav Gorai have noted high antibacterial properties in the white Palash, though more research is needed to validate its medicinal uses. Joint studies are underway with the Zoology Department to explore its effects scientifically. The project highlights the cultural fascination and scientific interest surrounding the rare white Palash, emphasizing the need for conservation and continued research.



## Empowering Voices, Inspiring Change: Bhabini Mahato Centre for Women's Studies offers P.G. diploma at SKBU

**Mampi Dey:** SKBU, nestled in the historic Purulia district once known as Manbhum, the land of the 'Man' kings, is a testament to the region's spirit of resistance and resilience. Rooted in a legacy of struggle against colonial forces, symbolized by legendary tribal heroes like Sidho, Kanho, and the revered Birsha Munda, the university embodies a deep commitment to social justice and empowerment of the marginalized. In this powerful historical and cultural context, the Bhabini Mahato Centre for Women's Studies was established in 2017, offering an academic space dedicated to the voices often left unheard. Named after Bhabini Mahato, a symbol of strength and advocacy for the voiceless, the Centre introduced a Postgraduate Diploma in Women's Studies, recently renamed P.G. Diploma in Women's Studies and Gender Sen-

sitization for Organizations from the 2025–26 session. Emphasizing inclusivity over exclusivity, this program has welcomed students of all genders, underscoring that gender studies transcend binaries and stereotypes. Guided by an interdisciplinary core committee from diverse academic fields, Bengali, History, Political Science, Sociology, and Psychology, the course integrates relevant themes such as women and law, workplace harassment, and gender psychology. The Centre aspires to elevate the diploma into a full-fledged postgraduate program with robust research opportunities. In a region marked by geographical isolation and socio-political disparities, the Centre is a transformative academic platform fostering inclusivity, challenging hierarchies, and inspiring critical engagement with gender and identity.

## Univ's Pro Bono Club Makes Real-World Impact

**Anuj Thakkar:** The Department of Law at Sidho Kanho Birsha University is actively bringing crucial legal information and aid through its "Pro Bono Publico" initiative. This program, a part of the law curriculum, provides free legal assistance and outreach, ensuring access to justice for those who need it most. Students from the Department of Law are deeply involved in delivering these vital ser-



vices as part of their legal outreach and legal aid curriculum. The university's "Pro Bono Club" organizes legal awareness campaigns, both on the university campus (Academic Building 3, Room 104) and in various off-campus locations. These sessions are designed to educate individuals on their legal rights and offer guidance on nav-

igating legal processes. The latest campaign was held on May 7th. Sayantan Ghosh, a student, shared his experience: "Being part of the Pro Bono Club has been incredibly rewarding. It's not just about learning law in a classroom, it's about seeing its real-world impact and helping people directly. We've been able to reach so many individuals who genuinely needed this information." The impact of this initiative extends directly to beneficiaries like Chiranjib Pan, who recounted: "I had a complicated property issue and no idea where to even start. The students at the Pro Bono Club listened patiently, explained things clearly, and guided me through the initial steps. It was a huge relief and I'm incredibly thankful for their free assistance." This ongoing commitment by Sidho Kanho Birsha University's Department of Law highlights its dedication to social responsibility. By fostering legal literacy and providing direct, free legal aid, the program plays a significant role in bridging the legal knowledge gap and ensuring justice is more accessible within the community.

## SKBUian claims first prize

>> **Continued to Page 1** Prototypes and the Grand Ideas Challenge. The competition encouraged student innovation and was sponsored by the Anusandhan National Research Foundation and the Indian National Academy of Engineering. The prize distribution ceremony was held on April 5, 2025, at NIAMI, Ranchi, and was graced by several eminent dignitaries, including Shri Sanjay Seth, Minister of State for Defence, Government of India; Ms Mohua Dutta, MD & CEO of MDS IndoCan Inc Canada; and senior academic leaders from IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, NIT Jamshedpur, and NIAMI.

Amit expressed his project's vision of revolutionising local travel through secure, human-centric technology. He credited his achievement to the nurturing academic environment at SKBU and mentorship received from Prof. Dr. Sanat Kumar Mahto, Head of the Computer Science Department, and faculty member Shri Rabi Lochan Mahato. Amit's success at Technovate 2025 marks a proud moment for SKBU, highlighting the university's growing presence on the national innovation landscape and inspiring other students to pursue creative and impactful ventures.

## Seminar showcases Tusu & Chhotanagpur culture

**Puja Gope:** On January 10, 2025, the Kudmali Department of Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University hosted a National Seminar on Tusu songs and Chhotanagpur culture, bringing together over 170 scholars and students from institutions such as Ranchi University and Binod Bihari Mahto Koyalanchal University. The seminar was graced by dignitaries, including Professor Dr. Pabitra Kumar Chakrabarti (Vice-Chancellor), Professor Dr. Nachiketa Bandyopadhyay (Registrar), and Professor Dr. Sanat Kumar Mahato (Head, Kudmali Department). Esteemed scholars such as Dr. H. N. Singh, Dr. Vrindavan Mahato, and Dr. Parameswari Prasad Mahato offered valuable insights, emphasizing the cultural and historical importance of Tusu songs. Cultural figures like Shri Sunil Kumar Mahato and Shri Hangeswar Mahato discussed the deep-rooted traditions and the role of Tusu in regional identity. Tusu

Where wisdom meets welfare reviving ancient roots

**Chiranjib Pan:** The Sanskrit Department of SKBU recently organized a national seminar titled "The Impact of Culture on Public Welfare," highlighting Sanskrit's enduring influence on society. The event began with the traditional lamp lighting and was conducted in a hybrid format to ensure broad participation. Focusing on how cultural values can enhance modern human welfare, the seminar featured distinguished speakers such as Prof. Dr. Mukesh Kumar (IIT Kharagpur), Prof. Dr. Ayan



Bhattacharya (WB State University), and Prof. Dr. Piyali Shasmal (Sanskrit Department), who emphasized the relevance of Sanskrit and cultural heritage in promoting individual and societal well-being. Dr. Amlesh Kumar Pradhan (Political Science) sparked a thoughtful discussion on simplifying Sanskrit education, while Prof. Dr. Pratap Chandra Roy, Head of the Sanskrit Department, stressed the need to reconnect with cultural roots to address present-day unrest. Student Mahananda Mandal shared how the seminar offered meaningful insights beyond the classroom. The event reinforced the idea that alongside scientific advancement, cultural and linguistic heritage especially Sanskrit plays a vital role in nurturing human values and public welfare, aiming to inspire the younger generation to value this legacy.

## New Purulia-Digha Govt. Bus Service Flagged Off

**Rahul Sao:** SBSTC has launched a new government bus service from Purulia to Digha, fulfilling a long-pending demand of passengers. The service was formally inaugurated at the Purulia bus stand by Zilla Parishad Chairperson Nibedita Mahato, Superintendent of Police Abhijit Banerjee, and SBSTC Chairman Subhash Mondal, among other dignitaries. Starting Wednesday, the daily bus will depart from Purulia at 6:45 AM and reach Digha by 3:00 PM, returning on the same schedule. The fare for the journey is ₹245, and the route will cover Bandwan, Jhargram, Lodhasuli, and Contai. SBSTC Chairman Subhash Mondal highlighted the increasing public demand for transportation to Digha's Jagannath Dham and assured further expansion of services. Plans are underway to introduce Volvo buses on the route shortly.



## Symphony of Tradition and Innovation

**Rekha Gorai:** Established in 2021, the Department of Performing Arts at Sidho Kanho Birsha University has swiftly emerged as a vibrant hub for nurturing artistic talent in Hindustani Classical Vocal Music and Rabindra Sangeet. Located in the tranquil red-soil heartland of Purulia, the department combines rigorous academic training with Bengal's rich musical traditions.

Students receive immersive instruction in classical raga theory, voice techniques, and the lyrical intricacies of Tagore's compositions, guided by experienced faculty and visiting artists. Celebrations such as Rabindra Jayanti, Basanta Utsav, World Music Day, compe-

titions, and events foster a vibrant cultural environment.

With a focus on building indigenous expertise, the department envisions evolving into a centre of excellence, blending tradition with contemporary innovation to preserve and promote India's musical heritage.



## SEYVA Project

>> Continued to Page 1 its elderly are left increasingly isolated. In response, the Department of Anthropology & Tribal Studies under the guidance of Dr. Jaydeep Sengupta at SKBU has launched an impactful initiative titled Social Security for the Elderly through Youth Voluntary Action (SEYVA). Funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) under the Viksit Bharat@2047 flagship program, SEYVA aims to build a community-based, culturally sensitive model of geriatric care led by local youth. Since its sanction in December 2024, the SEYVA project has reached nearly 1,600 older adults and 3,000 households across Purulia, South 24 Parganas, and Ranchi. The project includes baseline surveys, health assessments, sensitization drives, and youth volunteer mobilization, merging scientific rigour with deep emotional engagement. Each interaction has fostered meaningful intergenerational bonds, highlighting the power of empathy and community in elder care. As the pilot phase nears completion, SEYVA stands as a beacon of hope, showing how youth-driven, grassroots initiatives can reshape India's ageing narrative from despair to dignity.

## Seminar stresses need for strong investigation and legal awareness

**Puja Gope:** On Tuesday, July 1, A one-day seminar organised by the Department of Law at Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University focused on pressing issues within the Indian legal system, emphasising the importance of proper investigation and timely judicial proceedings. Former judges, legal scholars, and university officials came together to address students on key challenges and reforms in the legal landscape. Former Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Justice Kalyan Jyoti Sengupta, and former Calcutta High Court Justice Soumitra Pal were among the keynote speakers. They underscored that, regardless of the crime, India's legal framework provides appropriate punishment; the real challenge lies in flawed investigations that often hinder justice. "There is no problem in this coun-



## Department of History boosts academic excellence with seminar & NET/SET centre launch

**Kishore Kumbhakar:** The Department of History at SKBU has made significant academic strides through impactful events and student-focused initiatives. On February 12, 2025, the department organised a One-Day International Seminar titled "Development of India after Independence: Society, Economy and Polity". Held at the university's Academic Building-1, the seminar featured scholars, researchers, and students engaging in vibrant discussions on post-independence India's evolution. Continuing its commitment to academic excellence, the department inaugurated a dedicated Centre for NET/SET Studies on May 20, 2025. Launched by the Vice-Chan-

cellor, the centre aims to support postgraduate students preparing for UGC NET and SET exams. It offers structured coaching, workshops, and faculty mentoring to strengthen students' academic and exam readiness. These initiatives reflect the department's dual focus on intellectual enrichment and competitive preparedness, positioning it as a dynamic hub for advanced historical studies.



## Insight Skills

try for which a law doesn't exist," said Justice Sengupta. "The key is identifying the applicable law and ensuring effective investigation backed by relevant evidence." Justice Soumitra Pal echoed the sentiment, stating that law touches every aspect of life and that public awareness of fundamental legal principles is essential. "Remedies exist within the framework; citizens just need to be aware of them," he said. The seminar also included detailed discussions on the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, India's new criminal code, with speakers stressing the importance of legal literacy and timely justice, particularly concerning rising crimes against women. University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Pabitra Kumar Chakrabarti emphasised that academic forums like this are vital for addressing contemporary and long-standing legal challenges. Dr. Amitava Mandal, the departmental head of Law at SKBU, and Dr. Moloy Kumar Ghosh noted that such seminars significantly enhance students' legal understanding and critical thinking, preparing them for real-world challenges in the legal profession. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Jati Sankar Mondal.

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## Birhor's break barriers with Madhyamik success

**Barsha Mukharjee:** A wave of joy has swept through Bhupatipalli village in the Ayodhya Hills of Purulia. Four girls from the endangered Birhor community passed the Madhyamik examination this year. Divya Shikari, Shampa Shikari, Mala Shikari, and Padmabati Shikari have made their families and the entire community proud. These students studied at Baghmundi Pandit Raghunath Murmu Adarsha Residential School and Baghmundi Girls' High School, where some stayed in hostels. Despite many challenges, their determination led them to this achievement. Divya and Mala dream of becoming nurses, believing education is their path to a better future.



However, financial concerns remain. Their fathers, Jajo and Lakkan Shikari, who earn a living as daily wage labourers or by selling ropes, worry about affording their daughters higher education. They have appealed to the administration for support.

In addition to these girls, two boys from the same village also passed the exam. As a member of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), I believe the Birhor community's progress is significant. Local leaders, including Mallika Chakraborty of Baghmundi Panchayat Samiti, have pledged support. This success highlights the transformative power of education and offers hope to others in marginalized communities.

## MEMU Train Connects Purulia to Howrah via Masagram



**Koushik Banerjee:** Residents of Purulia received a significant boost in connectivity with the launch of a new MEMU train to Howrah via Bankura and Masagram. Inaugurated virtually on Saturday by Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, the service marks the first direct rail link between Purulia, Bankura, and Hooghly districts. The regular operation began on July 1 for passengers. According to DRM Mr. Sumit Narula, the new route shortens the distance by 41 km, with an affordable fare.

## SKBU observes Hul Diwas

**Riya Modak:** Hul Diwas was commemorated with solemnity and respect across the Purulia, as tributes poured in for Sidho-Kanho and other martyrs of the historic Hul rebellion. Various programmes and ceremonies were held to honour their legacy. At July 1st Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University's Vice-Chancellor Prof. Pabitra Kumar Chakrabarti with other administrative dignitaries and university students paid floral tribute to the statues of Sidho, Kanho, and Birsha. On the occasion, the Registrar Dr. Na-

chiketa Bandyopadhyay delivered a reflective and insightful address highlighting the day's significance. The university's Department of Santali organised a seminar delving into the history and relevance of the Santali uprising. Speakers recalled the pivotal events of June 30, 1855, when Sidho Murmu & Kanho Murmu led the first organised resistance against British colonial rule. The rebellion served as a unifying movement for society's oppressed, deprived, and marginalised sections.



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## Purulia Professor Shines On Global Stage With China Research Invite



**Prajna Banerjee:** Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University's Botany Department has made Purulia proud by reaching the international stage. Associate Professor Dr. Mohasin Ali Khan was the only Indian scientist invited to a global research project in China. The project, organised by Chengdu University of Technology, ran from February 15 to April 30, 2025. It involved nearly 200 WW scientists from the UK, Scotland, France, Argentina, Myanmar, and Iran. Dr. Khan's selection and participation are significant milestones not just for the university but also for the entire district of Purulia. The research focused on how plants grow and react in different environments, especially in hot houses (greenhouses). A five-day international seminar was held, followed by field research seven days in Hunan Province and three days in Tibet to study plant behaviour at different heights and climates. Dr. Khan worked alongside top scientists, learning and sharing new ideas and methods. This experience has enriched his knowledge and will benefit his students and colleagues back home. His achievement

proves that even from a small district with limited resources, global success is possible with talent and hard work. The university has honoured his contribution, calling it a new chapter for Purulia's academic future. Such a meaningful journey will inspire young minds in the region and show how regional talent can shine on the world stage. Indeed, this proliferation of academic global learning contributes to the future teaching learning process for the global outcomes.

## Inter-College Coding Competition Successfully Held At SKBU

**Sujay Biswas:** The Computer Science Department of Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University organised a successful coding competition on April 9, 2025. This competition was a great opportunity for students to showcase their skills in the C and Python programming languages.

The competition was held in room number 604 on the fifth floor of the university's Academic Building II. A variety of students participated. This included undergraduate students studying Computer Science and BCA in colleges affiliated with SKBU. In addition, postgraduate students from Sidho Kanho Birsha University's Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics departments were also invited to join this competition.

There were a total of four coding problems in the competition. Students were given one hour to solve them. The competitor who correctly solved all four problems in the shortest time was declared the winner.

The Computer Science Department planned and conducted this entire event. They thanked the

university authorities for their prompt assistance. They specifically mentioned the names of Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Pabitra Kumar Chakrabarti and Registrar Dr. Nachiketa Bandyopadhyay. The Head of the Computer Science Department, Dr. Sanat Kumar Mahato, and other faculty members



of the department, such as Dr. Sumanta Ray, Rabi Lochan Mahato, and Kirande Mahato, helped in successfully organising the competition. After one hour, the names of the winners were announced. Avinash Kumar Mallick from J.K. College won the first prize. Suresh Mahato from J.K. College received the second prize. And Bibekanda Mudi from Bengal Institute of Science & Technology secured the third position. All participating students were given a certificate each.

## Hut to Hope: A housewife's mission to educate the hills

**Pallabi Mahato:** In the remote tribal village of Jilingsere, nestled at the base of the Ayodhya Hills, one woman's quiet revolution is transforming the future of local children. Malati Murmu, a high school graduate and a member of the Santal community, arrived in the village as a newlywed bride in 2020. Disturbed by the lack of educational access for children, she took the initiative to start a school in a makeshift hut, teaching entirely free of charge. Over the past five years, Malati has built a reputation as a dedicated educator, teaching around 45 children from grades one to four. With the help of villagers and her supportive husband, her informal school now operates in a mud-walled room with a red tin roof. Malati teaches in Santali using the ol chiki script, making learning more relatable and practical for the children. She also introduces them to Bengali, English,

and general knowledge to bridge the rural-urban education gap.

Her early morning classes have become a vital supplement to the nearby government school. Parents like Sumita Mandi say their children are more eager to learn because Malati teaches in their mother tongue. Students such as Basanti Murmu and Ajay Hembram are now comfortable communicating in English. Despite limited resources, Malati continues her mission with determination, supported

by her husband, Banka Murmu, who manages household duties so she can focus on teaching. The only regret they share is the lack of modern educational tools.

Her grassroots initiative has drawn praise from educationist Professor Shripati Tudu, who calls her work a model for the nation as a matri bhasha approach. Malati Murmu's story is a shining example of how one individual can bring light to even the most remote corners of India through education.



## Loose change crisis: Chocolates replace coins of ₹1 & ₹2 denominations

**Khusi Sen:** In many towns, a peculiar trend has taken root: small denomination coins, particularly ₹1 and ₹2, are being rejected by shopkeepers and customers. This widespread refusal has created a troubling situation where legal tender coins across India are treated as "unacceptable" in everyday transactions. As a result, many shops have resorted to giving out chocolates or small items instead of returning the correct change in coins. What began with the smaller, lighter ₹1 coin being rejected has now expanded to include even the larger, more recent ₹1 and ₹2 coins. Traders cite a lack of usability and

customer refusal as reasons for not accepting the coins. In response, many customers have also stopped taking these coins, claiming they cannot use them elsewhere, creating a self-sustaining loop of rejection. The shortage of acceptable loose change has led to some unusual practices. For example, if a customer is due ₹3 in change, they are often handed three chocolates instead. Most shops have started keeping boxes of toffees on their counters as a substitute for small coins. In some cases, disputes arise when customers demand legal currency, only to be told it is no longer accepted even though these coins remain valid nationwide.

Residents have expressed frustration over the situation, calling it unfair and economically damaging. Many believe that this localized rejection contradicts the policies of the Reserve Bank of India, which

continues to recognize all existing coins as legal tender. There are also calls for intervention by local authorities to enforce currency acceptance and prevent traders from substituting confectionery for coins. This unusual currency crisis has caused inconvenience in daily transactions. It highlights the growing disconnect between official policy and ground-level practices. Until strong awareness and regulatory actions are taken, the humble ₹1 and ₹2 coins may continue to be sidelined and replaced by sweet alternatives in the face of monetary rejection.



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This is my great pleasure that the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication has successfully published a Tabloid on this auspicious foundation day of Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University. This tabloid reflected most of the recent academic activities of our University including other regional community updates. The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication is a very enthusiastic and vibrant Department. All the Students, Faculty members of this Department dedicating themselves for all-round development of the Department for the betterment of this University and also, their role for the Community Service is quite appreciating. I hope this Department will continue there noble and creative activities in future and in this context, I wish a grand success of this tabloid, and especially, the students for practising such democratic practise with full dedication.

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From the Desk of Honourable Registrar, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University Dr. Nachiketa Bandyopadhyay:

It gives me immense pleasure to convey my heartfelt congratulations to the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication on the occasion of the publication of its Campus Chronicles first issue. The initiative to bring out a departmental newspaper tabloid is a praiseworthy step towards fostering academic engagement, encouraging creative expression, and promoting effective communication within the university. This publication will not only serve as a platform to showcase the talents and achievements of students and faculty but also reflect the vibrancy and intellectual spirit of the department. In today's world, where media and communication play a vital role in shaping opinions and informing societies, such efforts are particularly significant. The Campus Chronicles will inspire critical thinking, responsible journalism, and meaningful dialogue among its readers. I extend my best wishes to the editorial team, contributors, and the entire department for this publication's successful launch and future editions.



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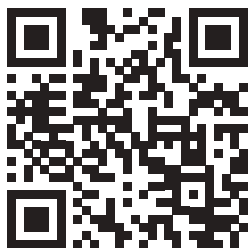


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