

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS) SPECIAL CAMP
REPORT 2025-2026

Organised by: NSS Unit-I, Raghunathpur College

Date: 07.07.2026 – 13.07.2026

Venue: Raghunathpur College Campus & Adopted Village, Sankha

1. Introduction

The seven-day National Service Scheme (NSS) Special Camp for the academic session 2025-2026 was conceived as an intensive immersion programme, designed to bridge the gap between theoretical academic knowledge and the lived realities of a community. Rooted in the cardinal principle of “Not Me, But You,” the camp aimed to cultivate a generation of socially conscious and empathetic leaders. The residential setting was not incidental but fundamental, fostering a unique microcosm of collective living where sharing, discipline, and democratic participation were not taught but experienced. The meticulously curated schedule was a holistic blend of intellectual stimulation, physical labour, creative expression, and community outreach, ensuring the all-round development of the volunteer’s personality. Each day was thematically woven to progressively build understanding, from self-awareness to community analysis, and finally to a sense of national responsibility, all within the culturally rich and historically resonant landscape of Purulia.

Day 1: Tuesday, 07.07.2026

Cleanliness Drive, Inauguration Ceremony and historical legacy of Raghunathpur and Purulia

The camp commenced not with ceremony, but with the profound, grounding act of a Cleanliness Drive, where volunteers collectively reclaimed their living and working spaces from disuse, immediately translating the abstract national goal of Swachh Bharat into a personal, sweat-borne ethic of dignity of labour. This visceral act of service set an egalitarian tone, which flowed seamlessly into the Inaugural Ceremony; the lighting of the lamp symbolised a collective ignition of purpose, while the presence of the Principal and TCS representative lent institutional gravitas to the students’ commitment. The intellectual bedrock of the entire camp was then laid by Mr. Kalipada Mura’s deeply evocative lecture on the historical importance of Raghunathpur and Purulia, a session that did not merely list facts but painted a living portrait of the region—its red soil, its syncretic cultural traditions, and its revolutionary spirit in the freedom movement—thereby transforming the geographical location from a passive backdrop into a dynamic character the volunteers must respect before they serve. The day’s architecture was completed with the Principal and Programme Officer

outlining the Camp Objectives and Code of Conduct, a session that moved beyond a list of rules to forge a social contract of responsibility, mutual respect, and ethical conduct, effectively transitioning the mindset of attendees from passive students to active, disciplined NSS volunteers ready for the week ahead.



Day 2: Wednesday, 08.07.2026

Youth Potential, Green Action and Blood Donation Camp

The second day was a masterful orchestration of internal empowerment followed by external action, beginning with a truly stirring special lecture on 'Youth' by Dr. Sanjoy Mondal, the NSS Programme Co-ordinator of SKBU, who deconstructed the very category of 'youth' not as a mere biological phase but as a potent sociological force brimming with idealism, agency, and the transformative power to recalibrate societal fault lines. Channeling this freshly

invoked dynamism, the volunteers undertook a Tree Plantation Programme that was a profound lesson in ecological stewardship, going beyond the tokenism of planting a sapling to embrace the full ritual of nurturing life—preparing soil beds, carefully placing indigenous and fruit-bearing saplings, and installing protective guards—all while internalizing the deep temporal contract that environmental restoration demands. This physical engagement with the earth was perfectly complemented by the life-affirming solidarity of the Blood Donation Camp, organized in collaboration with the RaghunathpurSuperspeciality Hospital, where the act of donating blood became a quiet, secular sacrament of humanity; the meticulous process of medical screening, the gentle counselling that dispelled myths, and the profound sight of volunteers and community members donating side-by-side, transformed a clinical procedure into a powerful, tangible manifestation of the “Not Me, But You” philosophy, directly linking life to life.



Day 3: Thursday, 09.07.2026

Village Immersion, Child Education, and the Gendered Lens

The third day marked the programme's centrifugal journey from the familiar campus into the heart of the adopted village, Sankha, where the morning's Field Survey was a rigorous training in ethnographic humility, as volunteers, armed with questionnaires and an anthropological curiosity, became keen listeners, documenting not just deficiencies in amenities but also the community's own resilient wisdom, livelihood struggles, and latent

aspirations. This groundwork of empathetic understanding directly informed the afternoon's vibrant Awareness Programme on Education, where the distribution of notebooks, pens, and pencils was reimagined not as charity but as a ceremonial invitation into the world of literacy, executed through joyful skits, songs, and face-painting that sought to ignite in the children a deep-seated desire for learning as a pathway to uncharted possibilities. The day's intellectual and ethical climax arrived with Mrs. MunmunBasu's powerful lecture on 'Women Empowerment,' a session that, held within the village context, delicately yet firmly distinguished between the tokenism of symbolic power and the substance of structural agency, challenging both male and female volunteers to critically examine everyday patriarchies and become active allies in the project of genuine equality. The concluding training session on the *raison d'être* of the special camp then expertly tied the day's discrete activities into a cohesive NSS philosophy, explaining how grassroots analysis, educational outreach, and a gender-sensitive perspective are not isolated acts but interlocking gears in the machinery of sustainable community development.



Day 4: Friday, 10.07.2026

Historical Interpretation, Sustainable Futures, and Thalassaemia Awareness Camp

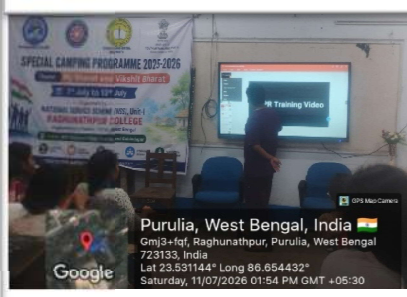
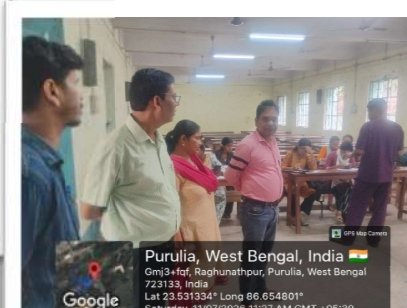
The fourth day was a study in contrasts, masterfully linking a hallowed past with an urgent future, which began with Mr. Swadhin Sarkar's electrifying lecture on the Indian Freedom Movement, a narrative that transcended textbook chronology to relive the visceral sacrifices, ideological debates, and the often-unsung regional heroes of Purulia who transformed a colonial project into a nation. This invocation of a shared, hard-won heritage seamlessly flowed into Dr. Saikat Mondal's future-oriented lecture on Sustainable Development, a sobering yet hopeful discourse that connected global ecological crises to local actions, compelling volunteers to re-evaluate their own consumption patterns and see sustainability not as a governmental policy but as a deeply personal ethical imperative. Bridging knowledge with immediate human need, the afternoon's Free Health Check-up and Medical Camp transmuted the campus into a sanctuary of care, where volunteers assisted medical professionals in patient flow, created a comforting presence for the elderly, and witnessed first-hand the profound vulnerability and dignity of rural bodies seeking healing. This atmosphere of care culminated in a sharply focused awareness programme on Thalassaemia, a session that expertly blended genetics, preventive medicine, and social responsibility, empowering volunteers with the knowledge to become lifelong ambassadors for pre-marital screening and de-stigmatizing the management of this hereditary condition within their communities.



Day 5: Saturday, 11.07.2026

N.S.S flag hosting by the Principal, Climate Consciousness, and CPR Training Programme

The fifth day was inaugurated with a potent symbol of national unity and purpose as the NSS flag was hoisted by the Principal and Chief Guest, a silent yet resonant ceremony under the morning sky that re-dedicated every volunteer to the responsibilities of citizenship and service they had shouldered throughout the week. The thematic core of the day's first session was an urgent reflection on planetary health, with Dr. SulajBala's lecture on "The Changing Mood of the Environment and Our Responsibility" serving as a chilling yet motivating wake-up call, eloquently detailing how the increasingly erratic mood swings of nature—manifested in unpredictable monsoons and scorching heatwaves—are a direct feedback loop from human actions, urging a lifestyle shift that marries ecological reverence with developmental aspirations. From the macro-scale of a planetary crisis, the focus sharply narrowed to the micro-moment of human survival with Dr. AbhisekhMajhi's riveting CPR Awareness Lecture, a hands-on demonstration that demystified the science of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, transforming a room full of anxious novices into individuals theoretically capable of bridging the critical gap between life and death; this session was a masterclass in empowering ordinary citizens, reminding every volunteer that a hero is not defined by special powers but by the willingness to act with timely, correct knowledge.



Day 6: Sunday, 12.07.2026

Cultural Competetion, Yoga and Meditation and & Cleanliness Drive

After days of intense intellectual and physical engagement, the sixth day was architecturally designed as a reflective yet energetic interlude, beginning with a comprehensive Campus Cleaning Drive that was less a chore and more a meditative act of restoring the beauty of the shared living space, fostering a deep sense of territorial belonging and collective aesthetic responsibility among the volunteers. The pent-up creative energy of the week then found its magnificent release in the Cultural Competition, a vibrant, noisy, and profoundly human event where folk songs, indigenous dances, satirical skits on social issues, and poetry recitations broke down every remaining barrier of shyness and hierarchy, revealing the hidden artistic depths of the volunteers and celebrating the sheer joy of communal expression. The frenetic energy of the competition was then masterfully quieted and channeled inward through a structured session of Yoga and Meditation, where the practice of asanas and guided breathwork provided the volunteers with a toolkit for inner regulation, teaching them how to find a centre of calm amidst chaos, a skill far more valuable than any academic credential. The day concluded with a second Tree Plantation Programme, an act that now felt less like a duty and more like a cherished habit, signifying that the seeds of environmental consciousness sown on Day 2 had firmly taken root, with volunteers pledging not just to plant but to nurture their designated trees as a living legacy.



Day 7: Monday, 13.07.2026

Digital Vigilance, Synthesizing Wisdom, and Valediction

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