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Observation of Viksit Bharat Youth Connect and District Level Youth Parliament at Kalimpong College

Kalimpong, West Bengal:

Kalimpong College successfully organized the **Observation of Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme and District Level Youth Parliament** on 30/12/2025 on its campus from **10:30 am to 5:00 pm**, witnessing enthusiastic participation from students and youth volunteers across the district. The programme was **sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India**, under the guidance of the **Regional Directorate, National Service Scheme (NSS), Kolkata**.

The programme commenced with the **lighting of the ceremonial lamp** by the esteemed judges and senior faculty members, including **Dr. Jaishree Pradhan**, Head, Department of Botany, **Ms. Anukampa Subba**, Head, Department of English and IQAC Coordinator of Kalimpong College, along with other dignitaries. This was followed by a **welcome address by Mrs. Reshma Pradhan**, Programme Officer, NSS Unit-I, Kalimpong College.

The inaugural session featured **Mr. Ali Hossain**, the **Youth Icon from Murshidabad District, West Bengal**, who vividly explained the vision, significance, and objectives of **Viksit Bharat**, emphasizing the crucial role of youth in nation-building, democratic participation, and social transformation. He, along with the panel of judges, was felicitated by **Dr. Jaishree Pradhan** and **Ms. Anukampa Subba**.

The programme also featured interactive **“Yuva Samvad” sessions**, presentations highlighting **India’s growth and transformative achievements over the past eleven years**, and awareness activities led by **Youth Icons**, including **State Champions of VBYLD 2025, winners of the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament, NSS Awardees, and National Youth Awardees**. To further enhance youth engagement, **MY Bharat registration stalls** were set up on campus to facilitate **on-the-spot youth registration and awareness generation**, encouraging digital participation among students.

The **Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme** is a **flagship national initiative** aimed at empowering India’s youth and connecting them with the country’s long-term developmental vision of **Viksit Bharat@2047**. Conducted in collaboration with universities and colleges across the country, the programme acts as an effective bridge between the government and young citizens—particularly students from **rural, urban, and tribal backgrounds**—through participatory sessions, youth dialogues, and digital integration. The initiative reflects the vision of the **Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**, who has consistently inspired young citizens to play a pivotal role in nation-building and in realizing the goal of a **self-reliant and developed India by 2047**. The programme emphasized connecting youth with the national vision of **Viksit Bharat@2047**, empowering them through dialogue with policymakers and youth icons, promoting digital participation through the **MY Bharat portal**, and strengthening the spirit of **volunteerism** among students.



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The second half of the programme witnessed the **District Level Youth Parliament**, conducted on the theme “**50 Years of Emergency: Lessons for Indian Democracy.**” NSS volunteers from **Kalimpong College, Cluny Women’s College, Government General Degree College at Pedong, and Gorubathan Government College** actively participated, demonstrating critical thinking, parliamentary procedures, and a deep understanding of India’s democratic journey.

The Youth Parliament was evaluated by a panel of five esteemed judges:

1. **Dr. Komal Kaushik Baral**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Sonda Degree College, Darjeeling;
2. **Mr. John Kapil Chettri**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Darjeeling Government College;
3. **Mr. Pawan Rai**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Sikkim Manipal University, Sikkim;
4. **Mr. Rakesh Moktan**, Advocate, Kalimpong Court; and
5. **Mrs. Melody Poudyal**, Advocate, Kalimpong Court.

Based on their performances, **ten best speakers** were selected for the **State Level Youth Parliament**. The selected speakers are: **Mr. Sanjok Rai** (Kalimpong College), **Mr. Nikanor Thapa** (Kalimpong College), **Miss Grashi Rai** (Gorubathan Government College), **Miss Shamiksha Chettri** (Cluny Women’s College), **Miss Nirjhara Sharma** (Gorubathan Government College), **Shradha Chhetri** (Gorubathan Government College), **Mr. Omkar Rai** (Gorubathan Government College), **Miss Choden Bhutia** (Kalimpong College), **Mr. Kripa Poudyal** (Government General Degree College at Pedong), and **Miss Dichenla Bhutia** (Cluny Women’s College).

The **valedictory address** was delivered by **Dr. Rekhmani Sharma**, Assistant Librarian, Kalimpong College. The names of the top ten speakers were announced by **Dr. Pranay Bantawa**, Programme Officer, NSS Unit–II, who also delivered the **vote of thanks**.

The programme was **jointly arranged and conducted by the NSS Programme Officers of Kalimpong College, Mrs. Reshma Pradhan (NSS Unit–I) and Dr. Pranay Bantawa (NSS Unit–II)**. **More than 100 student volunteers** participated in the event, making it a vibrant platform for youth empowerment, democratic awareness, and meaningful engagement with the national vision of **Viksit Bharat@2047**.



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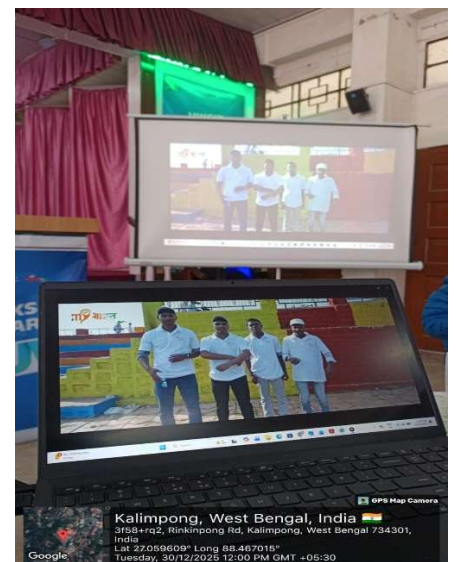
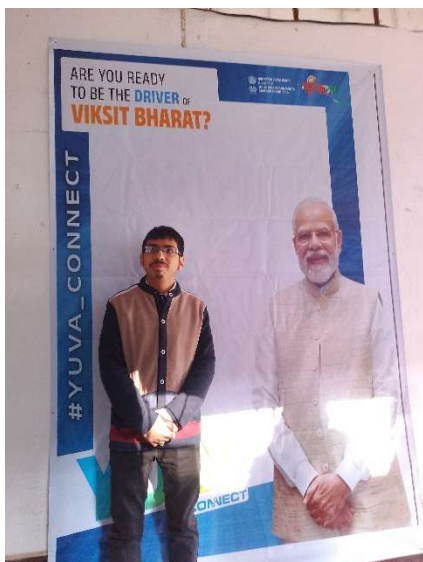
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