



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL WELFARE & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

DR. SYAMA PRASAD MUKHERJEE FORTNIGHT PROGRAMME

(23RD JUNE 2026 - 6 JULY 2026)

To commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee, Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management (IISWBM), Kolkata, observed Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee Fortnight through a series of academic, intellectual, and student-centric activities. The fortnight-long celebration was organised with the objective of acquainting students with the life, vision, values, and enduring contributions of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee to nation-building, education, governance, and public service. The observance also sought to inspire young minds to imbibe the principles of ethical leadership, patriotism, social responsibility, and national integration.

The celebration was centred on the theme "Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee: Leadership, Ethics and Nation Building – Inspiring Future Generations," reflecting his vision of a strong, self-reliant, and inclusive India. The programme provided a vibrant platform for students, faculty members, and distinguished experts to engage in meaningful discussions and creative expressions on issues of national importance.

The programme celebrated the enthusiastic participation of students in the fortnight-long activities.

As part of the observance of the Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee Fortnight (23 June–6 July 2026), IISWBM organized an Essay Writing Competition and a Poster Presentation Competition for students on the theme "Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee and Nation Building." The competitions were conceived to encourage students to engage critically with the life, vision, and enduring contributions of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee towards nation building, higher education, ethical leadership, and national integration.

The Essay Writing Competition provided students with an opportunity to undertake independent study and articulate their perspectives on Dr. Mukherjee's ideals and their relevance in contemporary India. Participants explored various dimensions of his contribution, including his commitment to educational excellence, democratic values, cultural nationalism, and institution building. The entries reflected thoughtful analysis, originality of ideas, and an appreciation of the role of visionary leadership in shaping a progressive and inclusive nation.

The Poster Presentation Competition encouraged students to communicate their understanding of the theme through creative visual expression. Participants prepared informative and aesthetically designed posters portraying Dr. Mukherjee's vision for national development, youth empowerment, educational reforms, social responsibility, and ethical governance. The competition successfully blended creativity with academic learning, enabling students to convey meaningful messages through impactful visual presentations.

A special Poster Display Exhibition was organized within the Institute premises during the fortnight, where all submitted posters were exhibited for faculty members, students, officers, staff, and visitors. The exhibition transformed the campus into a vibrant learning space by showcasing diverse interpretations of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee's ideals and his lasting contribution to nation building. The displayed posters generated considerable interest among the campus community, promoted dialogue on themes of patriotism, responsible citizenship, and ethical leadership, and inspired students to reflect on their own role in contributing to the nation's progress.

The enthusiastic participation of students in both competitions demonstrated their academic engagement, creative abilities, and commitment to understanding the values and vision of one of India's distinguished nation builders. The competitions and the poster exhibition significantly enriched the fortnight-long celebration by fostering intellectual inquiry, artistic expression, and a deeper appreciation of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee's enduring legacy.

Event on 6th July 2026
Venue: Assembly Hall, 1st Floor
Time: 12.30 pm onwards

The Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management (IISWBM) successfully concluded the observance of the **Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee Fortnight (23 June–6 July 2026)** with a **Panel Discussion and Prize Distribution Ceremony** held on **6 July 2026** in the Assembly Hall of the Institute. The programme brought together distinguished academicians, eminent speakers, faculty members, officers, students, and staff to commemorate the vision and contributions of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee towards nation building and higher education.

The event commenced with the registration of participants followed by lunch. The formal proceedings began with an invocation, opening announcement, and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, conducted by the Master of Ceremonies. The gathering then joined in the rendition of the National Song, setting a solemn and patriotic tone for the programme.

Prof. (Dr.) Krishna M. Agrawal, Director, IISWBM, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the enduring significance of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee's contributions to education, leadership, and nation building. This was followed by an address from Mr. D. K. Sanyal, Treasurer, IISWBM, who emphasized the relevance of Dr. Mukherjee's ideals in shaping responsible citizenship and institutional excellence. An elocution presentation by Mr. Debrup Bhattacharyya, MBA (Day), further enriched the programme by reflecting on the life and legacy of the great statesman.

The distinguished panelists—Prof. (Dr.) Bikramjit Dey, Mrs. Nandini Roy, and Dr. Nayan Mitra—were introduced by Prof. (Dr.) Sohini Banerjee and Dr. Arpita Banerjee, and were felicitated by the Director before the commencement of the panel discussion.

The highlight of the event was the Panel Discussion on the theme "Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee: Nation Building, Higher Education and Contemporary India," moderated by Dr. Monalika Dey.

Prof. (Dr.) Bikramjit Dey deliberated on Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee's extraordinary contribution to the development of modern India through his visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to national integration. He highlighted Dr. Mukherjee's role as an educationist who believed that higher education must not only impart professional knowledge but also nurture responsible, ethical, and socially conscious citizens. Stressing the significance of value-based education, he emphasized that institutions of higher learning should foster innovation, critical thinking, and a spirit of service to the nation. Drawing parallels between Dr. Mukherjee's vision and the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, he urged students to cultivate integrity, leadership, and a strong sense of national responsibility in their professional and personal lives.

Mrs. Nandini Roy focused on the relevance of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee's ideals in contemporary India, particularly in the context of ethical governance, inclusive development, and responsible citizenship. She emphasized that true nation building requires active participation from young professionals who are committed to transparency, accountability, and social responsibility. Highlighting the importance of women and youth in shaping the country's future, she encouraged students to develop empathy, resilience, and leadership qualities that contribute to an equitable and progressive society. She also underlined the need for management professionals to integrate ethical values with managerial competence to create sustainable and socially responsible organizations.

Dr. Nayan Mitra discussed Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee's enduring legacy as an institution builder and visionary leader who recognised education as the cornerstone of national progress. He observed that in today's rapidly changing global environment, higher educational institutions must prepare students not only with technical and managerial competencies but also with the ability to address complex societal challenges through innovation, collaboration, and ethical decision-making. Referring to the increasing importance of interdisciplinary learning and industry-academia collaboration, he emphasized that Dr. Mukherjee's educational philosophy continues to inspire institutions to produce competent professionals with a strong commitment to public welfare and nation building.

The panel deliberated on Dr. Mukherjee's enduring contributions to India's educational landscape, his vision of national development, and the continuing relevance of his ideals in addressing contemporary challenges in higher

education and public policy. The discussion generated meaningful engagement among the audience and encouraged students to reflect on the role of ethical leadership in nation building.

Dr. Monalika Dey, who moderated the panel discussion, effectively synthesised the diverse perspectives presented by the distinguished speakers. She highlighted the common thread running through the deliberations—the importance of ethical leadership, value-based education, responsible citizenship, and institutional excellence in realizing the vision of a developed and inclusive India. The interactive session that followed witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members, who engaged with the panelists through thoughtful questions and discussions on contemporary issues related to higher education, leadership, and national development. The panel discussion concluded with a collective affirmation that the ideals of Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee remain highly relevant in guiding future generations towards responsible leadership and meaningful contribution to society.

The programme also celebrated the enthusiastic participation of students in the fortnight-long activities. Dr. Sritama Dasgupta announced the results of the Elocution Competition, Essay Writing Competition, and Poster Presentation Competition, following which prizes were distributed to the winners in recognition of their outstanding performances.

The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Gita Khawas, who expressed gratitude to the distinguished speakers, the Institute leadership, faculty members, organizing committee, student volunteers, and all participants for making the programme a grand success. The event concluded with the singing of the National Anthem, bringing the fortnight-long celebration to a dignified close.

The successful organization of the programme reflected IISWBM's commitment to promoting academic discourse, ethical leadership, and national values while inspiring students to imbibe the ideals exemplified by Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee.

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