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Report on International Nurses Day Celebration 2026

The celebration of International Nurses Day 2026 was held with great enthusiasm and dignity at the auditorium of the National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (Divyangjan), Kolkata. This year's theme, "Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives," highlighted the crucial role of nurses in strengthening healthcare systems and improving patient outcomes.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome extended to all dignitaries, respected faculty members, honored guests, students, alumni, and participants. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Lalit Narayan Director, NILD, Kolkata in presence of Dy. Director(Admn), Asst. Director (training) and others officials of the institute. This was followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting by the distinguished dignitaries, symbolizing knowledge, hope, and enlightenment.



Fig 1. Lamp lighting ceremony

A fruit distribution program was conducted in the morning for the patients by the Department of Rehabilitation Nursing. This initiative was undertaken as a gesture of care, compassion, and commitment towards promoting patient well-being.”



Fig.2. Fruit distribution program

The event proceeded with a melodious group song performed by the second-year students, setting a serene and celebratory tone. The formal inauguration began with the welcome address delivered by Mrs. Subhra Srimani, Lecturer cum Assistant Nursing Superintendent, Department of Rehabilitation Nursing.



Fig. 3. Welcome address by Mrs. S. Srimani



Fig 4. Group song

A significant segment of the programme was the garlanding ceremony dedicated to Florence Nightingale, the pioneer of modern nursing. This tribute acknowledged her enduring legacy and her contributions to the development of nursing as a respected profession.



Fig 5 Garlanding ceremony

This was followed by a presentation on the highlights of the theme by Madam Subhrata Bhowmick, Assistant Professor, which provided valuable insights into the evolving role of nurses in modern healthcare systems.



Fig 6 Highlights of the theme

The Nursing Pledge ceremony was conducted under the guidance of Madam Subhra Srimani, where all nursing students solemnly reaffirmed their commitment to ethical practice, patient care, and professional integrity.



Fig. 7. Nursing Pledge ceremony

Several distinguished guests, including the Director, Additional Director, and other senior officials, addressed the gathering. Their speeches were highly motivating and emphasized the importance of dedication, compassion, and continuous learning in the nursing profession. The dignitaries were honored with potted plants as a token of respect and gratitude.



Fig 8. Speech delivered by Director sir



Fig 9.token of respect and gratitude

Cultural performances added vibrancy to the celebration. A dance performance by first-year M.Sc. Nursing students and a recitation by second-year students brought creativity and joy to the event, showcasing the talents of the students beyond academics.



Fig 10. Dance performance



Fig 11. Recitation performance

Prizes and certificates were distributed to the students of batch 2023-2025 and 2024-2026 who achieved the first, second, and third positions in the university examination in recognition of their outstanding academic performance and hard work. One of the most significant moments of the programme was the convocation ceremony for the M.Sc. Nursing batch (2023–2025). The successful graduates were awarded certificates, marking the completion of their academic journey.



Fig 12. prize and certificate distribution of the students



Fig. 12. Convocation ceremony

The programme also featured an experience-sharing session by alumni, who provided valuable insights into professional challenges and opportunities. Their words served as inspiration for the current students. An engaging quiz competition further added an interactive dimension to the event. Tokens of appreciation were presented to the alumni of National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities in recognition of their achievements and continued connection with the college.



Fig 13 Token of appreciation given to the alumni

The celebration concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Madam Subhrata Bhowmick, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, organizers, participants, and attendees for making the event successful.



Fig 8 Vote of thanks delivered

The programme ended on a positive note, leaving a lasting impression on all present. About 65 participants attended the program.

In conclusion, the International Nurses Day Celebration 2026 was a meaningful and well-organized event that successfully highlighted the significance of nursing in healthcare. It reinforced the commitment of nursing professionals toward compassionate care, professional excellence, and lifelong learning.