

REPORT

**Orientation Workshop on NIRF Methodology and Parameters
organised by
Department of Higher Education,
Government of West Bengal
in collaboration with
West Bengal State Council of Higher Education,
Government of West Bengal
&
A.P.C. Roy Government College, Siliguri**

1. Name of the Programme

Orientation Workshop on NIRF Methodology and Parameters

2. Date and Duration

Date: 09 January 2026

Duration: One Day (10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

3. Venue

Seminar Hall, A.P.C. Roy Government College,
Matigara, Siliguri, District – Darjeeling, West Bengal – 734010

4. Organising Institutions

The programme was organised by the **Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal**, in collaboration with the **A.P.C. Roy Government College, Siliguri & West Bengal State Council of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal**.

5. Objectives of the Programme

The objectives of the Orientation Workshop were:

1. To familiarise higher education institutions with the **National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)** and its evolving methodology.
 2. To enhance institutional understanding of **NIRF parameters, sub-parameters, and data requirements**.
 3. To promote **quality assurance, transparency, and accountability** in higher education.
 4. To guide colleges in **strategic academic and administrative planning** for improved national ranking.
 5. To encourage **institutional participation in NIRF** through best practices and data validation mechanisms.
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6. Inaugural Session

Chief Guest, Dr. Madhumita Manna, Director of Public Instruction, Education Directorate, Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, and **Shri Vikas Ruhela, IAS**, Sub-Divisional Officer, Siliguri and President of the Governing Body of A.P.C. Roy Government College, were warmly welcomed by the NSS volunteers with enthusiastic clapping, followed by a traditional ceremony of giving an “Uttariya” around the necks.

The programme commenced with participants’ **registration and tea**, followed by the **felicitation of dignitaries, representation of state song and ceremonial lighting of the lamp**, marking the formal inauguration of the workshop.

The **welcome address** was delivered by **Dr. Mayukh Sarker**, Officer-in-Charge, A.P.C. Roy Government College, who emphasised the importance of NIRF as a national benchmark for institutional performance and quality enhancement.

The workshop was formally inaugurated by the **Chief Guest, Dr. Madhumita Manna**, Director of Public Instruction, Education Directorate, Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal. In her inaugural address, she highlighted the role of NIRF in fostering competitiveness, transparency, and excellence in higher education institutions.

Shri Vikas Ruhela, IAS, Sub-Divisional Officer, Siliguri and President of the Governing Body of A.P.C. Roy Government College, addressed the gathering and stressed the significance of effective governance, leadership, and data integrity in institutional ranking processes.

The session was further graced by the virtual presence of senior officials and academic administrators from the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, which added academic and administrative depth to the programme.

7. Technical Sessions

Technical Session I

Speaker: Dr. Pankaj Kumar Debnath, Principal, Cooch Behar College, Cooch Behar

The session focused on a detailed exposition of the **NIRF framework**, covering major parameters such as **Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR), Research and Professional Practice (RP), and Graduation Outcomes (GO)**. The speaker discussed common institutional challenges in data reporting and shared best practices for improving NIRF scores.

An interactive discussion followed, allowing participants to seek clarifications on metric interpretation, documentation, and institutional readiness.

Technical Session II

Speaker: Dr. Nilay Ray, Principal, ABN Seal College, Cooch Behar

This session concentrated on **Outreach and Inclusivity (OI) and Perception (PR)** parameters. Emphasis was laid on ethical data submission, validation processes, and the importance of coordinated institutional efforts. The session underscored leadership roles in ensuring accuracy and consistency in NIRF data.

An interactive segment enabled participants to exchange experiences and discuss practical implementation strategies.

8. Valedictory Session

The program was attended by fifty- five participants (NIRF/ IQAC coordinator, Principals/ OICs), representing thirty Govt., Govt.-aided, & minority colleges of the districts of Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling, & Kalimpong. The programme concluded with a **Valedictory Session**, which included a **Vote of Thanks by Coordinator, IQAC, APCRGC, distribution of certificates to participants, and collection of feedback through a google form**. The session reaffirmed the commitment of the organising institutions towards continuous quality improvement and effective participation in national ranking frameworks.

9. Outcomes of the Programme

The workshop resulted in the following outcomes:

- Enhanced awareness and understanding of **NIRF methodology and parameters**
 - Improved institutional preparedness for **NIRF participation and data submission**
 - Strengthened alignment with **national quality benchmarks**
 - Encouragement of systematic, data-driven academic and administrative planning
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10. Conclusion

The Orientation Workshop on NIRF Methodology and Parameters was a significant academic and administrative initiative. It successfully contributed to capacity building among higher education institutions and supported the broader objective of quality enhancement and national competitiveness in higher education.



Welcoming the Guests and paying homage to A.P.C. Roy



Lighting of the Lamp during the Inaugural Session



Inaugural ceremony & felicitation program



Technical Session I by Dr. Pankaj Kumar Debnath & Technical Session II by Dr. Nilay Ray



Lunch Break (Dignitaries & Participants)



Organising committee members, participants, and dignitaries

ANNEXURES

Annexure I: Programme Schedule, flyer, banner (Copy enclosed)

Annexure II: Attendance Sheet of Participants (Copy enclosed)