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Message from the Editorial Desk

The second quarter of 2026 was marked by significant milestones, meaningful collaborations, and continued progress towards building a more inclusive society.

April began with our Autism Awareness Walk, bringing together families, professionals, students, and supporters to celebrate neurodiversity and raise awareness across the community. The month also featured a series of impactful initiatives, including outreach programmes, awareness sessions, orientation programmes for future educators and healthcare professionals, and the enriching visit of Ms. Merry Barua, Founder of Action for Autism, whose interactions and training sessions strengthened our approach to long-term care and best practices.

One of the proudest moments of this quarter was ASWB receiving the Ladies Study Group Charitable Trust Annual Award 2026, presented to our Founder & Director, Ms. Indrani Basu, in recognition of the organisation's sustained contribution to autism education, intervention, advocacy, and inclusion.

The quarter also saw engaging student activities through our Summer Vacation Programmes, cultural celebrations, community outings, and skill-development initiatives. Our PrintStudio@ASWB and Bakery Unit continued to provide meaningful vocational opportunities, fostering creativity, independence, and confidence among our learners.

As we move forward, we remain grateful to our families, partners, well-wishers, and supporters who continue to inspire and strengthen our mission.

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Awards & Recognitions

A Proud Milestone for ASWB



Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB) was honoured with the **Ladies Study Group Charitable Trust Annual Award 2026** in recognition of its commitment to empowering autistic individuals through education, intervention, advocacy, and inclusion.

The award was presented to **Ms. Indrani Basu**, Founder & Director of ASWB, by **Smt. Diya Kumari**, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of **Rajasthan**, on 29th June, 2026, celebrating ASWB's continued efforts towards building a more inclusive society.



ASWB was invited to **Rotary Sadan by the Rotary Club**, where the organization was presented with a token of appreciation in recognition of its continued commitment and contributions towards empowering autistic individuals and supporting their families.

Awareness Programs



ASWB conducted an Autism Awareness Session for the doctors, nursing staff, and management team of **Ruby General Hospital**, promoting greater understanding of autism and inclusive healthcare practices.



World Autism Awareness Day



Autism Awareness Walk was organised by ASWB on **2nd April 2026** to mark **World Autism Awareness Day**, bringing together around 60 participants, including autistic individuals, parents, students, teachers, and staff. The walk from **Safari Park Gate** to **Menoka Cinema** promoted autism awareness, acceptance, inclusion, and the celebration of neurodiversity.



Orientation Programs



Orientation Program for **Semester IV B.Ed. students of Adamas University** held on 10th April, 2026.



Orientation Program for **M.Sc. Nursing students from B.M. Birla College of Nursing** held at ASWB on 13th May, 2026.

Outreach Programs



ASWB conducted an Outreach Program at **Prerana Educational Centre, a project of The North Bengal Council for the Disabled, Siliguri**, on 20th & 21st April, 2026.

Workshops & Visits



Ms. Merry Barua, Founder of Action for Autism, visited ASWB on 17th & 18th April, 2026. During her visit, she observed classrooms, interacted with teachers and the Managing Committee, and conducted knowledge-sharing sessions focused on strengthening systems, strategies, and best practices for supporting autistic individuals across the lifespan. The visit concluded with a special felicitation in recognition of her invaluable contribution to the autism community.



Ms. Sujata Samal from **CPA** and Ms. Satnam Kaur from **HCF** visited ASWB on 11th June, 2026, as part of the Retainership Program.



Online Parent Orientation Session by **Ms. Indrani Basu** for **Goodricke School for Special Education** on 11th April, 2026.



On 29th June 2026, ASWB's Special Educators participated in the webinar **Developing Play Skills for Individuals with Autism**, led by **Anjali Joshi**, Occupational Therapist, Project Director & Faculty Lead, Play Pal Training Program, enhancing their knowledge of play-based intervention strategies.

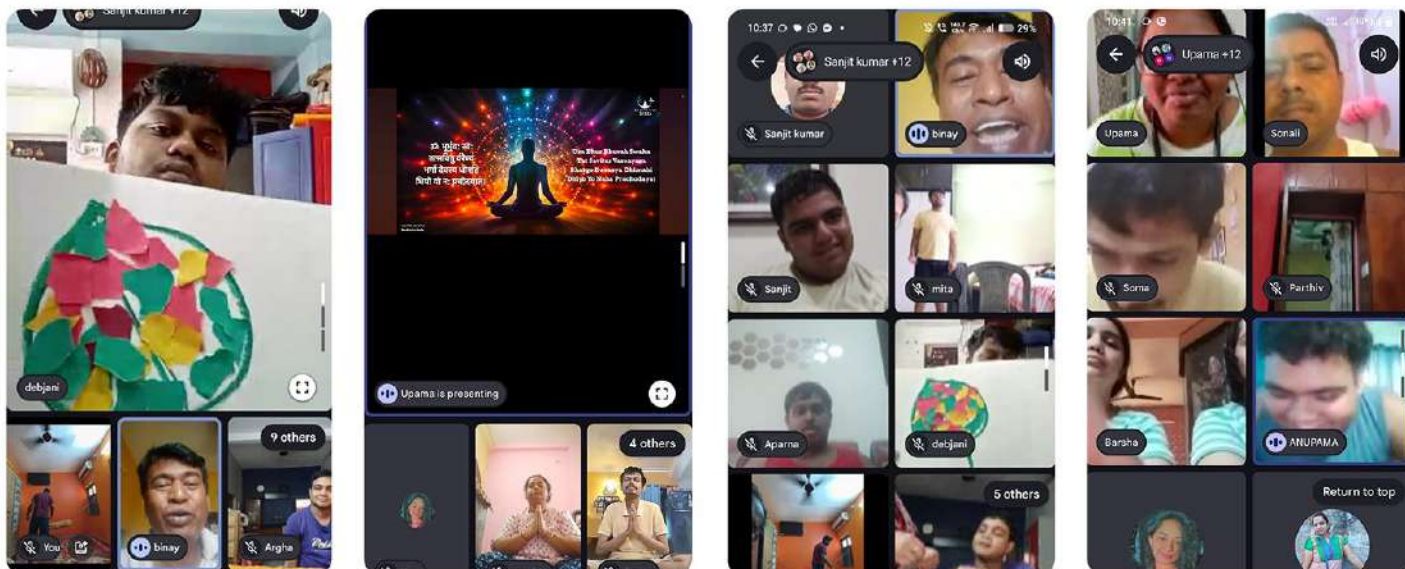
School Programs



Students from the **Aarohan** and **Intermediate** sections participated in a **Mock Voting Session**, learning about the electoral process through a hands-on experience that promoted civic awareness and informed decision-making.



The ASWB Mandala Art Class concluded with a finale, where participants presented their completed artworks.



During the school closure due to the **West Bengal Assembly Election 2026**, ASWB conducted online classes to ensure uninterrupted learning and continued engagement for our students.

Soft Skills Training



As part of ASWB's employment readiness initiative, our trainees successfully completed the **Soft Skills and Work Readiness Training** Programme, developing essential workplace skills. They have now begun their internship with an IT company, marking an important step towards independent employment.



ASWB Summer Camp Programs

ASWB Summer Camp 2026 included **Independent Living Skills**, **Classroom Behavioural Training**, **Social Skills with Video Modelling & Role Play**, and an **Online Summer Camp programme**, supporting communication, social interaction, and daily living skills in a structured setting.

Independent Living Skills

Developing self-care, daily living, safety, organization, and life readiness.





Social Skills with Video Modelling & Role Play

Building communication, interaction, imitation, and everyday social understanding.



Online Summer Camp

Engaging online sessions featuring Word Games, Math Games, Art & Craft, Origami, Storytelling, Movies, Music, and Zumba to promote creativity, learning, communication, and social participation in a fun, interactive environment.



Early intervention's Highlights



Parents were awarded certificates for successfully completing the **Parent-Child Training Programme** in the Early Intervention Section.



A new **6 Weeks Parent Training Programme** commenced, equipping parents with practical strategies to support their child's early development.



ASWB Events



The Adapted Board Games Finale and Prize Distribution was held on 25th April, 2026, recognising participants' enthusiasm and accomplishments.





ASWB Open House Exhibition | Fashion Show





ASWB hosted its **Open House Exhibition** on **24th April 2026**, showcasing student-made products, teaching strategies, and assistive communication solutions. The event also featured a ramp walk, interactive activities, and opportunities for families and visitors to engage with ASWB's programs and services.



ASWB celebrated **Rabindra Jayanti** on **6th May 2026** with cultural performances by students, paying tribute to the timeless literary and cultural legacy of Rabindranath Tagore.



On 24th May 2026, students, teachers, and management staff visited Eden Gardens to watch the IPL match between **Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR)** and **Delhi Capitals (DC)**, creating an enjoyable and memorable community experience.



ASWB celebrated **International Yoga Day** with guided yoga sessions, encouraging students, teachers, and staff to embrace physical well-being, mindfulness, and healthy living.



On 26th April 2026, ASWB organized a **Staff Retreat** at Banabithi Resort, providing an opportunity for team bonding, recreation, and rejuvenation while strengthening collaboration among staff members.

D.ED Programs





The D.Ed. Special Education trainees appeared for their Practical Examination on 16th & 17th June, 2026, marking an important milestone in their professional training and development.

Human Resource Development



On 19th June 2026, ASWB conducted a **POSH Training Session** for staff and management, strengthening awareness of workplace safety, dignity, respect, and the **Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH)** guidelines.

Print Studio Unit



Print Studio Unit Products

Bakery Unit



Cookies made in our bakery unit



How you may help:

As Autism Society West Bengal is a not for profit organization there are several occasions when upgradation of our units are done using gifts in cash and kind from our well wishers. You may help ASWB in many ways. You could help in our fundraising efforts; some of the ways funds may be used are listed below.

- 1. For procuring Teaching and Learning Materials**
- 2. For purchasing Furniture**
- 3. For sponsorship of 10 days of one-to-one intervention for families who might need your help**
- 4. For sponsorship of Parent Training for families**
- 5. For construction of Building**
- 6. For procuring and maintenance of Infrastructure**
- 7. For Equipment purchase and installation**

Apart from the above there are others ways to lend a helping hand.

1. You could help in our various extracurricular programmes.
2. You could be a buddy to one of our students.
3. You could buy products made by our students.



4. You could help us connect with CSR funding opportunities.
5. You could organize exhibitions of handcrafted products made by our students.
6. You could support our autism awareness programmes in educational institutions, hospitals, police stations, airports, and railway stations.
7. You could help promote social inclusion.
8. You could volunteer your time and get to know individuals with autism.
9. You could share information about job opportunities in open or sheltered employment.

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