

Open Seminar

Date: 19 December 2025 (Friday)

Venue: Samvad Mandapam, Maltidhari College, Naubatpur (Patna)

Organised Jointly by: Drishti IAS and Maltidhari College, Naubatpur (Patna)

An inspiring and intellectually enriching **Open Seminar** was successfully organised on **19 December 2025 (Friday)** at *Samvad Mandapam*, located within the campus of **Maltidhari College, Naubatpur (Patna)**, under the joint collaboration of **Drishti IAS** and **Maltidhari College**. The seminar was conducted with the objective of motivating students towards higher goal-setting, cultivating positive thinking, and providing appropriate guidance for the preparation of competitive examinations.

The **Chief Guest and Key Speaker** of the programme was **Mr. Prashant Sharma**, renowned educationist and **Zonal Head (Noida), Drishti IAS**. In his highly motivating address, he encouraged students to dream big, move forward with confidence, and free themselves from negative thinking. He emphasized that students should focus on developing the ability to “*read between the lines*” rather than merely memorising facts. His central message highlighted that the true purpose of education is not only to clear examinations but to acquire real and meaningful knowledge.

The programme commenced with the **traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp**, jointly performed by the dignitaries on the dais, marking the formal inauguration of the seminar. This was followed by the **welcome address** delivered by the esteemed and dynamic **Principal of the College, Dr. Akhilesh Kumar**, who expressed his gratitude to Drishti IAS for their academic support. He stated that such guidance-oriented academic programmes play a vital role in enhancing students’ intellectual growth, career-oriented thinking, and preparation for competitive examinations.

During the programme, **Dr. Hemant Kumar Jha**, the senior-most faculty member of the college, also addressed the gathering. In his speech, he motivated students to adopt discipline, consistency, and a positive outlook towards studies and highlighted the importance of such academic initiatives. He also presented the **Vote of Thanks**, expressing sincere appreciation to the Chief Guest, organisers, faculty members, and students for their active participation.

The entire programme was organised under the aegis of **NAAC/IQAC, Maltidhari College**. The event was efficiently anchored by **Dr. Sweta Bala, NAAC/IQAC Coordinator**, whose effective and well-balanced stage management added grace and coherence to the programme.

A large number of students participated enthusiastically in the seminar. They actively interacted with the speaker, raised queries related to career planning, competitive examinations, and study strategies, and received valuable guidance.

