

## Sensei Subhankar Dasgupta.(Black Belt 5 th Dan).



Recently a Karate training camp on Shotokan Karate was organized at Kshudiram Anushilan Kendra on 11 th and 12 th feb'06 by Nihon Shotokan Karate-Do Federation, Japan.

Shihan Pemba Tamang 8 th Dan Black Belt and world champion came to instruct the students. Approx 150 students were benefited by this camp. This organization is formed by one of our Sensei Subhankar Dasgupta practicing Shotokan Karate-do

last 35 years. Shihan Pemba Tamang has recently visited Darjeeling and conducts a special training season of Shotokan Karate from 20.11.2005 to 25.11.2006. he was kin to form a branch office of his international organization Nihon Shotokan Karate-Do Federation under the leadership of Sensei Subhankar Dasgupta.

Sensei Dasgupta, the founder and chairman of Indian Traditional Karate Union and Asst. Chief Technical Director of Nihon Shotokan Karate-Do Federation of India (East Zone). Started Training in Shotokan Karate under the illustrious Sensei Anil Sinha in 1976 at Y.M.C.A, Wellington Br. Calcutta. From that time onwards, he has been a truly dedicated karateka, one who puts the cause of Karat above everything else in life. currently employed in TATA IRON & STEEL CO.LTD, in the account div, he still manages to find time from his hectic schedule for every day practice.

In a carrier spanning more than twenty-four years and many more to come, Sensei Dasgupta has been showed with innumerable trophies, certificates and accolades. His achievements in the state Laval are countless. The following is the brief account of his achievements in the national level.

Sensei Dasgupta first National performance was in January, 1984 where he practiced in the 6 th All India Karate-Do Federation Championships held at Mumbai, and became the National Champion in both below Black Belt individual Kata and Kumite (sparring) events. He also led the Bengal team, which secured the first place in team Kumite and the second place in team Kata. In the same year, he acquired his Black Belt 1 st Dan (Shodan) from The Japan Karate Association from the time onwards, Sensei Dasgupta had become an irreplaceable part of the Bengal team at the National level. In the first Japan karate Association of India Nationals held in Calcutta in February, 1984, he again bagged the Championships trophy in the Black Belt individual Kumite event, and led the Bengal team to its victory in Black Belt team Kumite. Two years later, in the 3 rd All Indian Japan Karate Association tournament held in Mumbai, the Bengal team once again gained the champion's honored under his leadership in team kumite. He also got the third

place in Black Belt open individual Kumite. Sensei Dasgupta has the rare quality of an equal proficiency in both Kata & Kumite.

Black Belt 2 nd Dan (Nidan) in 1990 from Japan Karate Association. 3 rd Dan in 1996 from Japan Karate Association and 4 th Dan (yondan) in 1998 from British Shotokan Kyogi, the stalwart had also passed the International Instructorship and Examiner course from Japan Karate Association in 1997.

Regular rigorous training has installed in Sensei Dasgupta the true sprit of a martial artist. Outwardly docile, calm and composed, his infallible performance speaks everything about himself. He is also a highly venerated instructor who has trained many students to reach a high Laval skill in Shotokan Karate. At present, he teaches in his own dojo in Barrackpore and has also opened a Dojo in the Jadavpur University Campus, the news of which came out in the renowned English dailies namely 'The Statesman' 'The Telegraph' 'The Asian Age'.

Sensei's training code not only ensures a disciplined training environment, but serves as a tool for molding the behavior of his students. Soft spoken and gentle at other times, Sensei Dasgupta reigns like a king inside a Dojo and trains his student in a hard and uncompromising way, thereby bringing out the best of their mental and physical abilities.