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Academic Excellence at Our University

Our university has long been a hub of academic excellence, driven by a commitment to knowledge, innovation, and holistic development. With strong academic foundations, our faculty excel in teaching, research, and community engagement.

We offer a wide range of programs aligned with global standards, fostering critical thinking and ethical values. Milestones like the successful NAAC peer team visit and proactive NEP implementation reflect our dedication to continuous improvement.

Our students and scholars shine on national and international platforms, reflecting the vibrant academic environment we uphold. Moving forward, we are focused on enhancing academic offerings, expanding interdisciplinary research, and building an inclusive, future-ready institution.

Determined Leadership: Vice Chancellor Fast-Tracks NAAC Visit-Pushes Forward with Convocation and NEP Rollout

The Honourable Vice Chancellor, who assumed office on 27 December 2024, has demonstrated exceptional academic and administrative leadership within a remarkably short span of time. Despite having only a few months at his disposal, he successfully facilitated the long-pending NAAC peer team visit in June 2025—a significant milestone for the University. This accomplishment, achieved against tight timelines, reflects his unwavering commitment to academic excellence and institutional development.



Building on this success, the Honourable Vice Chancellor has now undertaken the critical task of organizing the university's convocation. The last convocation was held on 23rd February 2023, and since then, a large number of students and research scholars have been awaiting the formal conferment of their degrees. The upcoming convocation is thus not only timely but essential to address their academic and professional concerns.

Looking ahead, the Honourable Vice Chancellor has identified the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) at the postgraduate level as the next major challenge. While NEP guidelines have already been adopted at the undergraduate level, their integration into the Master's curriculum marks a transformative step in the university's academic framework. Recognizing the magnitude of this task, the Honourable Vice Chancellor's office is operating round the clock to ensure a smooth and effective transition.

These initiatives collectively reflect the dynamic and tireless leadership of the Honourable Vice Chancellor, setting a new benchmark in academic governance and institutional progress.



Established in 1960, the University of Burdwan is the second-largest university in West Bengal and consistently ranks among the top 100 in India (NIRF). It has contributed to national academic excellence for over five decades, acknowledging the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders and expressing gratitude, especially to the Government of West Bengal, for their continued support.



Seminar on “Digitalization of Health Advocacy: A Special Reference to STDs and Related Diseases”



A two-day seminar on “Digitalization of Health Advocacy: A Special Reference to STDs and Related Diseases” was organized by the WBSAP&CS, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal in collaboration with the NSS Cell of the University of Burdwan on 22 and 23 March, 2025 at The University of Burdwan.

Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, The University of Burdwan and Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Laureate, chaired the inaugural session and addressed the audience on 22 March 2025 at 11:00 AM in the Kadambini Ganguly Memorial Hall on the Golapbag campus. Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon’ble Minister-in-Charge, Women and Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal delivered the Presidential Address at the inaugural session.

The seminar explored several critical themes, including the role of digital communication in development, mapping digital content for public health, and the expanding role of telemedicine in health advocacy. The seminar also showcased the power of digital storytelling as an effective tool for enhancing health literacy and provided insights into government guidelines regarding digital health communication, particularly in the context of STDs.

Among the other speakers at the seminar were Prof. Om Prakash Mishra (Former Vice Chancellor, University of North Bengal), Prof. Shashwati Goswami (Regional Director, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Deemed to be University, North East Regional Campus, Aizawl, Mizoram), Sri Akhilesh Ghosh (Deputy Programme Manager of the National AIDS Control

Programme, Purba Bardhaman), Arun Singh (Prof. in Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal), Dr Suparna Moitra (Economist & Public Policy Specialist; Former Chairman, Board of Governors, NIT, Nagaland), Prof. Ashutosh Ghosh (Former Vice Chancellor, The University of Burdwan), and Prof. Sourangshu Mukhopadhyay (Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Purba Medinipur).



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Visit of Former Cricketer, Sri Sourav Ganguly to The University of Burdwan for Induction Programme on “Leadership”

The University of Burdwan had the privilege of hosting a memorable session featuring cricketing legend and former Team India captain, Sourav Ganguly. In an engaging conversation with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath and programme anchor Tulikka Chatterjii, Ganguly captivated the audience with his blend of wit, wisdom, and warmth. He shared personal anecdotes and profound insights on leadership, decision-making, and building successful teams. This landmark induction programme, jointly organized by the University of Burdwan, The NSS Cell and the Office of Sports, University of Burdwan, took place on February 20, 2025. Held in a packed university auditorium, the event saw Tulikka Chatterjii steering the dialogue with thoughtful questions that drew out reflections from Ganguly's illustrious career—from handling pressure on the field to leading with clarity and vision. The atmosphere was electric, filled with admiration and curiosity.



As a token of appreciation, the Regional Director of the NSS Cell presented Sourav Ganguly with a beautifully crafted handmade portrait titled "Maharaj," created by Abesh Bivore Mitra and Jiban Biswas. The artwork, made with acrylic pigments and set in an antique wooden frame, was a heartfelt tribute. The session concluded with an open forum, allowing students and faculty to interact directly with Ganguly. His candid responses and humble presence left an indelible impression, making the event a truly unforgettable experience for the entire university community.



The University of Burdwan organized an Induction Programme on “Leadership” on 20 February 2025 at 12:00 PM. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath (Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Laureate) delivered the Presidential Address and presided over the session. Sri Sourav Ganguly, veteran cricketer and former President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, addressed a large audience and spoke on the subject of leadership. The programme, organized by The University of Burdwan with support from the NSS Cell of the University, was held in the University Auditorium, Golapbag Campus, which was filled to the brim.

"Our Power, Our Planet"

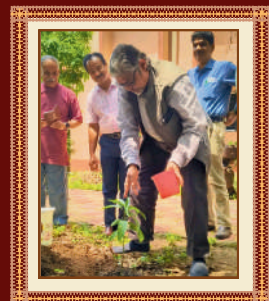
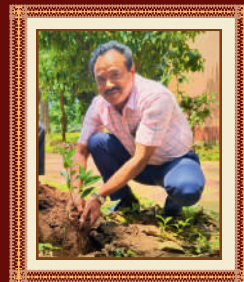
Geography Department Leads Earth Day 2025 Celebration

Since 1970 Earth Day is celebrated every year in order to raise awareness about the importance of protecting our planet and its natural resources, and to encourage individuals, communities, and governments to combat issues such as pollution, deforestation, and climate change which are detrimental to the cause of the environment. Earth Day is a day on which one must educate people about the impact of human activities on the environment and inspire them to undertake collective efforts towards a healthier and more sustainable future.

This year, the Department of Geography celebrated Earth Day on 22 April 2025. The theme was **"Our Power, Our Planet"**. The Hon'ble Vice Chancelleor of The University of Burdwan, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, who is also a Bhatnagar Awardee, delivered his address on "Earth".

The programme started with the watering of plants followed by the felicitation of dignitaries. Prof. N. C. Jana, HoD delivered the Welcome Address and gave a brief overview of the Earth Day celebration. Dr. Arijit Chatterjee (Registrar, Officiating), Prof. Sunil Karforma, Dean of Science and Prof. Pradip Chattopadhyay, Dean of Arts, Commerce, Law, etc. addressed the gathering and expressed their sentiments on Earth Day.

The programme ended with the planting of saplings on the Department premises by the dignitaries and an Awareness Procession by our students on the Golapbag campus.



Our Planet



International Conference Organized by the Department of English and Culture Studies



A two-day international conference on “Democracy and Multiculturalism: Australian and Indian Contexts” was organised by The Centre for Australian Studies, Department of English, The University of Burdwan, in collaboration with the Australian Consulate General, Kolkata. The conference was inaugurated on 8 January 2025 by Hugh Boylan, Australian Consul General, Kolkata. Professor Debnarayan Bandyopadhyay, former Vice-Chancellor of Bankura University and an advisor to West Bengal State Council of Higher Education delivered the keynote address. A book titled

Climate Change and Cultural Representations: Australian and Indian Perspectives, edited by Angshuman Kar, was also launched at the conference which saw participation of renowned scholars from India, Australia, the USA, Mauritius, and Nigeria. Some notable participants included Bill Ashcroft, Paul Sharrad, Brenda Machosky, Nicholas Birns, Sukhmani Khorana, Vek Lewis, and Sooshila Gopaul. The conference discussed ways to protect democracy and rights of minority communities in India and Australia.



World Environment Day

This year, the Department of Geography of our university celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2025, focusing on the theme “Ending Global Plastic Pollution”. The Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Sankar Kumar Nath, although not present on the occasion, sent his best wishes for the programme. The programme started with the watering of plants followed by the felicitation of dignitaries. Prof. N. C. Jana, the HoD, delivered the Welcome Address and explained the importance of World Environment Day. Prof. Sunil Karforma, Dean of Science, addressed the gathering and expressed concern over the fast-changing environmental situation. Prof. L. N. Satpati, Professor and Director, Malviya Mission Teachers’ Training Centre, University of Calcutta, delivered a lecture on “Plastocene Puzzle: Boon, Boom and Bane of Plastics in the Anthropocene”.

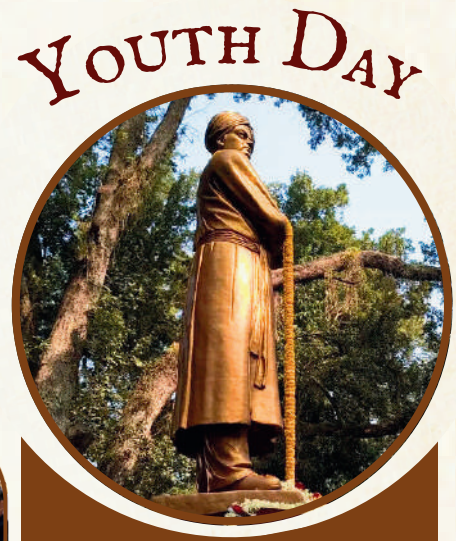


World Environment Day Celebrated by the Botany Department



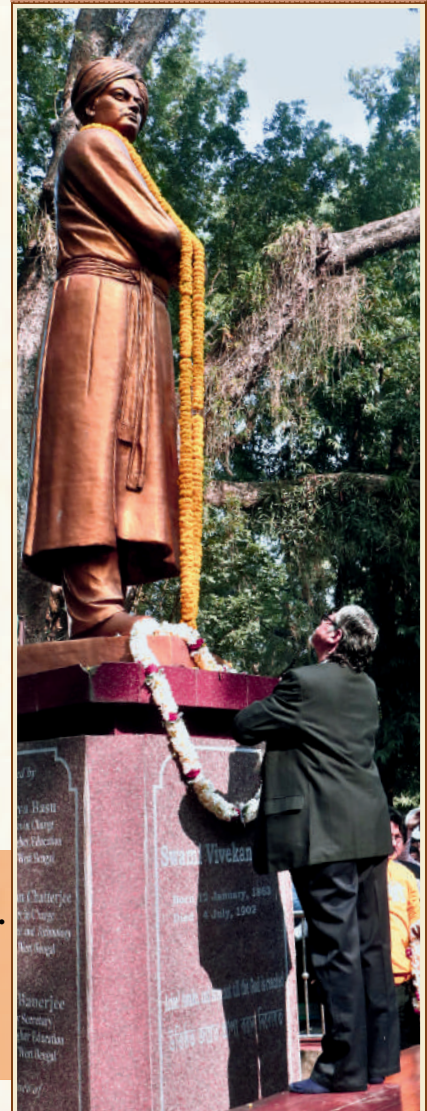
National Youth Day Celebration

The 162nd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, popularly referred to as National Youth Day or Yuva Divas, was commemorated in the CDOE auditorium of The University of Burdwan on 12 January 2025. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of The University of Burdwan, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, presided over the programme and addressed the audience. Other eminent guests and speakers at the programme included Smt. Ayesha Rani A, IAS, District Magistrate and Collector, Purba Bardhaman; Sri Sayak Das, SP; and Sri Khokon Das, MLA.



"My faith is in the younger generation, the modern generation. They will work out the whole problem, like lions"

-Swami Vivekananda



Netaji Jayanti & Blood Donation Camp for Students

Blood Donation Camp Organised at University of Burdwan on the Occasion of Netaji Jayanti

The 128th birth anniversary of Sri Subhas Chandra Bose, popularly referred to as Netaji Jayanti, was observed in the University auditorium on the Golapbag campus on 23 January 2025.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of The University of Burdwan, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, presided over the programme.

This was followed by a Blood Donation Camp for students, which was hugely successful. The total number of blood donors at the camp was 189, of which 25 were female and 164 were male.



Grant received by the NSS Cell B.U. 2024-25

The financial year 2024-25 saw the NSS Cell of the University receive a grant of approximately ₹25 lakh to implement an Advocacy Campaign on AIDS and STDs. Over 60 advocacy campaigns in the districts of Purba Bardhaman, Hooghly and Birbhum were successfully conducted. The drive received steadfast support from WBSAP&CS, the Department of Health & Family Welfare, the Red Ribbon Club, the Government of West Bengal, district magistrates, the Superintendent of Police, Burdwan Medical College and other healthcare institutions, the Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, the WB Transgender Person's Development Board, and numerous extension workers under the social welfare and public health and hygiene sectors.

Induction Programme for the Gandhi Fellowship Organized by the NSS Cell B.U.

The NSS Cell of The University of Burdwan successfully organized the Induction Programme for the Gandhi Fellowship, an initiative by the Piramal Foundation. The event, followed by a rigorous five-stage interview process for the Eastern Zone, was held at the TEQIP Auditorium, Jadavpur University on 1 March 2025. 12 students were selected from The University of Burdwan for this prestigious fellowship. This marks the third consecutive year that students from the University have been awarded this esteemed, paid internship.

A Seven-Day National-Level Workshop cum Hands-on Training Programme on Transmission Electron Microscopy

The Department of University Science Instrumentation Centre (USIC), University of Burdwan organized the fifth edition of the "Seven-Day National Workshop cum Hands-on Training Program on Transmission Electron Microscopy" from 5 to 11 February 2025, in collaboration with JEOL India Pvt. Ltd. and Leica Microsystems. The event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath and attended by 20 participants from reputed institutions like IIT Guwahati and the University of Calcutta. Sessions were conducted by renowned scientists and experts from institutions such as ICMR-NIRBI, IIT Kharagpur, and the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics .



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Republic Day Celebration



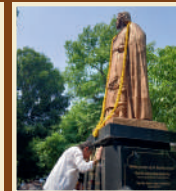
Inter Departmental Football Competition



Saraswati Puja Celebration at Students' Hostel



Rabindra Jayanti Celebration



Sports-Cum-Picnic for Teachers

Burdwan University Teachers' Association (BUTA) organised the Annual Sports-cum-Picnic on 26 January 2025 (Republic Day) at the University's Mohunbagan Ground. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath inaugurated this annual event by hoisting the national flag. This was followed by his inspirational inaugural speech in which he emphasised the need for organising such events. In the presence of the office-bearers of the Association, the faculty and their family members, Prof. Nath spoke about the significance of the Republic Day and iterated the responsibilities of every citizen of the nation. The first sporting event was organised in the presence of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. Before leaving the University Sports Complex he congratulated the Association and conveyed his best wishes to the office-bearers of BUTA.



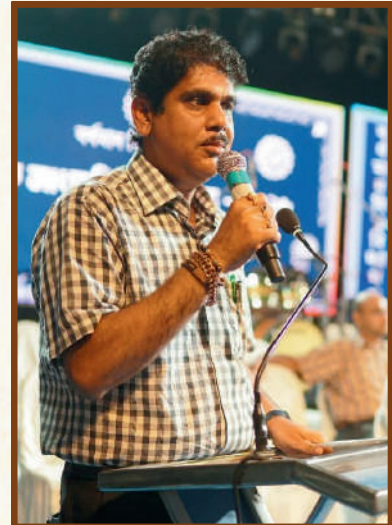
Annual Students' Sports Held on 18 February 2025

The Annual Students' Sports Meet was held on 18 February 2025. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, inaugurated the meet. Several male and female students of the university participated in the sports meet and showcased their talents.



Annual Students' Cultural Fest

The Annual Students' Cultural Fest was held from 9 to 11 July 2025 on the Golapbag campus. The three-day programme was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath. Different academic departments put up stalls on various themes and competed for prizes. In addition to this, there were several other cultural events where students participated.



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NAAC Assessment of The University of Burdwan



The University of Burdwan has successfully navigated a crucial phase in its journey towards quality initiatives, quality sustenance and quality enhancement, completing the fourth cycle of assessment and accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) for the assessment period 2019-2024. The university meticulously prepared and submitted its comprehensive Self-Study Report (SSR) online on September 15, 2024. The SSR, structured around NAAC's seven key criteria encompassing all core functions of a Higher Education Institution, consisted of 136 metrics (38 qualitative and 98 quantitative). A pivotal step involved the Data Validation and Verification (DVV) process, which validated approximately 70% of the SSR data. This was followed by an intensive three-day visit (June 2-4, 2025) by a distinguished seven-member NAAC Peer Team in blended mode. The team meticulously evaluated the university's performance during the assessment period across criteria such as Curricular Aspects, Teaching-Learning & Evaluation, Research, Innovation & Extension, Infrastructure & Learning Resources, Student Support & Progression, Governance & Management, and Institutional Values & Best Practices. A functional Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and timely submission of Annual Quality Assurance Reports (AQARs) are the Minimum Institutional Requirements (MIR) volunteered for this fourth cycle of accreditation of the University of Burdwan. The quality assessment (QA) done by the NAAC is expected to serve as a catalyst for institutional self-improvement in the landscape of higher education. This assessment represents the university's commitment to quality across all domains of higher education.



International Lecture Series and Other Activities Organized by the Department of Botany



Eminent scholars from France, Moscow, the USA, Tokyo, and Chile delivered lectures in the International Lecture Series organized by the Department of Botany during 6 January to 3 March 2025



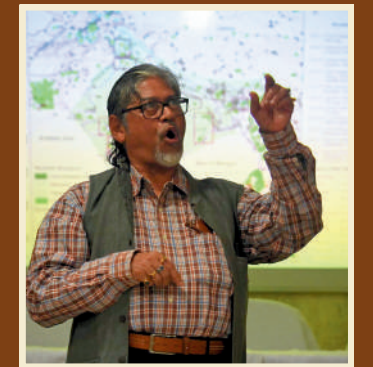
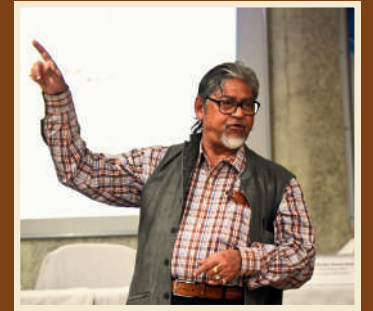
The Department of Botany participated in the "Three-Day Agro, Food and Beverages Exposition and Conference 2025" held from 13 to 15 June at Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata, where Prof. Rajib Bandopadhyay from the Microbiology Section, Department of Botany, The University of Burdwan made a presentation.

Prof. Satyesh C. Chakraborty Memorial Lecture Organized by the Department of Geography

The Prof. Satyesh C. Chakraborty Memorial Lecture was initiated by the Department of Geography in 2012. The 9th Prof. Satyesh C. Chakraborty Memorial Lecture was held on 13 May 2025 in the Conference Hall of the Department of Geography.

This year, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, a Bhatnagar Awardee, delivered the 9th Prof. Satyesh C. Chakraborty Memorial Lecture on "Seismic Hazard and Its Implications".

The programme started with homage to Late Prof. S. C. Chakraborty (Founder Head) by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the Dean of Science, the Dean of Arts, Commerce, Law, etc., the Head of the Department of Geography, and others. Prof. N. C. Jana, the HoD, delivered the Welcome Address, and enlightened the audience about the background to the Prof. S. C. Chakraborty Memorial Lecture. Dr Tapas Mistri presented a brief overview of the Department, while Prof. Namita Chakma spoke about Late Prof. S. C. Chakraborty. Prof. Sunil Karforma, Dean of Science and Prof. Pradip Chattopadhyay, Dean of Arts, Commerce, Law etc. addressed the gathering.



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বুধবার কল্পনের অভিযাতে ফিরে এল ৭৩ বছর আগের স্মৃতি। পাঁচ বছর আগে কেঁপেও উঠেছিল কামচাটকা। সে বার রিখটার স্কেলে তীব্রতা ছিল ৭.৮। বুধবারের ভূমিকম্প ছাপিয়ে গিয়েছে সেই তীব্রতাকে। এ দিন রিখটার স্কেলে তীব্রতার মাত্রা ছিল ৮.৮। ভূবিজ্ঞানের তথ্য বলছে, ১৯৫২ সালের ৪ নভেম্বর কামচাটকায় ভূমিকম্পের তীব্রতা ছিল ৯। তার পর থেকে এত জোরালো ভূমিকম্প ওই এলাকায় হয়নি।

কামচাটকায় ভূমিকম্প 'স্বাভাবিক' ঘটনা। বিপর্যয়কে কেন স্বাভাবিক বলায়, তা বুঝতে হলে ওই এলাকার ভূতাত্ত্বিক গঠন বোঝা জরুরি। কামচাটকা অবস্থিত কুরিল-কামচাটকা খাতের (ট্রেক) উপরে। এর তলায় আছে প্রশান্ত মহাসাগরীয় পাত এবং সেই পাত বছরে ৮-৬ মিলিমিটার

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বুধবারে প্রবল ভূমিকম্পের মুখে পড়েছিল কামচাটকা। তারপর ১৮৫১, ১৯২৩, ১৯৫২, ১৯৫৯, ২০০৬, ২০২০ সালেও প্রবল ভূমিকম্প হয়েছে। বারবারই ভূমিকম্পের জেরে জন্ম নিয়েছে সুনামি। ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত হয়েছে জনজীবন। এ দিনও ইন্টারনেটে সেন্সার, কামচাটকা প্রশাসন জানিয়েছে যে এ বারের ক্ষয়ক্ষতি আগের সব কিছুকে ছাপিয়ে গিয়েছে। স্বাভাবিক, কোনও স্থানের পরিকাঠামোগত উন্নতি হলে বিপর্যয় ক্ষয়ক্ষতির মাত্রাও বেশি হয়। সুনামির ঝুঁকি কামচাটকাতেই অটিকে থাকেনি। বঙ্গ-প্রশান্ত মহাসাগরীয় এলাকায় অবস্থিত আমেরিকার ক্যাশিটোনিয়া এবং জাপানে আচ্ছড়ে পড়েছে। এমনকি, ইন্দোনেশিয়ায়ও কয়েকটি সুনামি ঘটে। তবে কামচাটকায় এ বার প্রাণহানি অনেকই কম। তার কারণ, সুনামি পূর্বাভাস ব্যবস্থা। প্রাকৃতিক বিপর্যয়কে রোধ অসম্ভব। তাই বাঁচা ফেরে উন্নত আগাম সতর্কতা ব্যবস্থা জরুরি। কামচাটকা এবং অ্যান্টিয় জাপান সেই সতর্কতা ব্যবস্থা আছে বলেই ক্রম মানুষজনকে সরিয়ে নিয়ে যাওয়া গিয়েছে। ভারতেও সুনামি সতর্কতার ব্যবস্থা আছে। ৭.৫ মাত্রার বেশি ভূমিকম্প হলেই সেই সতর্কতা জারি করা হয়। বঙ্গ এবং ভূমিকম্পের সতর্কতা ব্যবস্থাও গড়ে উঠবে। ৫.৫ মাত্রার বেশি ভূমিকম্প হলেই এ দেশের ভূমিকম্পপ্রবণ এলাকাজিকি সতর্ক করা হয়।

অনেকেই প্রশ্ন করেন, এই ভূমিকম্পের ফলে কী ক্ষয়ক্ষতি হতে পারে? কী বসল ঘটতে পারে? প্রশ্নেই বলি, মাত্রির প্রবল ঝাঁকুনি এবং বিঘ্নে ডেউয়ের থাকায় এমন জোরালো ভূমিকম্পের জেরে কোথাও উপকূল বসে যেতে পারে, কোথাও গভীরে উঠতে পারে নতুন উপকূল। সমুদ্রের তলদেশে ভূপ্রাকৃতিক বালু আসতে পারে। ভূস্তরের গড়নও কোথাও কোথাও পরিবর্তন দেখা যায়। ২০০৪ সালে ভারত মহাসাগরের ভূমিকম্পের পরেও কিছু পরিবর্তন দেখা গিয়েছিল। তবে এ কথাও স্মরণ, অনেক সময়েই ছোট-ছোট ভূমিকম্প হয়। সেই হিসেবে রোকেই পৃথিবীর কোথাও না-কোথাও ভূমিকম্প হচ্ছে। পাত সঙ্গরানের ফলে ভূস্তরের অভ্যন্তরের বিভিন্ন ফস্ট বা ঘূর্ণিত গুরু শক্তি জমা হয়। বহু গভীরে যখন সেই প্রবল শক্তি নির্গত হয় তখনই প্রলয়ের মতো ভূমিকম্প হয়। কিন্তু কম পরিমাণে শক্তি নির্গত হলে কল্পনের মাত্রা কম হয়। এক নিক থেকে, ছোট-ছোট ভূমিকম্প প্রলয়কে কিছুটা পিছিয়েই দেয়।

The expert opinion piece written by Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, a renowned Indian seismologist and Bhatnagar Awardee scientist, was published on the front page of Ananda Bazar Patrika on 31 July 2025, just after one of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded sent a tsunami crashing into a Russian port and smaller waves barrelling across the Pacific to the Americas and southern New Zealand.