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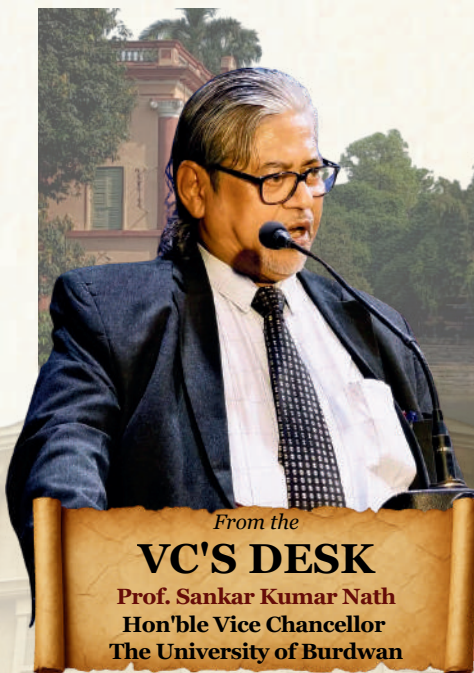
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## The University of Burdwan : Signposts of Progress

The University of Burdwan today stands at a significant juncture where tradition and transformation have joined hands in the common cause of progress. Our vision is to build an institution that is rooted in its glorious past while being fully prepared to meet the demands of a rapidly changing academic and technological landscape.

One of our key priorities has been the preservation of our heritage. The decision to restore the historic Mehetab Manzil, which houses our administrative offices, along with the Dar-ul-Bahar building and the gates of Rajbati and Golapbag campuses, reflects our commitment to conserving the legacy and architectural identity of the University.

At the same time, we are investing in scientific advancement and public engagement. Following intense initiative and follow-up from our side, the District Administration has generously sanctioned an amount of Rs. 1 crore for the modernization of the Meghnad Saha Planetarium. This includes the replacement of outdated machinery and refurbishment of the dome and associated infrastructure, which will significantly enhance its educational and outreach potential. The new-look planetarium is expected to be operational in four to five weeks.



From the

### VC'S DESK

Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath  
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor  
The University of Burdwan

The Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India / National Centre for Seismology / IMD is favourably considering our proposal of establishing a Broadband Seismological Observatory for 24x7 Earthquake Monitoring in Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand and North-East India. The Observatory is expected to be set up on the planetarium complex of the University. Moreover, it will be connected with NCS / IMD, New Delhi / INCOIS, Hyderabad through VSAT connectivity.

The Department of Zoology at The University of Burdwan has been ranked 29<sup>th</sup> across India, 336<sup>th</sup> in Asia,

and 3<sup>rd</sup> in West Bengal in an international ranking. Additionally, in the overall university rankings, the institution has secured the 2692<sup>nd</sup> position globally, 853<sup>rd</sup> in Asia, 75<sup>th</sup> in India, and 6<sup>th</sup> in West Bengal.

These rankings have been determined by EduRank, an independent platform that evaluates institutions based on research output, citation impact, academic influence, and the achievements of the alumni. Although in NAAC accreditation in June 2025 the University scored B++ Grade with 2.91 CGPA, it is still under revision with NAAC.

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There have been proposals to install statues of inspirational personalities such as full-bust of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the Golden Jubilee Building, and half-bust of Steve Jobs & J. R. D. Tata at the Career Development Centre premises, and half-bust of Rashbehari Ghosh outside the Alumni Auditorium. In addition, a Roman-style sculpture with a fountain is planned for the Golden Jubilee Building to enhance the aesthetic appeal of our campus.

Infrastructure development remains a major focus area. We have undertaken work for renovation, restructuring, and new construction across various buildings, including the construction of boundary walls to clearly demarcate and secure the University premises. Furthermore, the repair and upgrading of our Kolkata Camp Office at Salt Lake, the Bhawanipore Guest House and the Tarabag Guest House are also in progress to strengthen our administrative outreach.

Looking ahead, the proposed Diamond Jubilee Building is one of our most ambitious projects. It is envisioned to accommodate seven new academic departments introduced in 2019. For this, we are planning to approach the Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal for a special grant which will significantly boost our academic infrastructure.

Academic revitalization is also at the forefront of our agenda. We have decided to activate the Councils for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Studies in Engineering and Technology, along with the introduction of new intra- and inter-departmental self-financing engineering and technology courses. The centres conceived for these courses are Centre for Big Data and Computational Technology, Centre for Genomics and Bioprocess Engineering, and Centre for Disaster Mitigation and Management. These initiatives aim to expand opportunities and make our academic offerings more dynamic and industry-relevant.

In the realm of international collaboration, we are pleased to note that an Indo-Australian academic partnership is being facilitated through the Australian Consulate General. This collaboration is expected to open new avenues for research, exchange, and global academic engagement.

We are also embracing digital transformation. The Central Library has already initiated Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)-based automation to improve efficiency and security in collection management. Additionally, a comprehensive restructuring of the networking infrastructure across the campus is underway, ensuring a more robust and future-ready digital ecosystem.

Student safety and well-being are of paramount importance. We have decided to install IP-based CCTV surveillance systems at hostel entry and exit points, as well as in dining halls and common areas. Alongside, efforts are being made to improve living conditions through ongoing hostel renovations, including the construction of steel-structured sheds and the refurbishment of corridors.

We are equally attentive to co-curricular and physical development. The designing of the existing indoor sports training facility at Mohun Bagan Ground has been entrusted to National Institute of Technology Durgapur and the project has already received the necessary approvals, bringing us closer to providing world-class sports infrastructure.



Moreover, our cultural repository is being enriched with the inclusion of rare stone sculptures discovered during recent excavations, now preserved in the University Museum and Art Gallery. Basic amenities have also been strengthened with the installation of water purifiers in the PG hostels and University Guest House at Tarabag, supported by institutions like the State Bank of India and the Bank of India.

In conclusion, the University of Burdwan is undergoing a comprehensive transformation—spanning heritage conservation, infrastructure development, academic expansion, digital modernization, introduction of ERP, and student welfare. Each initiative reflects our commitment to creating a vibrant, secure, and forward-looking academic environment.

We remain dedicated to shaping an institution that not only imparts knowledge but also inspires innovation, inclusivity, and excellence.



# Burdwan University Crowned with Impressive Academic Rankings Zoology Department Emerges as Jewel in University's Crown



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## আন্তর্জাতিক র‍্যাঙ্কিংয়ে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

**বর্ধমান:** প্রাণিবিদ্যা বিষয়ে এক আন্তর্জাতিক র‍্যাঙ্কিংয়ে দেশজুড়ে ২৯তম, এশিয়ায় ৩৩৬তম এবং পশ্চিমবঙ্গে তৃতীয় স্থানে রয়েছে বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের জুলজি বিভাগ। পাশাপাশি, সামগ্রিক বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের র‍্যাঙ্কিংয়েও প্রতিষ্ঠানটি বিশ্বে ২৬৯২তম, এশিয়ায় ৮৫৩তম, ভারতে ৭৫তম এবং পশ্চিমবঙ্গে ষষ্ঠ স্থানে রয়েছে। EduRank.org নামে এক স্বাধীন প্ল্যাটফর্মের গবেষণা প্রকাশ, উদ্ধৃতি সংখ্যা, অ্যাকাডেমিক প্রভাব ও প্রাক্তনীদের সাফল্যের ভিত্তিতেই এই মূল্যায়ন করা হয়েছে।

বিজ্ঞান অনুষদের ডিন অভিজিৎ মজুমদারের বক্তব্য, “জুওলজি বিভাগের এই সাফল্য অত্যন্ত উল্লেখযোগ্য।” উপাচার্য শঙ্করকুমার নাথ বলেন, “বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের পুরনো এই বিভাগ বহু যোগ্য শিক্ষক ও স্কলারের কাজের ফলেই এই সাফল্য এসেছে।”



The university has achieved commendable positions in the latest academic rankings by EduRank.org, an independent platform, securing 2692<sup>nd</sup> worldwide and 853<sup>rd</sup> in Asia. Nationally, it stands at 75<sup>th</sup>, while ranking 6<sup>th</sup> in West Bengal. Notably, the Department of Zoology has brought special distinction to the institution. It has secured an impressive 336<sup>th</sup> rank in Asia, 29<sup>th</sup> nationally, and an outstanding 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the state. These achievements highlight the department's academic excellence and research contributions. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of The University of Burdwan, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, attributed this success to the untiring work of the teachers and scholars of the Department of Zoology. The Dean, Faculty Council for Postgraduate Studies in Science, Professor Abhijit Mazumdar, himself a senior professor in the Department of Zoology, remarked that this achievement by the Department was very significant.

These achievements reaffirm the credibility of the University of Burdwan as a centre of academic integrity and consistent performance. Its sustained excellence in research and teaching has played a crucial role in securing such outstanding rankings on multiple fronts.



**EduRank** 14131 universities from 183 countries ranked across 246 topics

### 10 Best universities for Zoology in West Bengal

Sl No.	University Name	State Rank	National Rank
1.	University of Calcutta	1	9
2.	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur: Statistics	2	25
3.	<b>The University of Burdwan</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29</b>
4.	University of Kalyani	4	37
5.	Jadavpur University	5	40
6.	Visva-Bharati University	6	70
7.	Vidyasagar University	7	72
8.	Indian Statistical Institute	8	78
9.	West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences	9	93
10.	Bidhan Chandra Agricultural University	10	94



# Re-envisioning Engineering & Technology Education at The University of Burdwan



The University of Burdwan is embarking on a significant academic transformation as it reactivates and reimagines its engagement with Engineering and Technology education. This initiative reflects a conscious diversification from conventional disciplinary frameworks to a more dynamic, interdisciplinary and future-oriented academic model.

At the heart of this transformation lies a clear recognition: the challenges and opportunities of the contemporary world—ranging from artificial intelligence and data-driven systems to genomics, sustainability and complex socio-technical systems. The University is therefore planning to move towards an innovative Centre-based academic architecture, wherein such Centres are envisaged to function as the primary academic platforms for programme delivery fostering integration across disciplines. These Centres, under the aegis of Faculty of Engineering and Technology, are conceived as thematic hubs of emerging knowledge, bringing together diverse academic streams and enabling the design of programmes that are both technologically rigorous and socially relevant. They will anchor a new generation of academic offerings, notably Integrated M.Sc. (Tech) programmes structured along interdisciplinary domains such as Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, Bioengineering, and Vulnerability, Sustainability and Disaster Management Systems. Complementing these programmes will be a cluster of Postgraduate and Advanced Postgraduate Diploma programmes in applied and industry-relevant areas, designed to respond to the evolving needs of the knowledge economy.



A defining feature of this initiative is the adoption of a distributed and collaborative academic model. While the Centres will serve as focal points for programme delivery, they will draw upon the expertise of multiple participating departments across the University and also experts from outside—ranging from the mathematical and computational sciences to life sciences, environmental studies and the social sciences. This ensures not only optimal utilisation of institutional strengths but also a holistic integration of technological, scientific and socio-economic perspectives.

The academic design of the programmes under the new initiatives will follow the NEP-aligned integrated 5-year structure, with built-in flexibility for lateral/multiple entry and exit options.

Emphasis will be placed on computational thinking, laboratory and project-based learning, and real-world problem-solving, thereby equipping students with both foundational knowledge and applied technological competencies in emerging areas of Engineering and Technology.

Equally important is the governance framework underpinning this initiative. An ad hoc Faculty Council for Engineering & Technology, in the process of formalisation, is expected to provide academic oversight and coordination during the formative phase, ensuring alignment with statutory provisions and institutional objectives. In terms of implementation, the University will adopt a phased approach, initially leveraging existing infrastructure and faculty expertise, while progressively developing dedicated facilities for advanced computing, bioinformatics, environmental systems and technology-enabled applications.

This re-envisioning is not merely an expansion of academic offerings; it represents a fundamental rethinking of how Engineering and Technology education can be conceptualised and delivered in a multidisciplinary university setting. The University of Burdwan seeks to foster an ecosystem of innovation, inquiry and application by creating holistic platforms that enable convergence across domains.






Chittaranjan Boy's Hostel



# Saraswati Puja celebrated in the Hostels




Aurobindo Boy's Hostel

Sarojini Girl's Hostel



Nivedita Girl's Hostel

At the University of Burdwan, Saraswati Puja is far more than a religious observance—it is a vibrant celebration of creativity, unity and student life. Much like Kolkata's famed Durga Puja, this festival at the 12 university hostels reflects months of dedication, where students craft idols, design elaborate mandaps and transform their surroundings with artistic brilliance. A friendly creative rivalry among the hostels adds to the excitement, encouraging students to discover and showcase hidden talents beyond academics.

The three-day celebration begins with prayers, Pushpanjali and Prasad, followed by the Tatta-Satta ceremony (exchange of gifts in well decorated traditional trays among all hostels) that strengthens bonds of friendship. Finally, the festival ends with Shovayatra (colourful procession) and concludes with the immersion (Nirajan) of the idol. Though the festivities end, they leave behind cherished memories of laughter, companionship, and shared joy—moments that remain engraved in the hearts of all, long after the puja mandap (the decorated place of worship) stands empty.



Vivekananda Boy's Hostel

# National Science Day

The University of Burdwan celebrated National Science Day on 27–28 February 2026 with a series of academic programmes featuring Prof. G. Parthasarathy, an eminent Earth Scientist, as the invited guest. The programmes were organised under the aegis of the Centre for Alumni Affairs and International Relations, the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), and the Career Development Cell of the University.



The inaugural Science Day Lecture titled “Spectroscopic Insights into Critical Minerals and Their Relevance to a Viksit Bharat @2047” was chaired by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath. The lecture attracted around 120 participants including faculty members, officers and research scholars. Prof. Parthasarathy delivered an informative address that effectively blended perspectives from the natural sciences with broader societal issues, national priorities and developmental concerns.



The afternoon session on 27 February 2026 titled “Student Interaction & Leadership”, held in the University Auditorium, witnessed the enthusiastic participation of nearly 700 students from 16 local schools and colleges along with postgraduate students from the science streams of the University. The session featured Prof. G. Parthasarathy and Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, two eminent scientists and distinguished academic leaders, whose insights greatly inspired



the student participants. The Dean, Faculty of Science; the Dean, Faculty of Arts; the Registrar; and the Director, IQAC, along with university officers, faculty members, and invited guests, were also present on the occasion. It was a highly interactive session, with students raising thoughtful questions on examination preparation, career opportunities in science, and scientific issues such as the challenges of predicting earthquakes.

On 28 February, during the Faculty Development & Research Mentoring Session, Prof. Parthasarathy highlighted several emerging areas where research funding opportunities are available, particularly those aligned with national priorities and societal needs. He emphasised the importance of developing high-impact interdisciplinary research proposals that address national priorities and create meaningful academic and developmental outcomes.

## Department of History

### Seventh Upendranath Brahmachari Memorial Lecture



The seventh Upendranath Brahmachari Memorial Lecture was organized by the Department of History, The University of Burdwan on 7 January, 2026 in Kadambini Ganguly Hall. The Resource Person was Prof. Suprakash Chandra Ray, former Professor and Chairman, Department of Physics, Bose Institute, Kolkata. Students, research scholars and departmental faculty

members participated in the seminar.

The seminar commenced with a brief welcome address by Dr Binata Sarkar, Head of the Department. This was followed by the formal inauguration of the seminar by lighting of the lamp and a brief address by Prof. (Dr) Sankar Kumar Nath, the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, The University of Burdwan.

Prof. Partha Pratim Das, Dean, Faculty Council of Arts and Prof.

Abhijit Majumdar, Dean, Faculty Council of Science graced the occasion and delivered their addresses. The memorial lecture delivered by Prof. Suprakash Ray was entitled “Tea, Triumphs and Trials of Upendranath Brahmachari”.



### IAAPS Seminar

A National Seminar on “Decolonizing History: Problems and Perspectives” was organized by the Department of History, The University of Burdwan, on 16 January, 2026 in Kadambini Ganguly Hall in collaboration with Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies, Kolkata and The Indian Council for Social Science Research.



The resource persons were Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti, Honorary Prof. Jadavpur University and former Vice-Chancellor, Vidyasagar University and Netaji Subhas Open University; Prof. Sajal Nag, Distinguished Professor, Assam Royal Global University and

former Professor of History, Assam University, Silchar; and Prof. Hiten Patel, Professor of History, Rabindra Bharati University. Students, research scholars and departmental faculty members participated actively in the seminar.

The seminar was formally inaugurated by Prof. Partha Pratim Das, Dean, Faculty Council of Arts. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti.



# International Conference at the Department of English

An international conference on "Artificial Intelligence, Cultural Narratives, and Educational Futures in India and Australia." was organised on 20 and 21 January 2026 in the Kadambini Ganguly Hall of the university by the Centre for Australian Studies, Department of English, in collaboration with the Australian Consulate-General, Kolkata. The conference was inaugurated by the Australian Consul-General, Kolkata, Dr Kevin Goh. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, presided over the inaugural session. Also present was the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Partha Pratim Das.



In his address, Dr Kevin Goh highlighted the potential of artificial intelligence while also emphasising the need for its cautious and responsible use in the fields of education and cultural narrative formation. He noted that sustained collaboration between India and Australia in this area would be mutually beneficial. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Professor Sankar Kumar Nath observed that without proper optimisation, the desired outcomes from artificial intelligence cannot be achieved, and he too stressed the importance of using AI with restraint and informed awareness.

Teachers and researchers from different parts of the world, including various states of India, representing literature, cultural studies, education, digital humanities, engineering and related disciplines, presented their research papers at the conference.



## Special Lecture on "Psychology of Motivation" at the Department of Education



The Department of Education, The University of Burdwan organized a Special Lecture on "Psychology of Motivation" on 28 January 2026 in Kadambini Hall. The programme featured two eminent resource persons, Prof. (Dr) Muktipada Sinha and Dr Manikanta Paria from Jadavpur University, who delivered insightful lectures on the psychological foundations and practical relevance of motivation in education and life.

The special lecture was organized with the encouragement and support of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath. The Department gratefully acknowledges the valuable guidance and support extended by the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar of the University in making the programme successful.

During the session, the speakers discussed important concepts such as intrinsic and extrinsic motivation, Maslow's hierarchy of needs, attribution theory, life skills, and the role of mental health in sustaining motivation among learners. Their engaging presentations helped students understand how motivation influences learning, achievement, and personal development.

The programme was highly inspiring and academically enriching, offering meaningful insights into the psychological dimensions of motivation and its application in educational practice.



## Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) Awareness Campaign

An awareness campaign under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) was held on 5 December 2025 in Kadambini Ganguly Hall on the Golapabag Campus of The University of Burdwan under the aegis of the District Social Welfare Officer, Purba Bardhaman with the objectives of creating awareness among students and faculty members about the harmful effects of substance abuse, promoting mental well-being and a healthy lifestyle among the youth, and emphasizing the importance of building a drug-free society.



# Department of Geography : International Conference



The Department of Geography, The University of Burdwan, organized a prestigious International Conference from 30 January to 1 February 2026 under the aegis of five Commissions of International Geographical Union (IGU), viz. IGU Commission on Biogeography and Biodiversity, IGU Commission on Hazards and Risk, IGU Commission on Geo-Heritage and Parks, IGU Commission on Research Methods in Geography, and IGU Commission on Young and Early Career Geographers. “Ecosystem Restoration, Disaster Risk Reduction, Resilient Society in Changing Climate” was the focal theme of the conference. The dignitaries present in the inaugural session of the conference were Prof. (Dr.) Sankar Kumar Nath, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor; Dr. Arijit Chatterjee, Registrar; Prof. Abhijit Mazumder, Dean (Science); Prof. Partha Pratim Das (Dean, Arts, Commerce, Law, etc.), Dr. Srikumar Chattopadhyay (former Scientist-G, NCESS, Thiruvananthapuram & former ICSSR National Fellow). Prof. (Dr.) Sankar Kumar Nath, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, inaugurated the conference. Prof. Narayan Chandra Jana (Convener) delivered the welcome address. Dr. Srikumar Chattopadhyay delivered the keynote address. Dr. Somasis Sengupta (Organizing Secretary) delivered the vote of thanks. More than 250 participants and resource persons were present at the conference in both online and offline modes.



## National Youth Day Celebration



National Youth Day was celebrated on the Golapbag campus of the University on 12 January 2026, the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Tributes were paid through garlanding his statue on the campus, and his teachings and contributions to nation-building were respectfully remembered.

The occasion was graced by Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of the University of Burdwan. The program was further enriched by the presence of Prof. Abhijit Majumder, Dean, Faculty of Science; Prof. Partha Pratim Das, Dean, Faculty of Arts; Prof. Narayan Chandra Jana, Director, CDOE; Dr. Arijit Chatterjee, Registrar; and Dr. Indrajit Roy, Senior Development Officer.

A large number of students, scholars, officers, staff and teachers attended the ceremony.

## International Seminar at the Department of Chemistry

A three-day International Seminar on “Arrangement of atoms to assembly of molecules – Chemistry in manifold-facet: in celebrating the birth centenary of Professor S. C. Rakshit”, organized by the Department of Chemistry and inaugurated by the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, was held during December 16-18, 2025 to commemorate the birth centenary of Professor Sisir Chandra Rakshit, one of the founder Professors of the Department of Chemistry in The University of Burdwan. Twenty-one invited speakers, mostly his students, from India, the USA and the UAE, spoke at the seminar to pay respect to Professor Rakshit on his



birth centenary. Fifty young scientists presented their work on frontier chemistry at the seminar.

The series of lectures delivered explored how the arrangement of atoms results in a variety of molecules through chemical bonding with enormous structures, geometries and properties, and also how assembly of such molecules (homo- or heterogeneous) is in general used as model for macroscopic or microscopic studies of systems concerned.



# NSS Burdwan University hosts Youth Parliament



The NSS Cell of The University of Burdwan successfully organized a Youth Parliament Programme under the flagship initiative Viksit Bharat of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The programme was conducted on Tuesday, 20 January 2026, in the Alumni Hall, Golapbag campus, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, programme officers, and NSS volunteers from The University of Burdwan and its affiliated colleges.

The central theme of the Youth Parliament Programme was: “Fifty Years of the Indian Emergency”. The programme was formally inaugurated by Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, The University of Burdwan who is also the Chairman of the Advisory Board, NSS Cell, The University of Burdwan. Prof. Nath encouraged the participants to critically reflect upon a significant phase in India's democratic history, examining its political,

constitutional, social, and media-related dimensions. He also mentioned the diverse perspectives on civil liberties, governance, institutional resilience, and democratic accountability.

The participants were evaluated by a three-member panel of judges, comprising eminent academicians and professionals: Dr. Suparno Moitra, former Economic Advisor, Government of West Bengal & public policy specialist; Dr. Rhitobrata Bhattacharya, journalist and filmmaker; and Dr Anupama Chowdhury, Principal, Women's College, Calcutta. The panel assessed the participants based on the evaluation framework prescribed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and also selected five best speakers who will participate in the State Level Youth Parliament 2026.

The programme was further enriched by the presence of the following distinguished guests: Prof. Abhijit Mazumdar, Dean, Faculty of Science, The University of Burdwan; Prof. Partha Pratim Das, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Commerce, Law, etc., The University of Burdwan; Dr. Arijit Chatterjee, Registrar (Officiating), The University of Burdwan; Ms. Uttara Biswas, District Youth Officer, MY Bharat, Purba Bardhaman, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India; and Dr Rajesh Das, Programme Coordinator, NSS Cell, The University of Burdwan. The entire programme was very efficiently anchored by Ms. Sanchita Chatterjee.

The Youth Parliament Programme successfully achieved its objectives of fostering democratic awareness, encouraging informed debate, and identifying articulate youth representatives for higher-level participation. A significant outcome of the programme was the selection of five students for the State-Level Youth Parliament. Overall, the programme stood as a meaningful academic and civic initiative, reflecting the commitment of the NSS Cell, The University of Burdwan, towards youth empowerment, democratic education, and nation-building under the vision of Viksit Bharat.



## Observance of Students Week Programme 2026

The “Observance of Students Week Programme” was organized by The University of Burdwan from 2 January 2026 to 8 January 2026. Several activities were arranged throughout this period. The inaugural programme was held in Kadambini Hall on the Golapbag campus on 2 January. This was followed by an awareness programme on the West Bengal Students' Credit Card Scheme and another on the scholarship schemes of the Government of West Bengal. Other activities and programmes during this period included a medical check-up camp for students at the Health Centre, The University of Burdwan. Students participated enthusiastically in drawing/ poster competitions and quiz competitions organized by various academic departments. Events such as psychological counselling, career guidance, and interactive sessions on educational matters were also organized by different academic departments.



# Celebration of the Seventy-Seventh Republic Day



The seventy-seventh Republic Day was celebrated at The University of Burdwan on 26.01.2026 on the Rajbati campus. The arrival of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath at the venue was accompanied by a march past conducted by the students of the MPed programme of the University. The Dean of Arts, The Dean of Science, the Registrar, the Finance Officer, other officers, faculty members, scholars, students, and members of the non-teaching staff of the University were present on the occasion. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor hoisted the national flag. Following the hoisting of the flag, the dignitaries present addressed the gathering. In his speech, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor spoke of the significance of Republic Day. Several students and members of the staff sang patriotic songs and read poems. The Senior Development Officer, Dr Indrajit Roy also read a poem. The programme concluded with the exchange of good wishes and the distribution of sweets.



## Department of Bengali: National Seminar

A national-level seminar was organized by the Department of Bengali on 23 December 2025 in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi. The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. Partha Pratim Das, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Arts, Commerce, Law, Fine Arts & Music. The Head of the Department, Prof. Alok Kumar Chakraborty spoke about the connections between Sukumar Sen and the Bengali Department of The University of Burdwan. Avishek Rath, Programme Officer at Sahitya Akademi, spoke about the initiatives taken by Sahitya Akademi on the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary of Sukumar Sen. There were ten plenary speakers at the seminar. They were author Imanul Haque, professor and poet Angshuman Kar, Biswajit Panda, Manji Bhadra, Sunanda Kumar Sen, Swati Guha, Abhra Basu, Amrita Ghosal, Rini Gangopadhyay and Soma Mukherjee. There were three sessions at the seminar following the inauguration: the first was presided over by Professor Anindita Bandopadhyay of the Department of Bengali, the second by Professor Arpita Chattaraj Mukhopadhyay of the Department of English and Culture Studies, and the third by Dr Srabani Basu of the Department of Bengali.



# Programmes Organized by The Burdwan University Teachers' Association (BUTA)

The Burdwan University Teachers' Association (BUTA) successfully organized its Sports-cum-Picnic on 26 January 2026, celebrating the spirit of unity and togetherness. The event was graciously inaugurated by our Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath. Prof. Partha Pratim Das, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Arts, Commerce, Law, Fine Arts & Music, and Prof. Abhijit Mazumdar, Dean, Faculty Council for PG Studies in Science, also graced the occasion with their presence. The programme commenced with the ceremonial hoisting of the National Flag by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. This was followed by the hoisting of the BUTA flag, symbolizing pride and collective identity. Teachers along with their spouses and children, enthusiastically participated in various sports and recreational activities, reflecting a vibrant spirit of inclusivity and joy.



A special highlight of the event was the felicitation of teachers who had retired in 2025, honouring their invaluable contributions and lifelong dedication to the academic community. The programme also featured a delightful picnic lunch, fostering warmth and informal bonding among all present.

## Sports Events at the University of Burdwan

The Sports Board of The University of Burdwan successfully organized a series of sports events, reflecting the institution's strong commitment to physical fitness, sportsmanship and holistic development.

### *Inter Department Annual Sports Meet (PG Students)*

The Inter-Department Annual Sports Meet for postgraduate students was conducted on 5 February 2026 with great enthusiasm and active participation from various departments. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath graciously inaugurated the Sports Meet and played a pivotal role in inspiring and motivating the participants. The event showcased remarkable talent, team spirit and competitive zeal among the students. A wide range of athletic and recreational events were organized, fostering unity and camaraderie across departments.



### *Annual Sports for Employees*



The Annual Sports Meet for university employees was organized on 25 February 2026 with equal fervour. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath inaugurated the Annual Sports Meet for employees, thereby invigorating the participants with the spirit of sportsmanship. Faculty members, administrative staff, and non-teaching employees participated wholeheartedly in various events, promoting a healthy work-life balance and strengthening interpersonal relationship within the university community. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor also presided over the prize distribution ceremony, where he felicitated the winners and participants for their outstanding performances. His presence and encouragement greatly contributed to the success of the event.

### *Participation in Inter University Tournaments*

Students of the University actively participated in various inter-university tournaments across multiple disciplines at zonal and national levels. Their participation not only brought laurels to the university but also enhanced its reputation in the field of sports and games.

## Tribute to Netaji on 23 January

On 23 January, Netaji Chhatrabas of The University of Burdwan observed the birth anniversary of the illustrious patriot and visionary leader Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose with solemn respect. Floral tributes were offered to honour his legacy. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath graced the occasion, accompanied by the Registrar, Dr. Arijit Chatterjee, Dean of Science, Prof. Abhijit Majumder and Dean of Arts, Prof. Partha Pratim Das. The programme concluded with a renewed commitment to uphold Netaji's ideals and serve the nation with dedication.



