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## BURDWAN UNIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM ON LEADERSHIP AND NATION BUILDING INSPIRED BY SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

The University of Burdwan, under the aegis of the Vivekananda Advanced Research Centre (VARC) and in collaboration with Youth4Nation, Paschim Bengal Chapter, organized a thought-provoking symposium titled “From Vedanta to Victory: Leadership for a Secure Bharat” on 29 May 2026 at the CDOE (DDE) Auditorium, Golapbag. Inspired by the timeless wisdom of Swami Vivekananda, the symposium brought together eminent academicians, administrators, nation-builders, and students to deliberate on the role of value-based leadership in shaping a strong, self-reliant, and developed India.

The programme commenced with an invocation to Goddess Saraswati by Dr. Rajiba Lochan Mohapatra. This was followed by the ceremonial lamp-lighting accompanied by Vedic mantra chanting, and a rendition of Vande Mataram by Mr. Debasish Banerjee. The guests were welcomed by Prof. Partha Pratim Das, Director, Vivekananda Advanced Research Centre.



In his inaugural address, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of The University of Burdwan, highlighted the enduring relevance of Swami Vivekananda's teachings for contemporary India and emphasized their role in shaping character, ethical leadership, and national integration. He also reiterated the University's commitment to promoting value-based education and nurturing socially responsible leadership in alignment with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Delivering the keynote address on “The Youth4Nation Vision: Awakening Yuva Shakti for Viksit Bharat @2047”, Shri Sarvesh Chandra, IPS (Retd.), Former Director General of Police, West Bengal, and President, Youth4Nation, Paschim Bengal Chapter, highlighted the pivotal role of the youth in realizing the vision of a developed India. He called for the cultivation of leadership rooted in discipline, patriotism, and social responsibility.

The first technical session on “Leadership: Character, Courage, Conviction – The Vivekananda Ideal for New India” was addressed by Shri Uday Bhanu Banerjee, noted Pharma Strategist, Leadership Coach, and Motivational Speaker. Drawing upon the teachings of Swami Vivekananda, he elaborated upon the qualities required for effective leadership in a rapidly changing world.

The second session featured Col. (Dr.) Shantonu Roy, Indian Army veteran, scholar, and nation-builder, who spoke on “Nation Building and Youth Leadership.” He outlined pathways towards self-reliance, entrepreneurship development, energy conservation, and the creation of sustainable career opportunities for India's youth.

In the third session, Shri Tarun Goswami, an eminent journalist, delivered an inspiring lecture on “Timeless Wisdom of Swami Vivekananda for Viksit Bharat @2047.” He emphasised the belief that spiritual strength, ethical consciousness, and strategic vision may collectively contribute to building a strong and prosperous nation.

The final lecture was delivered by Dr. Pankaj Kumar Roy, Principal of Jogesh Chandra Choudhury College. The title of his lecture was “Youth, National Consciousness and the Road to Viksit Bharat.” In his speech he emphasized the need to nurture informed, responsible, and socially conscious citizens capable of contributing meaningfully to national development.

The symposium witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, researchers, students, and members of the wider academic community. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by the recitation of the Kalyan Mantra and the National Anthem.

The symposium successfully reaffirmed the enduring relevance of Swami Vivekananda's vision for modern India and provided a valuable platform for meaningful dialogue on leadership, youth empowerment, and nation-building. It also gave a platform for collective pursuit of a secure and developed Bharat.



# World Environment Day 2026



The University of Burdwan observed 'World Environment Day-2026 at the CDOE Auditorium with an army of enthusiasts that included 280 student participants and ten faculty members. The programme started with the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, garlanding the bust of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar and speaking about the urgency of the event. He was followed by Prof. Narayan Chandra Jana, Head, Department of Geography who also spoke on the occasion. The Registrar and the Dean of Arts motivated the students through their speeches. Finally, Dr Rajiba Lochan Mohapatra, Department of Education spoke about three promises: planting of trees, saving water, and arresting the use of plastic.

Participants were given T-shirts and caps on the occasion. The theme was माता भूमि पुत्रोहं पृथिव्या (Mata Bhumi putroham prithivyah).

A "Poribesh Marathan" (Environment Marathon) was organised. At the end, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor planted three saplings to commemorate the event.



## Paschimbanga Divas



On the occasion of Paschimbanga Divas, a special programme was organized on 20 June 2026 at the Kadambini Ganguli Hall of The University of Burdwan. The event was attended by distinguished dignitaries, including Sri Khudiram Tudu, Hon'ble Minister, Government of West Bengal; Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, The University of Burdwan; the Registrar; and the Deans of the Faculty Councils of Arts and Science. Also present were

faculty members, research scholars, and students. The programme aimed to highlight the historical significance, cultural identity, and evolution of West Bengal.

The programme began with the Ganesh Vandana, performed melodiously by Prof. Biplab Biswas of the Department of Geography. This was followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and the spread of knowledge. This was followed by Pushpanjali (offering of flowers) to Shyama Prasad Mukherjee and the sacred image of Bharat Mata, symbolizing reverence, patriotism, and solemn remembrance within an academic environment. The next segment was the Rashtra Vandana – 'Vande Mataram'—performed by Prof. Partho Samanto of Panchmura College under Bankura University. Following these ceremonial events, the formal session of speeches by the dignitaries commenced.



The Hon'ble Minister, Shri Khudiram Tudu, elaborated on how and when West Bengal was formed, particularly focusing on the partition of Bengal in 1947. He explained the circumstances that led to the division and emphasized the importance of 20 June as a crucial day in the historical formation of West Bengal. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shankar Kumar Nath, delivered an insightful speech on the history of West Bengal, discussing its origin,



transformation, and socio-cultural development. He highlighted the importance of understanding regional history and encouraged students to stay connected to their roots and heritage. Prof. Somshubhra Gupta focused on the concept of the Indian Knowledge System, emphasizing the need to integrate traditional knowledge with modern education. Prof. Parthapratim Das provided a detailed explanation of how the name 'Paschimbanga' evolved over time. He also highlighted the contributions of several eminent personalities in shaping the state.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks and the singing of the National Anthem.

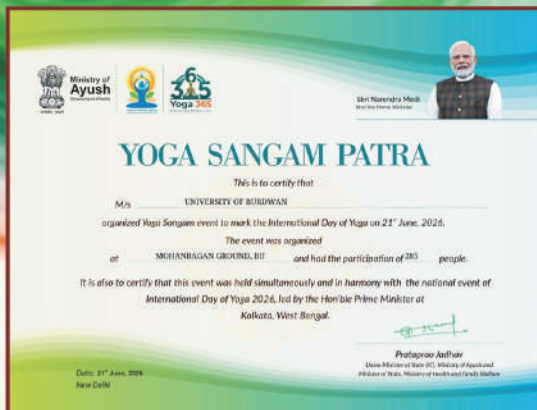




## International Day of Yoga

The Department of Physical Education, University of Burdwan observed the International Day of Yoga on 21 June 2026 in the Mohunbagan Sports Complex under the theme “Yoga for Healthy Ageing.” The programme commenced at 6:30 am and was inaugurated by Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of The University of Burdwan. The Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) session was conducted from 7 am to 7:45 am, with enthusiastic participation from students, research scholars, faculty members, and other

members of the staff. A total of 285 participants performed various asanas, pranayama, and used various meditation techniques, highlighting the importance of yoga in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, and healthy ageing.



## Tree Plantation Programme and Tribute to Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay

The University of Burdwan organized a unique and meaningful commemorative programme on 29 June 2026 to pay tribute to Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, one of the greatest literary icons and nationalist thinkers of India. The event, organized under the initiative of the ‘Bardwan Viswabidyalaya Paribar’, in collaboration with the University authorities, successfully combined the message of environmental conservation with the celebration of India's rich literary and cultural heritage.

The programme commenced with an extensive tree plantation drive in the presence of Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, The University of Burdwan who formally inaugurated the event. Addressing the gathering before the plantation programme, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor emphasized the immense significance of tree plantation in the present era of climate change. He explained that the increasing frequency of extreme weather events, global warming, biodiversity loss and environmental degradation demands immediate action from every section of society.



Following his address, the dignitaries, faculty members, students, research scholars, and staff members enthusiastically participated in the plantation programme. A total of 100 fruit-bearing saplings were planted across different locations on the University campus. The plantation primarily included species such as Mango, Jackfruit, Guava, Jamun, Amla, and other indigenous fruit-bearing trees, selected not only for their ecological value but also for their... *Continued on page 4*



## Tree Plantation Programme and Tribute to Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay

*Continued from page 3...* long-term social and nutritional benefits. The plantation programme symbolized the University's collective commitment towards environmental conservation and sustainable development.

The second phase of the programme was dedicated to commemorating the life, philosophy, and literary contributions of Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, one of the principal architects of modern Indian nationalism. The memorial meeting began with the Saraswati Vandana, followed by a rendition of Vande Mataram, the national song composed by Bankim Chandra. The ceremonial inauguration was marked by the traditional lighting of the lamp by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

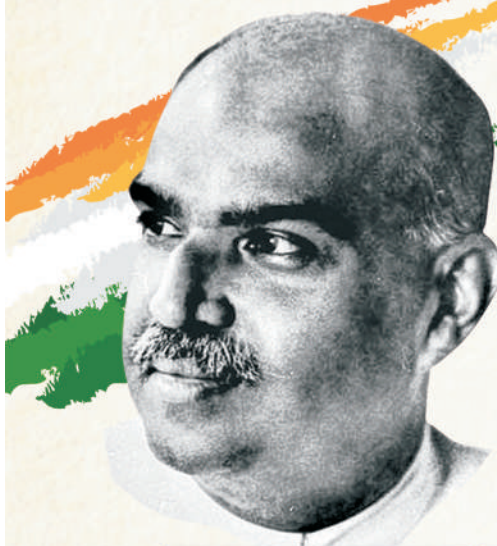
The memorial session was graced by several distinguished guests, including Dr Arijit Chatterjee, Registrar; Dr Debnath Malik, renowned social worker and eminent public intellectual; Dr Amaresh Pramanik, President of ABRSM, Purba Bardhaman Zila; Dr Hemanta Saha, State Secretary of ABRSM; Dr Rajib Lochan Mahapatra, Secretary of the ABRSM Unit of The University of Burdwan; and Mr Debasis Bose, Social Worker and important member of the 'Burdwan Viswabidyalaya Paribar'.

In his presidential address, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath highlighted Bankim Chandra's successful integration of literature, philosophy, patriotism, and social consciousness which has inspired generations of readers and freedom fighters alike. He emphasized the relevance of Bankim Chandra's writings in contemporary India.

Dr Debnath Malik's scholarly keynote address provided a comprehensive account of the life and achievements of Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, including the historical background to the composition of Vande Mataram. The entire programme was conducted by Prof. Biplab Biswas, Department of Geography.



## 125th Janma Jayanti of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee



The University of Burdwan celebrated the 125th Janma Jayanti (birth anniversary) of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee on 6 July 2026 in a distinctly Bharatiya (Indian) way in the Kadambini Ganguli Hall. After the lighting of the lamp, pictures of Bharat Mata and Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee were garlanded.

The programme started with the Saraswati Vandana. Then the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath delivered his 'Swagat Bhasan' (welcome address). Shree Krishnadas Das, the 105-year old retired policeman who was also a member of the first-batch of police personnel in Independent India, shared his memories of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee. Swami Achyutananda Giri Maharaj of Yogada Satsanga



Society of India, Dakshineswar gave a spiritual message related to Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee. He brought together similar ideas of Param hamsa Yogananda and Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee. Kabi Binayak Bandyopadhyay, the next speaker, emphasized the plight of Hindus during the time of Syama Prasad Mookerjee. Another speaker Dr. Bimal Sankar Nanda analysed the political situation in Syama Prasad Mookerjee's time and gave a synoptic view of Syama Prasad Mookerjee's contribution. The Dean of Arts, University of Burdwan spoke of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee's achievement as a statesman. Finally, the Registrar of the University spoke about the contribution

of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee to education. The programme ended with a vote of thanks and the singing of the National Anthem.



# The University of Burdwan Receives the “Ananda Shiksha Shrestha Samman 2026”



The University of Burdwan has received the Ananda Shiksha Shrestha Samman 2026, a prestigious recognition conferred by ABP Ananda in acknowledgment of excellence in the field of education. This honour represents an important milestone for the University on its distinguished journey, and reflects the University's sustained commitment to academic quality, research, innovation, and its significant contribution to higher education in West Bengal. The Ananda Shiksha Shrestha Samman 2026 was presented to the Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, by Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Union Minister of State for Education.





# "Ananda Shiksha Shrestha Samman 2026"



(আনন্দ শিক্ষা শ্রেষ্ঠ সম্মান ২০২৬)

**Recipient: The University of Burdwan**  
**Award: Ananda Shiksha Shrestha Samman 2026**  
**Presented by: ABP Ananda**  
**Year: 2026**



The University of Burdwan has been honoured with the Ananda Shiksha Shrestha Samman 2026, a prestigious educational award presented by ABP Ananda. The Ananda Shiksha Samman 2026 is a prestigious educational award ceremony organized by ABP Ananda to recognize and honour outstanding contributions by schools, universities, educators, and training institutes across West Bengal. Held in July 2026, the grand event celebrated excellence in academic infrastructure, research, placements and community impact. The ceremony was graced by prominent dignitaries, including Dr Sukanta Majumdar, The Union Minister of State for Education and Sharadwat Mukherjee, State Health Minister, Government of West Bengal, who presented the certificates and trophies to the awardees.

Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, the honourable Vice Chancellor of The University of Burdwan received the award on behalf of the University from Dr. Sukanta Majumder.

Established in 1960, the University of Burdwan has consistently played a vital role in promoting inclusive and quality higher education through its postgraduate departments, affiliated colleges, research centres and outreach initiatives. The conferment of the Ananda Shiksha Shrestha Samman 2026 serves as a testament to the dedication of its faculty members, researchers, students, officers and staff, whose collective efforts have strengthened the University's reputation as a centre of learning and intellectual growth. This recognition also reaffirms the University's vision of nurturing academic excellence while responding to the evolving needs of the society.

The recognition is expected to further inspire the University of Burdwan to pursue higher standards in teaching, research and innovation. It stands as a proud milestone for the entire University community and reinforces its commitment to shaping knowledgeable, responsible and socially conscious citizens for the future.



## Hul Divas Observed by the Department of Santali



The Department of Santali, The University of Burdwan, successfully organized a programme to observe Hul Divas on 30 June 2026 in the Alumni Hall of the University. The programme commemorated the historic Santal Hul of 1855, paying tribute to its heroic leaders and martyrs while promoting awareness of Santal history, culture, and heritage. Around 130 participants, including faculty members, students, research scholars, and invited guests, attended the programme. The programme was inaugurated by Professor Sankar Kumar Nath, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of The University of Burdwan, who emphasized the historical significance of

Hul Divas and the need to preserve the language, culture, and heritage of the Santal community. Distinguished guests included the Registrar, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, the Inspector of Colleges, eminent academics from different departments, noted Santali writer Mr. Badal Hembram, and Dr. Sushil Murmu of Burdwan Medical College. A special highlight of the programme was the formal release of the edited volume *Pranta Joner Koto Kotha*, published by Sahitya Basar. The lecture session explored the historical, social, and cultural significance of the 1855 Santal Hul and encouraged further research on Santal history and traditions. The programme concluded with a cultural programme which included traditional Santali songs, dances, and recitation, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by research scholar Mr. Sibram Hansda. The celebration turned out to be memorable and academically enriching.



## Workshop on Physiotherapy Organized by the Department of Physical Education

The Department of Physical Education, in collaboration with the NSS Cell, The University of Burdwan successfully organized a Workshop on Physiotherapy on 12 June 2026 in the Kadambini Ganguly Seminar Hall. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr Gopa Saha Roy, Teacher-in-Charge, Department of Physical Education and Programme Officer, NSS Cell Unit II. The workshop was formally inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath in the presence of the Registrar, the Dean of Arts, faculty members, University officials, and students. The keynote lecture was delivered by Dr. Santiranjana Dasgupta, Senior Orthopedic specialist, Kolkata, who highlighted the importance of physiotherapy in injury prevention, scientific rehabilitation, and the restoration of functional mobility. The practical session was conducted by Mr. Rajesh Basak, Masseur, East Bengal Football Club, Kolkata, who demonstrated evidence-based therapeutic exercises, stretching techniques, and rehabilitation protocols for the effective management of sports-related injuries. Approximately 150 students actively participated in the workshop and received certificates at the end of the programme. The programme was efficiently organized with the wholehearted support and active participation of the students of the Department of Physical Education. The workshop concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Rajesh Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication and Programme Coordinator, NSS Cell, The University of Burdwan.





# International Museum Day Observed at Burdwan University



The International Council of Museums observes 18 May as Museum Day across the globe. This year the theme is 'Museums Uniting a Divided World.' The Museum and Art Gallery of The University of Burdwan observed this day with due solemnity. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sankar Kumar Nath, expressed his earnest desire to further enrich the Burdwan University Museum and Art Gallery and to establish its reputation as an exemplary museum. A programme, inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, was organized to mark the occasion. In his inaugural address, the Honorable Vice-Chancellor highlighted the vast scope of the antiquities preserved in the University museum. He spoke about the need to engage with our rich cultural heritage. He also addressed the scarcity of scientific methods available for dating archaeological artifacts, and repeatedly emphasized his keen interest and ongoing efforts to position the University Museum on the global map of museums.



The keynote speaker was Mr. Dilip Dutta-Gupta, Archaeological Chemist at the State Government's Directorate of Archaeology. Speeches were delivered by the Deans, Faculty Council for P.G. studies in Science and Arts—Professor Abhijit Majumdar and Professor Partha Pratim Das; Dr. Binata Sarkar, Head of the Department of History and In-charge of the Museum; and Mr. Shyamsundar Bera, Junior Superintendent of the Museum. Registrar Dr. Arijit Chatterjee, and faculty members from the Department of History, were also present. The audience included history and heritage enthusiasts from various parts of Purba Bardhaman.

Representatives from both print and audiovisual media were also present.



## World Environment Day Observed by the Department of Physical Education



The Department of Physical Education observed World Environment Day on 5 June 2026 at the Mohanbagan ground of the University. Students from the Department and various other

academic units actively participated in the programme. In keeping with the theme, "Inspired by Nature: For Climate, For Our Future," more than 25 saplings were

planted to promote environmental awareness and sustainability. Dr. Gopa Saha Roy, TIC and Associate Professor, addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of ecological responsibility. Startup Foundation provided protective fencing for the saplings.



## Achievements

1. Mr. Bishal Banerjee, an M.P. Ed. 4th Semester student (2024–2026), secured the first prize in the Poster Presentation Competition in a National Conference organized at Jadavpur University on 26–28 March 2026. He was guided by Dr Gopa Saha Roy and Mr Kartick Chandra, with support from Mr Sayak Karmakar.



2. Mr Bishal Banerjee also participated in the Singapore Masters Swimming Meet 2025–2026, bringing international recognition to the Department of Physical Education.

3. On 19 May 2026, the Department of Physical Education organized a Workshop on the NEP 2020 Syllabus Framework for 3-Year and 4-Year Degree Courses under the direction of the Dean of Arts. Around 55 professors attended the workshop in physical and blended modes, focusing on curriculum development and academic restructuring under NEP 2020





# Department of Zoology

## National-level Seminar



The University of Burdwan continues to strengthen its academic and research excellence through nationally relevant scientific initiatives. The Department of Zoology, under the able leadership of Prof. Sanjoy Podder, successfully organized a one-day national-level seminar on "Concept of Immune Tolerance and Allergen Immunotherapy" on 7 March 2026. The seminar brought together eminent academics, clinicians, and researchers from leading institutions including AIIMS Raipur, Apollo Multispecialty Hospitals, Presidency University, SSKM Hospital, and Rabindranath Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences. The programme focused on immunogenetics, asthma, allergen immunotherapy, and AI-driven approaches in airway diseases.



## Research on Harnessing the Immune System to Fight Cancer

Cancer immunotherapy is one of the most exciting advances in modern medicine. Instead of directly attacking cancer cells, it helps the body's own immune system to recognize and destroy them. Dr. Sumit Kumar Hira, an immunologist in the Department of Zoology, is contributing to this global effort through his research on colorectal (colon) cancer. His work focuses on understanding how cancer cells evade immune attack and create a protective environment that suppresses the body's natural defences.



Dr. Sumit Kumar Hira, Assistant Professor in the Department of Zoology, The University of Burdwan, being honoured with the prestigious Asok Ghosh Memorial Medal 2025 by the Zoological Society of Kolkata on 1st March 2026.

Dr. Hira's research has gained recognition both nationally and internationally. In recognition of his scientific contributions, he was recently elected a Fellow of the West Bengal Academy of Science and Technology (WAST), a prestigious honour for scientists in the state. He is also the recipient of the Asok Ghosh Memorial Gold Medal for excellence in scientific research. Through innovative research and the training of young scientists, Dr. Hira continues to contribute to the development of next-generation cancer treatments and a healthier future for society.



Certificate awarded to Dr Sumit Kumar Hira (Department of Zoology)

## আনন্দবাজার পত্রিকা

### গবেষণায় সম্মান

বর্ধমান: জুলজিক্যাল সোসাইটি অব কলকাতার উদ্যোগে 'অশোক ঘোষ মেমোরিয়াল গোল্ড মেডেল ২০২৫'-এ সম্মানিত হলেন বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের প্রাণিবিজ্ঞান বিভাগের গবেষক ও অধ্যাপক সুমিতকুমার হিরা। ইমিউনোলজি বা অনাক্রম্যতা গবেষণায় তাঁর উল্লেখযোগ্য অবদানের জন্যই এই সম্মান দেওয়া হয়েছে। পুরস্কারটি প্রবর্তিত হয়েছে বিশিষ্ট প্রাণিবিজ্ঞানী ও অন্তঃপ্রবীতত্ত্ববিদ অশোক ঘোষের স্মৃতিতে। তিনি ইন্ডিয়ান অ্যাকাডেমি অব সায়েন্সের গবেষক ছিলেন। সুমিতকুমার হিরার এই সাফল্যে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মহল ও সহকর্মীরা গর্ব প্রকাশ করেছেন।

## Invention of Thalassemia Detection Kit

Prof. Anupam Basu and his team have invented the ThalChecker (TRINAYAN) kit for the detection of thalassemia carriers. This is a simple, rapid, and instrument-free kit that can identify silent carriers within 30 minutes through easy visual observation. A mobile app has also been developed to support the result interpretation.

This kit has great potential for large-scale community screening in rural as well as urban areas, and can contribute significantly to national health programmes for the prevention of thalassemia.

The invention was developed under the leadership of Prof. Anupam Basu of the Dept of Zoology with a team of researchers comprising Dr. Prosanto Kumar Chowdhury, Tamoghna Chowdhury, Dr. Dipankar Saha, Upasana Bhattacharyya, Dr. Debashis Pal and Dr. Nibedita Mitra. The University of Burdwan was granted an Indian patent for this technology on 19 May 2026.





## Department of Education

### ➤ Exploring Alternative Schooling and Skill-Based Learning: An "Educational Exposure" Visit



An "educational exposure" visit to Acharya Pramathanath Buniyadi Vidyalaya was organized by the Department of Education

on 5 March 2026 to provide M.A. and M.Ed. Semester-I students with experiential learning opportunities in accordance with NEP 2020 through exposure to alternative educational practices and community-based learning

systems. The visit, headed by Prof. Chitraklekha Mehera, Dr. Rajiba Lochan



Mohapatra, and Dr. Puja Sarkar (Bal) of the Department of Education, observed the functioning, teaching methods, and socio-cultural environment of Acharya Pramathanath Buniyadi Vidyalaya, located in Kalanabagram village of Purba Bardhaman district in West Bengal. The institution is known for providing education to economically disadvantaged children and for promoting skill-based learning alongside formal education.

### ➤ Celebrating Merit, Inspiring Futures: NSP Scholarships for Students

The Department of Education takes pride in the remarkable academic achievement of its students, as eleven students of the 2024-26 session, ten students from the M.Ed. programme and one student from the M.A. in Education programme, have been awarded the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) Scholarship. The scholarship amount, ranging from ₹1,50,000 to ₹3,00,000, reflects the students' academic excellence and the department's commitment to fostering merit, dedication, and educational success.

### ➤ From Classroom to Sports: A Double Gold Triumph



The Department of Education proudly celebrates the remarkable sporting achievement of Soumyajit Barik, a student of M.A. in Education (2024-2026), who secured two Gold Medals in the Hooghly District Annual

Sports Meet 2026 held on 28 and 29th March 2026. Demonstrating exceptional athletic excellence, he achieved first position in both the 100 metres and 200 metres events. Soumyajit's outstanding performance reflects the Department's commitment to nurturing holistic development and excellence beyond academics.

## Rabindra Jayanti Celebrations

The University of Burdwan observed Rabindra Jayanti on 9 May 2026. The programme got underway with the reverential garlanding of the statue of Rabindranath Tagore by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath. The Registrar, the Dean (Arts), officers, teachers, members of the non-teaching staff, and a large number of students, also garlanded the statue. This was followed by speeches where the speakers paid homage to Tagore and highlighted his greatness. A section of students and employees of the University sang Rabindrasangeet and read Tagore's poems. The programme was organized by the Estate Department of the University.



## Department of Environmental Science

The Department of Environmental Science is proud to announce that Mr Sudip Dash, an M.Sc. students from the 2025 batch, has joined as Trainee at JM Environet, Rajasthan. Another former student from the 2018 batch, Ms Moumita, joined as Vice-Principal in a school in Patna belonging to the Aditya Group of Institutions in May 2026.

## Celebration of the Festival of Colours in the Department of Law

The students of Department of Law came together to celebrate Holi, the festival of colours in the Department on 3 March 2026. The celebration witnessed enthusiasm, creativity, leadership, team effort and aesthetic maturity as the students curated the entire event with cultural performances including dance and vocals. The celebration ended with a grand feast. The Department hopes that this tradition shall continue.





## Seminar Lecture on “Integrating Earth Data from Various Archives to Identify Interconnections” in the Department of Geography

A seminar lecture entitled “Integrating Earth Data from Various Archives to Identify Interconnections” was organized in the Conference Hall of the Department of Geography on 18 May 2026. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Trina Bose, a scientist at Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow. The seminar was chaired by Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of The University of Burdwan, and co-chaired by Prof. Abhijit Mazumdar, Dean, Faculty Council for Post-graduate Studies in Science of The University of Burdwan. The programme witnessed the participation of 49 faculty members from different departments of the University, along with research scholars and students.



The seminar commenced with the singing of Vande Matram and Saraswati Vandana by Dr Rajib Lochan Mahapatra of the Department of Education. Prof. Biplab Biswas warmly welcomed all the distinguished guests and resource persons to the programme for the ceremonial lighting of the lamp to the accompaniment of Dwip Prajjalan Mantra.

In the opening address, the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor highlighted the significance of organizing such academic seminars, as well as the value of interdisciplinary research and scientific interchange in higher education. Thereafter, Prof. Biswaranjan Mistri gave a brief account of the academic and research achievements of Dr. Bose.

In her engaging presentation, Dr. Trina Bose revealed the interconnection among the different spheres of the earth such as the atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere, cryosphere, and biosphere. She pointed out that much of the data regarding the

biosphere can be derived from its interactions with other spheres. Earth system archives store vital information about these interactions at various temporal and spatial resolutions, thus helping in the study of environmental changes, resilience of ecosystems, climate variability, and interactions between humans and their environment. She asserted that such an approach is critical in acquiring an integral understanding of the functioning of the Earth system and dealing with current environmental issues.

Following the lecture, Prof. Biswas invited the audience to engage in an interactive discussion with Dr. Bose through a question-answer session. The interaction was lively and significant. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks and the recitation of Kalyan Mantra by Prof. Biplab Biswas along with all who attended the seminar.

## University Science Instrumentation Centre (USIC)

### Breakthrough in Low-Cost AI-Assisted Photo Acoustic Technology for Detecting Red Blood Cell Breakdown and Haemoglobin Disorders

At the University Science Instrumentation Centre (USIC), Dr. Subhajit Karmakar and his research team have developed an affordable artificial intelligence (AI)-assisted photo acoustic sensing technology capable of rapidly and accurately detecting red blood cell destruction (haemolysis) as well as haemoglobin concentration and haematocrit levels. The research is expected to open new possibilities in the diagnosis and monitoring of blood-related disorders.

The research has been carried out since 2019 under the leadership of Dr. Karmakar at the USIC of The University of Burdwan. The research team includes a young researcher Mr. Soumyodeep Banerjee from the Department of Physics, Jadavpur University, previously associated with USIC and Dr. Sumit Kumar Hira from the Department of Zoology, University of Burdwan along with collaborators Dr. Sandip Sarkar and Mr. Shaibal Saha from Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics.

In this study, the researchers replaced the expensive Nd:YAG laser with compact laser diodes to develop a low-cost portable photo acoustic device. The findings were published in the journal *Review of Scientific Instruments* [*Rev. Sci. Instrum.* 97, 034902 (2026)] and may benefit patients suffering from anaemia and thalassemia, representing a significant step forward in non-invasive medical diagnostics.

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# The 67th Foundation Day of The University of Burdwan

The 67th Foundation Day of The University of Burdwan was celebrated on the morning of 15 June 2026 on the Rajbati campus. The celebrations started with the hoisting of the University flag by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath. Besides the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the dignitaries on the stage included the Dean of Arts, Prof. Partha Pratim Das; the Dean of Science, Prof. Abhijit Mazumdar; the Registrar, Dr Arijit Chatterjee; and the Finance Officer, Dr Sougata Chakrabarti. The presence of members of the teaching faculty from various departments, research scholars, students and other members of the University family made the occasion one to remember.



It may be mentioned here that during the centenary celebrations of the University of Calcutta in 1957 a demand was raised for the establishment of more universities in West Bengal. It was pointed out that it was becoming increasingly difficult for the University of Calcutta to handle the enormous pressure of catering to students from all over the state. Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, who was then the Chief Minister, felt the immediate need for the establishment of a minimum of four more universities. As a consequence, The University of Burdwan started its journey on 15 June 1960 from Mehtab Manzil, the administrative building of the erstwhile royal family of Burdwan. Soon after the hoisting of the University flag on 15 June 2026, a commemorative Foundation Day volume titled *Samanvaya* was launched by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. Several members of the faculty as well as research scholars from academic departments under the Faculty Council of Arts had contributed



academic papers to this volume. He also launched the news bulletins of the academic departments under the Faculty Council of Arts. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor appreciated the initiatives taken to publish the commemorative volume and the news bulletins. In his address, he spoke of the plan of action for the holistic development of the university. He also emphasized the need to ensure that the good reputation that the University had earned over the decades was not tarnished in any way.

The Deans of Arts and Science, the Registrar, the Finance Officer and several members of the teaching faculty also expressed their thoughts on the occasion. The Foundation Day celebrations witnessed a cultural programme in which present and former students and employees of the University participated enthusiastically. What caught the eye was the overwhelming presence of researchers and students as well as employees from various administrative and academic departments of the University. The Foundation Day celebrations concluded with everyone present singing the national song "Vande Mataram" in a chorus.





# Centre for Career Development (CCD) & Centre for Alumni Affairs & International Relations (CAAIR)

In a significant step towards strengthening student employability, alumni engagement, and international collaboration, The University of Burdwan formally inaugurated two new institutional centres — the Centre for Career Development (CCD) and the Centre for Alumni Affairs & International Relations (CAAIR) — on 15 June 2026, coinciding with the University's 67th Foundation Day celebrations.

The inauguration ceremony was held on the newly designated premises opposite the Central Canteen on the Golapbag campus. The centres were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath, in the presence of the Deans, the Registrar, the faculty members, officers, researchers, students, alumni and other members of the university community.



## Centre for Career Development : Enhancing Employability



The newly established Centre for Career Development has been created with the objective of enhancing the employability and career readiness of students and research scholars. The Centre is expected to establish close links with industries, corporate organisations, government agencies and professional bodies to facilitate internships, placements, career counselling, skill-development programmes and industry-academia interaction. Through these initiatives, the University seeks to equip its students with the competencies required to succeed in an increasingly dynamic and competitive employment landscape.

## Centre for Alumni Affairs & International Relations: Connecting Globally



The Centre for Alumni Affairs & International Relations aims to create a vibrant and enduring network among Burdwan University's alumni spread across different parts of the world. By strengthening

alumni engagement, the Centre seeks to harness the expertise, experience and goodwill of former students for the academic and developmental advancement of the University. The Centre will also serve as a platform for expanding international collaborations with universities and institutions across the globe. It will facilitate academic exchanges, joint research initiatives, collaborative teaching programmes, international partnerships and other global engagement activities, thereby enhancing the University's international visibility and academic outreach.

The inauguration of these two centres marks an important milestone in the University's continuing journey towards academic excellence, global engagement and student success. While the Centre for Career Development is expected to strengthen pathways to employment and professional growth, the Centre for Alumni Affairs & International Relations will foster stronger alumni bonds and expand the University's international footprint.

Together, these initiatives reflect the University's commitment to preparing students for the future while simultaneously building a globally connected academic community. As The University of Burdwan enters its sixty-eighth year, the establishment of these centres is expected to contribute significantly to enhancing the quality, relevance and global reach of higher education offered by the institution.

### প্রতিষ্ঠা দিবসে দু'টি নতুন কেন্দ্র চালু বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে

নিজস্ব সংবাদদাতা  
**বর্ধমান**  
১৯৬০ সালের ১৫ জুন প্রাক্কালীন মুখ্যমন্ত্রী বিধানসভার পূর্ণসভাকার্যে 'চুটি বিভাগ ও এমটি কেন্দ্র' স্থাপনা করা গেল। তখনকার প্রধানমন্ত্রী শ্রী জওহরলাল নেহরু তাঁর বক্তব্যে এই দুই কেন্দ্রের গুরুত্ব তুলে ধরেন। সেই দিন থেকেই এই দুই কেন্দ্রের গুরুত্ব দিন দিন বাড়তে থাকছে।



### প্রাক্তনীদের জুড়তে, কর্মসংস্থান বাড়তে দুই সেন্টারের সূচনা

এই সন্ধ্যা, বর্ধমান: ছাত্রের পক্ষেই সেই পদক্ষেপ। আর এক দিনের মধ্যেই পবিত্র হয়েছিল। ১৯৬০ সালের ১৫ জুন প্রাক্কালীন মুখ্যমন্ত্রী বিধানসভার পূর্ণসভাকার্যে 'চুটি বিভাগ ও এমটি কেন্দ্র' স্থাপনা করা গেল। তখনকার প্রধানমন্ত্রী শ্রী জওহরলাল নেহরু তাঁর বক্তব্যে এই দুই কেন্দ্রের গুরুত্ব তুলে ধরেন। সেই দিন থেকেই এই দুই কেন্দ্রের গুরুত্ব দিন দিন বাড়তে থাকছে।

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উদ্বোধনকালে প্রধান অতিথি উপস্থিত ছিলেন। তাঁর বক্তব্যে বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ইতিহাস, বর্তমান অবস্থা এবং ভবিষ্যৎ পরিকল্পনা নিয়ে আলোচনা করা হল। তিনি বলেন, বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় একটি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ প্রতিষ্ঠান। এখানে গবেষণা, শিক্ষা এবং সেবা প্রদান করা হয়। তিনি আরও বলেন, বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় একটি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ প্রতিষ্ঠান। এখানে গবেষণা, শিক্ষা এবং সেবা প্রদান করা হয়।

### শিক্ষা-কর্মসংস্থান! বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে এবারে বড় চমক, জোড়া কেন্দ্রের উদ্বোধনে পড়ুয়াদের জন্য একগুচ্ছ নয়া পরিকল্পনা

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রাজবাড়ী প্রান্তে প্রবেশ করে পল্লি হল বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ৬৬তম প্রতিষ্ঠা দিবস। উপায়ক অধ্যাপক শঙ্কর কুমার নাথের হাত হতে এদিন সূচনা হল 'ক্যারিয়ার ডেভেলপমেন্ট সেন্টার' এবং 'সেন্টার ফর আলুনি অ্যাফেয়ার্স অ্যান্ড ইন্টারন্যাশনাল রিলেশনস'-এর।

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# A Moment of Glory

Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath has earned a prestigious certificate from SciRank Global 2025, recognizing him among the world's top 5% scientists. This distinguished achievement reflects his outstanding research contributions, dedication to scientific advancement and commitment to excellence. The recognition highlights the global impact of his scholarly work and serves as an inspiration to aspiring researchers, bringing pride to his institution and the broader academic community.

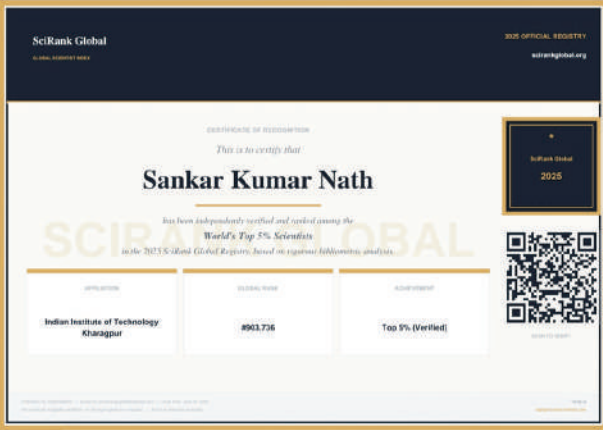


## শঙ্কর-মুকুটে নতুন পালক

এই সময়, বর্ধমান: বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের উপাচার্য শঙ্করকুমার নাথ বিশ্বের শীর্ষ পাঁচ শতাংশ বিজ্ঞানীর মধ্যে স্থান পেলেন। মূলত ভূমিকম্প ও তার প্রকৌশল সিসমোলজিতে গবেষণার জন্য আন্তর্জাতিক স্তরে তাঁর নাম রয়েছে। এই কাজের জন্য তিনি বিজ্ঞানে সর্বোচ্চ ভারতীয় সম্মান এসএস ভাটনগর পুরস্কারও পেয়েছিলেন কেন্দ্রের থেকে।

এ বার সাই রয়াল গ্লোবাল রেজিস্ট্রি নামে একটি আন্তর্জাতিক স্বাধীন ও স্বচ্ছ গ্লোবাল সংস্থা বিশ্বের শীর্ষ পাঁচ শতাংশ বিজ্ঞানীর মধ্যে শঙ্করের নাম যুক্ত করেছে। এ দিন এই বিষয়ের শংসাপত্র তাঁর কাছে পাঠানো হয়েছে। এটি এমন একটি সংস্থা, যারা মূলত বিজ্ঞানীদের গবেষণা ও সমাজে তার প্রভাবের মূল্যায়ন করে থাকে। শঙ্কর ইন্ডিয়ান ইনস্টিটিউট অফ টেকনোলজি খড়গপুরের অধ্যাপক থাকাকালীন ভূমিকম্প ও তার প্রকৌশল সিসমোলজিতে গবেষণা করেন। এ ছাড়াও তিনি সিসমিক হাজার্ড, ভালাইবিগলিটি ও রিস্ক অ্যাসেসমেন্ট, জিওফিজিকাল টোমোগ্রাফি, সিসমিক মাইক্রোজেনেশন এবং ল্যান্ডস্লাইড হাজার্ড জোন ও কম্পিউটেশনাল জিওফিজিক্স ও সিসমোলজির উপরে গবেষণা করেছেন।

ভাটনগর পুরস্কার ছাড়াও তিনি জে কোগিন ব্রাউন মেমোরিয়াল গোল্ড মেডেল, এএস আর্থ-আইআইটি রুরকি ডিভিস্টার প্রিভেনশন অ্যাওয়ার্ড ও ভারতরত্ন ইন্দিরা গান্ধী গোল্ড মেডেল পেয়েছেন। এ দিন শঙ্কর বলেন, 'আমি এখনও নিজেকে ছাত্র বলেই মনে করি। উপাচার্যের দায়িত্ব পাওয়ার পরে বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় নিয়ে অনেক স্বপ্ন দেখছি। সবার আন্তরিক চেষ্টা থাকলে আমি তা করে দেখাবই।'



## Burdwan University in Media Landscape

### কৃষসায়র ঘিরে নানা পরিকল্পনা

**সুপ্রকাশ চৌধুরী**  
**বর্ধমান**

বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অধীনস্থ কৃষসায়র পরিবেশ মানবকে নতুনপে মজিয়ে হোলার পরিকল্পনা করেছেন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ। দীর্ঘদিনের অগবেষণা, বিতর্ক এবং পরিকল্পনাগত দুর্বলতা কালিয়ে কৃষসায়রকে যের পরকল্পনার কাছে আকর্ষণীয় গবেষণায় পরিণত হয়েছে।

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### যুবসমাজকে এগিয়ে নিয়ে যেতে কর্মসূচি

**নিজস্ব সংবাদদাতা**  
**বর্ধমান**

যুবসমাজকে এগিয়ে নিয়ে যেতে কর্মসূচি নিয়েছে বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অধীনস্থ কৃষসায়র পরিবেশ মানবকে নতুনপে মজিয়ে হোলার পরিকল্পনা করেছেন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ। দীর্ঘদিনের অগবেষণা, বিতর্ক এবং পরিকল্পনাগত দুর্বলতা কালিয়ে কৃষসায়রকে যের পরকল্পনার কাছে আকর্ষণীয় গবেষণায় পরিণত হয়েছে।

### বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে সাফল্যের কাহিনি তুলে ধরলেন ভিসি

**নিজস্ব প্রতিনিধি, বর্ধমান:** বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ৬৭তম প্রতিষ্ঠা দিবসে সাফল্যের কাহিনি তুলে ধরলেন ভিসি শঙ্করকুমার নাথ। এই বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের প্রাক্তনীরা দেশ বিদেশে মুখ উজ্জ্বল করেছেন। আগামী দিনেও বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের পড়ুয়ারা অগ্রণী ভূমিকা নেবে বলে প্রতিষ্ঠা দিবসে অঙ্গীকার করা হয়। এদিনের অনুষ্ঠানে রেজিস্ট্রার অরিন্দ্রা চট্টোপাধ্যায় সহ অন্যান্য আধিকারিকরা উপস্থিত ছিলেন। রাজবাড়িতে পতাকা উত্তোলনের মাধ্যমে অনুষ্ঠান শুরু হয়।

ছাত্রছাত্রীরা বলছেন, সম্প্রতি কয়েকটি ঘটনায় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় বিতর্কে জড়িয়েছে। আগামী দিনে সেসব যাতে আর না হয়, সেটা কর্তৃপক্ষের দেখা উচিত। বহু পথ পরিণিয়ে বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় নিজের গরিমা ধরে রেখেছে।

### চালুর পথে বর্ধমানের মেঘনাদ সাহা তারামণ্ডল

**বর্ধমান:** মেঘনাদ সাহা তারামণ্ডল একটি রোমান্টিক ছবি। চলচ্চিত্রের জগতে তারামণ্ডল নামের ছবি অনেক আছে। কিন্তু তারামণ্ডল নামের ছবি শুধুমাত্র বর্ধমান বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অধীনস্থ কৃষসায়র পরিবেশ মানবকে নতুনপে মজিয়ে হোলার পরিকল্পনা করেছেন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ। দীর্ঘদিনের অগবেষণা, বিতর্ক এবং পরিকল্পনাগত দুর্বলতা কালিয়ে কৃষসায়রকে যের পরকল্পনার কাছে আকর্ষণীয় গবেষণায় পরিণত হয়েছে।