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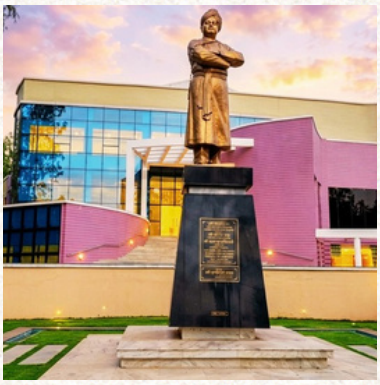













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করুণার সিন্ধু তুমি, সেই জানে মনে,
দীন যে, দীনের বন্ধু !- উজ্জ্বল জগতে
হেমাদ্রির হেম-কান্তি অম্লান কিরণে।

- মাইকেল মধুসূদন দত্ত



Message from the Honorable Vice Chancellor

It gives me immense pleasure to present the new issue of the Vidyasagar University Newsletter, Volume 12, Issue 1, covering the activities and achievements of the University during the last six months of 2026. A university is not merely a place of teaching and learning; it is a vibrant community where knowledge, research, innovation, creativity and social responsibility come together. The activities reflected in this issue are a testimony to the collective efforts of our teachers, researchers, students, officers, non-teaching staff and all other members of the University community. I express my sincere gratitude to each one of them for their dedication and contribution towards the continued growth and development of Vidyasagar University. I am particularly pleased with the efforts of the Newsletter Committee, whose commitment and coordination have made it possible to bring out this issue within a short period of time. I convey my heartfelt appreciation and thanks to all the members of the Committee for their valuable efforts in documenting and presenting the diverse academic, research, cultural, extension and administrative activities of the University.

I hope that this issue of the Newsletter will provide an informative glimpse into our collective journey during the first half of 2026 and will further inspire all members of the University family to strive for excellence and contribute meaningfully to society. I extend my best wishes to the entire Vidyasagar University community and congratulate the Newsletter Committee on the successful publication of this issue.

Dipak Kumar Kar

Professor Dipak Kumar Kar
Vice-Chancellor
Vidyasagar University

Editorial

It gives us immense pleasure to present Volume 12, Issue 1 of the Vidyasagar University Newsletter, showcasing the major activities, achievements and initiatives of the University during the last six months of 2026. A university is a vibrant community where teaching, learning, research, creativity and social responsibility come together. Through this issue, we have made a sincere effort to present a glimpse of the diverse activities of Vidyasagar University, both within the campus and through its outreach programmes. The issue highlights important academic and research initiatives, seminars, workshops, cultural programmes, institutional activities and various extension and community-engagement programmes. Students are at the heart of our University, and their achievements and active participation in academic, research, sports, cultural, social-service and extracurricular activities reflect their talent, enthusiasm and commitment. We have tried to capture some of these accomplishments in this issue. Special attention has also been given to women-oriented activities and initiatives, highlighting women's participation, empowerment, leadership and contribution to the academic and social life of the University.

We express our sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dipak Kumar Kar, for his constant encouragement, guidance and support. We are equally grateful to all the teachers, officers, non-teaching staff, research scholars, students, alumni and other stakeholders whose dedicated efforts have contributed to the progress and achievements of the University. Our special thanks go to all members of the Newsletter Committee for their wholehearted cooperation and tireless efforts in collecting, compiling, editing and presenting the contents of this issue within a short period. We hope that this Newsletter will serve as a meaningful record of our collective journey and inspire the University community to continue striving for excellence, innovation and social responsibility.

Professor Debdulal Banerjee
Editor
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University at a Glance

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

NATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL RANKING FRAMEWORK

Overall
(Rank -band: 151-200)
State Public Universities
(Rank -band: 51-100)

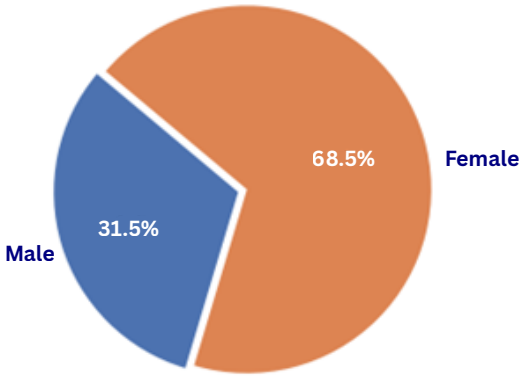
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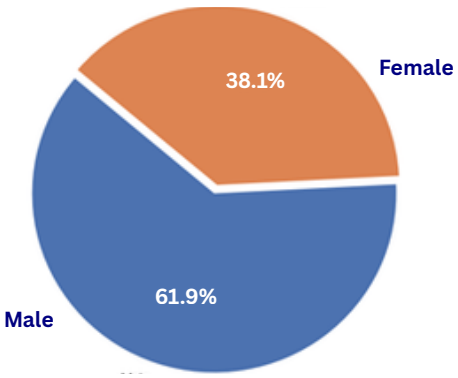
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Best Universities Ranking
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Gender Distribution among PG and PhD students at Vidyasaar University

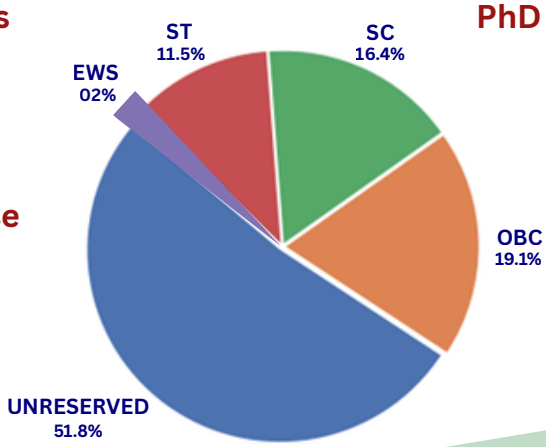


PG students



PhD students

Category wise existing PG students



Academic Highlights

New Post-Graduate, Diploma & Certificate Courses
offered in 2026-2027

New Post Graduate Courses introduced

- Economics with Data Analytics
- Master in Fisheries Science (M.F.Sc.)
- Electronics with VLSI

Under Skill Development Centre

- Certificate Course on Personal Finance and Stock Market Investment organised by Dept. of Commerce
- Diploma in Data Science organized by Computer Centre
- Certificate Course on Hindi for all organized by Department of Hindi

Advanced certificate courses for Defense Personnel

- Wildlife Management and Ecotourism
- Entrepreneurship development through biodiversity studies
- Sanitary Health Affairs
- Public Health Management



Launch of a High-Atmospheric Radiosonde at Vidyasagar University in Collaboration with NRSC-ISRO on 30.08.2026





The inauguration of the Vidyasagar Centre for Regional Studies was held on 13.08.2026. The Research Centre was formally inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dipak Kumar Kar. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Prof. Annapurna Chattopadhyay, along with other distinguished members of the University.



Inauguration of Renovated B. N. Sasmal Hall & Advanced Certificate Course in Public Health Management on 29.05.2026 by Dr. Sukanta Majumder, Hon'ble Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Prof. Dipak Kumar Kar, Vice Chancellor.



Inauguration of One day National workshop on Entrepreneurship Development by Skill Development Centre, Vidyasagar University

23RD CONVOCATION

23rd Convocation of Vidyasagar University was held on 3rd June, 2026. His Excellency, the Governor of West Bengal and Hon'ble Chancellor Shri R. N. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dipak Kumar Kar, Prof. Anupam Basu, were present.








Medal distribution ceremony of graduated students held on 15th July, 2026






Research and Innovation

Research Metrics of VU (April-September, 2026)

Parameters Observed	Scopus Metrics (Apr-Sep: 2026)	Web of Science Metrics (Apr-Sep: 2026)
Number of articles indexed	407	23
Number of citations received	244	88
Number of cited articles	95	15
Citation Per Paper/ Impact Factor	0.6	3.83
h-index	23	20
i10-index	36	32
a-index	40.67	22







Patents

Applied Mathematics | Patent No. 438969-001 Title: Fuzzy Graphs Classification and Analysis Device for Complex Graph Processing Applicants: Vidyasagar University, Prof. Madhumangal Pal, Dr. Rupkumar Mahapatra, Mrs. Anushree Bhattacharya.

Applied Mathematics | Patent No. 445367-001 Title: The Partial Differential Equation (PDEs) Classification and Solver Machine Applicants: Vidyasagar University, Dr. Madhumangal Pal, Dr. Shyamal Kumar Mondal, Dr. Sankar Kumar Roy, Dr. Dilip Kumar Maiti, Dr. Ganesh Ghorai, Dr. Raghu Nandan Giri, Dr. Krishnendu Barman.

Computer Science | Patent No. 479472-001 Title: Cloud Security Monitoring Device Applicants: Vidyasagar University.

Computer Science | Patent No. 482023-001 Title: AI-Optimized Enterprise Network Applicants: Dr. Anurag Barthwal, Dr. Chayanika Rout, Thonangi Lalit Vidyasagar, Dr. Soamdeep Singha, Bharath Chalumuri, Darshini Chalumuri, Dr. Sayantan Guha, Madhurima Paul, Dr. Anton Satria Prabuwono, Avishek Das, Dr. Santanu Koley

Computer Science | Patent No. 6529399 Title: A Smart Computer Device with Integrated Multimedia Security and Watermark Applicants: Dr. Pabitra Pal, Diwakar Pandit, Tridib Mazumdar, Soumyajit Jalua, Rishov Chakraborty, Nitai Das, Biplab Bhunia, Subhadeep Guin, Dr. Partha Chowdhuri, Dr. Soamdeep Singha.

Fishery Sciences | Patent No. 504219-001 Title: Smart Biofloc Aquaculture Tank Applicants: Manoj Kumar Pati

Remote Sensing and GIS | Design No. 452743-001 Title: Handheld Device For Measuring Plant Stress: Vidyasagar University, Dr. Dipanwita Dutta, Dr. Arnab Kundu.

Electronics | Design No. 457504-001 Title: Microstrip Antenna For 5G Millimeter-Wave Applications: Vidyasagar University, Dr. Biplab Bag, Dr. Susmita Bala, Dr. Kalyan Mondal, Dr. Snehasish Saha.

Computer Science | Design No. 513408-001 Title: Social Media Fake News Detection Device: Vidyasagar University, Prasenjit Bera, Debasish Patra, Dr. Biswapati Jana, Dr. Rakesh Dutta, Sabari Pramanik, Dr. Pabitra Pal, Dr. Soamdeep Singha, Dr. Partha Chowdhuri, Dr. Sharmistha Jana.



Research Projects from different funding agencies

- **Prof. Amit Kumar Kisku** (Anthropology) received ₹10,00,000 from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, for the project "Enhancing Maternal Health and Childcare of the Domestic Workers in Urban West Bengal by Identifying Socio-economic and Occupational Determinants: A Structural Equation Modelling Approach."
- **Prof. Dilip Kumar Maiti** (Applied Mathematics) received ₹30,00,000 from the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) under the ARG-MATRICS program for the project "Direct Semi-Analytical Solution of Incompressible Navier-Stokes Equations Using Residual Driven Pressure Strategies and Continuous SIMPLE Analogy."
- **Dr. Shipra Bhattaharjee** (Bengali) received ₹1,00,000 from ICSSR ERC for the project "Socio Economic Relevance of Pattachitra: A Comparative Analysis of West Bengal and Odisha."
- **Prof. Debdulal Banerjee** (Botany and Forestry) received ₹49,00,000 from ANRF (earlier SERB) for a project “Abiotic stress amelioration through the applications of fungal exopolysaccharide.”
- **Dr. Chhanda Mallick Mukherjee** (Bio-Medical Laboratory Science and Management) received ₹1,00,000 from Bioradian Lifesciences, Kolkata, for the project "Antioxidant and Anti-inflammatory Study of Curcumin 95% and Its Formulation," investigated by Dr. Chhanda Mallick.
- **Prof. Sumahan Bandyopadhyay** (Anthropology), Prof Indranil Acharya (English), and Dr. Soumyadeep Chakraborty (English Literature, Language and Cultural Studies) received ₹22,00,000 from ICSSR for the project "Documentation, Translation and Socio-Cultural Analysis of the Performance Traditions of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in West Bengal, with Special Reference to the Ramayana and Other Puranik Narratives."
- **Prof. Keshab Chandra Mondal** (Microbiology) and Dr. Biplab Mandal (Zoology) received ₹90,21,280 from DBT, New Delhi, for the project "Selection of Functional Microbial Inoculum (Starter) for Production of Optimized and Healthy Fermented Rice Based Alcoholic Beverage."

Memodandum of Understanding (MoU) signed

- **Vidyasagar University signed an MoU with Finray Biotech Private Limited (Industry) on 02-07-2026.**
- **Vidyasagar University signed an MoU with Lexmotion (Industry) on 09-06-2026.**
- **Vidyasagar University and the National Library of India, Kolkata, have entered into an MoU on 21.08.2026**
- **Vidyasagar University and Rabindranath Thakur Vishwavidyalaya, Assam signed an MoU on 01.09.2026**

Conference and Seminar

Sardha Shatabarshe Sharat Chandra: Smarane o Manane on 16.09.2026.



National Seminar on J. N. Mohanty's Philosophy organised by Department of Philosophy and the Life-world on 14.07.2026.



International Conference on "Advances in Mathematics for Artificial Intelligence & Applications – 2026" organised by R & D Cell of Vidyasagar University on 19.06.2026.



One-Week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Integrating AI in Research" organised by IQAC on 18.05.2026.



International Social Science Conclave 2026



International Social Science Conclave 2026 organised by the Faculty of Arts & Commerce on 8th & 9th September, 2026.



On International Social Science Conclave 2026 Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.

Job Fair 2026



Vidyasagar University successfully organised its first-ever JOB Fair 2026 on 21 and 22 September 2026. The participating organisations included Rashmi Metaliks Ltd., Essjay Technomeasure Pvt. Ltd., Deepak Nexgen Foods & Feeds Pvt. Ltd., DigiLoomX, ITM Edutech Training Pvt. Ltd., Transcendence Software Pvt. Ltd., YSC Technosoft Pvt. Ltd., Invictus Minds Pvt. Ltd., TeamLease Services Ltd., Rx Anweshana Hospital Pvt. Ltd., Bajaj Life Insurance Ltd., Aquatech Aquahealth, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank and Pasupati Aquatics Pvt. Ltd.

Soft Skill Development



Skill Development & Employability Enhancement Programme for university final year students (24.06.2026 to 1.07.2026) at Sister Nivedita hall.



NSS, UBA & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



Red Ribbon Club Cricket Tournament 2026



Saptaha Byapi Yoga Divas Udyapan – 2026



University Open Day



Nesha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, awareness programme of NSS volunteers at adopted village.



Inauguration of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee exhibition



Participation in the nationwide webcast of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's address under "Nasha Mukt Yuva" for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan



Celebration of 165th Rabindra Jayanti



Observation of International Yoga Day at Vidyasagar University



Outreach Programme under "Har Ghar Tiranga"

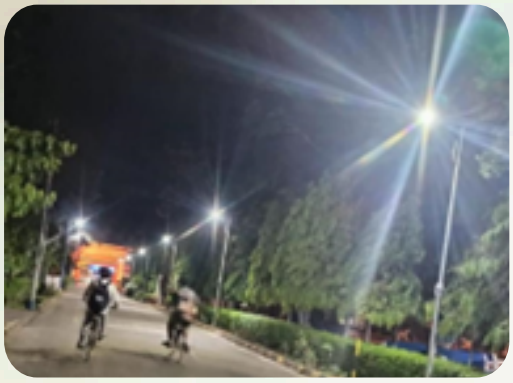


NSS Day Celebration at Vidyasagar University

SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMMES



Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar Campaign Successfully Completed at Mandarmani and Boguran-Jalpai Beaches Under the Initiative of Vidyasagar University on 13th September 2026.



Installation of Solar Street Light on 06.05.2026.



Aranya Saptah Celebration on 12-19 July, 2026. Plantation done by Honorable Vice chancellor Prof. Dipak Kumar Kar near Gate No. 3.



Green army gathering before vector borne disease awareness rally and campus cleaning on 02.09.2026.



Plantation at adopted village with the school students of Burisole on 15.08.2026.





Cycle Rally with the theme Sundays On Cycle organized as a part of Fit India programme on 7th June, 2026 by Sports office and on 14th June, 2026 by UBA Cell at Vidyasagar University.

Women's Development & Inclusivity

Empowering Rural Women through Skill Development: Vidyasagar University organized a training programme on "Empowering Rural Women through Natural Beauty Care, Personal Grooming and Tailoring." The programme focused on developing practical skills among rural women to promote self-confidence, personal grooming, entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities through beauty care and tailoring on 24.06.2026.





Awareness Programme on Women's Safety: An awareness programme on "Women's Safety, Fear-Free Campus & Anti-Ragging Measures" was organized at Vidyasagar University. The programme emphasized creating a safe, inclusive and fear-free campus environment, while sensitizing students about women's safety, prevention of harassment and the importance of maintaining a ragging-free campus on 23.07.2026.



My Future, My Choice: Educate – Empower – Protect





An awareness and empowerment programme for school girls on "The Problems of Child Marriage" was organised under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan at Khairullachak village to sensitize students about protection from early marriage on 28.09.2026.

Ph.D. Programme of the Women's Studies Centre



Srijani at Shraboni Mela





SEVA SANKALPA ABHIYAN





Education for All



Environmental Awareness



Youth Empowerment

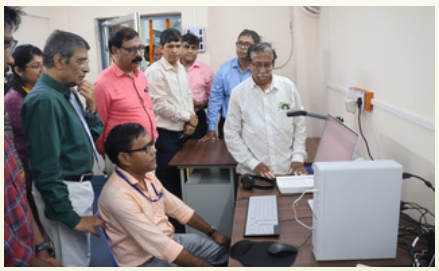
WALL OF WISDOM AND NOBEL LAUREATES' LOUNGE



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dipak Kumar Kar visited the newly crafted 3D murals of Great Indian Personalities on 06.05.2026.



Nobel Laureates' Lounge was inaugurated by Prof. Dipak Kumar Kar on 3rd September, 2026 at the S.N. Ghosh corner of Vivekananda Sabhagriha.





Vidyasagar University Inaugurates '**Parash**' and '**CDRS**': A New Horizon in Digital and Inclusive Education on 17.07.2026.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND AWARDS



Vidyasagar Shiksha Samman 2026 was received by Dr. Indranil Acharya, Dept. of English on 05.09.2026 from the Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal



Shiksha Samman – 2026 is received by Dr. Pramode Kumar Prasad, Department of Hindi, Vidyasagar University from 'Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad'.



Felicitation of faculty members of Vidyasagar University on Teachers' Day for their World Rankings

Faculty Members Ranked Among the World's

Top 5% Scientists

SciRank Global Registry 2025



Prof. Madhumangal Pal



Prof. Keshab Chandra Mondal



Prof. Shyamal Kumar Mondal



Prof. Debidas Ghosh



Prof. Ramkrishna Maiti



Prof. Sandip Chattopadhyay



Prof. Debdulal Banerjee



Prof. Nilanjana Das Chatterjee



Prof. Braja Gopal Bag



Prof. Ajay Kumar Misra



Prof. Sudipta Dalai



Prof. Subal Chandra Manna



Prof. Maidul Hossain



Vidyasagar Memorial Research Award

Faculty Members Among the Top 2% Scientists

– Stanford University List



Prof. Madhumangal Pal



Dr. Sankar Kumar Roy



Dr. Ganesh Ghorai



Prof. Biswapati Jana



Vivekananda Memorial Research Award



Prof. Monanjali Bandyopadhyay
Appointed as Director of Bankim Bhavan Gabeshana Kendra (BBGK), Naihati

Faculty Visited Abroad

- **Prof Indranil Acharya** visited University of Bonn, Germany
- **Prof Sankar Roy** visited University of Katolic Parahanyan University, Indonsia

Celebration of Important Days

- 135th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar — 14.04.2026
- 121st Birth Anniversary of Pandit Raghunath Murmu — 06.05.2026
- 165th Rabindra Jayanti — 09.05.2026
- International Museum Day 2026 — 18.05.2026
- World Environment Day was celebrated with Rally & Plantation Programme — 05.06.2026
- Sunday on Cycle Programme — 07.06.2026
- Paschimbanga Divas – 2026 — 20.06.2026
- International Yoga Day – 2026 — 21.06.2026
- 188th Birth Anniversary of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay — 26.06.2026
- Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Fortnight & Memorial Lecture — 29.06.2026
- Hool Divas – 2026 — 30.06.2026
- Birth & Death Anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy — 01.07.2026
- 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee — 06.07.2026
- Aranya Saptaha Plantation Programme — 17.07.2026
- Aranya Saptaha (Forest Week) Programme — 19.07.2026
- International Mangrove Day 2026 — 28.07.2026
- 135th Death Anniversary of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar — 29.07.2026
- International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples — 09.08.2026
- Death Anniversary of Shaheed Kshudiram Bose — 11.08.2026
- National Remote Sensing Day – 2026 — 12.08.2026
- 80th Independence Day, 154th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo & Tiranga Rally — 15.08.2026
- Librarians' Day — 27.08.2026
- Sanskrit Day — 27.08.2026
- Teachers' Day – 2026 — 03.09.2026
- NSS Day - 24.09.2026



Programme on Hool Divas on 30.06.2026



Unveiling the Statue of Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay by Local MLA Dr. Sankar Kumar Guchait and Prof. Dipak Kumar Kar, Honorable Vice Chancellor on 14th August, 2026



Paschimbanga Divas – 2026 celebration



World Environment Day 2026 Celebrated with tree plantation, awareness rally and seminar lecture on environmental issues. Programmes organized by Cenre for Environmental studies, NSS Cell and UBA Cell on 5th June, 2026.

Sahasra Kanthe Vandematram





Sapphire Jubilee Gate Inauguration







Human Chain and Tiranga Yatra



Special Lecture on Dr. S P Mookerjee



Alumni Engagement

Health Check-up Camp for University Employees organized by Vidyasagar University Alumni Association on 08.04.2026





Unveiling of Vidyasagar University Logo Sculpture at 'Siksha, Gyan, Pragati Corner' by Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Dipak Kumar Kar on 06.05.2026

Student's Activity & Achievements



Blood Donation Camp at Kshudiram Bose Chhatrabas on 10.04.2026.



Deeksharambh programme of Vidyasagar University on 05.08.2026.



Ms. Aparna De got 2nd position in Rythmic Yoga on 17.06.2026.

West Bengal State Invitational Inter-University Yogasana Sports (Men & Women) Championship 2026 on 17.06.2026.

2nd Position:
Aparna De – Rhythmic Yoga

3rd Position:
Bindu Bisoi – Traditional Yoga

Sports and Clubs



22nd Inter College Men Football Tournament



9th Inter College Kabaddi Champianship (Women)





7th Inter-college Women Football Champianship



Khelega Bharat Jitega Bharat





Inter Departmental Tournaments (Men)

Newly formed Students' Clubs

- Girish Chandra Drama Club
- Nazrul Recitation Club
- Udayshankar Dance Club
- Mrinal Sen Cine Club
- Tansen Music Club
- Socrates Debate Club
- Satyajit Ray Photography Club
- Homi Bhabha Innovation Club
- C. V. Raman Science Club
- Patanjali Yog Club
- Quiz Club

Birthday Celebration of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar

The 207th birth anniversary of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, a pioneer of Indian modernity, was observed with reverence and solemnity at Vidyasagar University. The celebrations included a commemorative lecture, the presentation of the Vidyasagar Award and the Annapurna Chattopadhyay Award, as well as the release of the fourth volume of *Vidyasagar Rachanasamagra* and his book *Shakuntala* in four languages, translated by Centre for Translation and Foreign Language Studies.







Inauguration of the 'Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Readers' Park' at the Vidyasagar University campus by Shri Jagannath Chattopadhyay, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal





Inauguration of the Vidyasagar Museum at Vidyasagar University on the occasion of the 207th birth anniversary of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar by the Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, Shri Jagannath Chattopadhyay.

University in the News

সচেতনতা কর্মসূচি বিদ্যাসাগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে



বিদ্যাসাগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে শ্যামাপ্রসাদ মুখোপাধ্যায় পক্ষ উদযাপন, প্রামাণ্য চিত্র ও জীবনভিত্তিক প্রদর্শনী



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28th June, 2026

उन्नत भारत अभियान और यौनिश भाषा प्रशिक्षण का आयोजन



পিক আপ ভ্যানের পেছনে ধাক্কা কন্টেইনারের, জখম চালক

শিক্ষা की गुणवत्ता सुधारने पर विशेषज्ञों का जोर



বিদ্যাসাগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে ভারতের ব্যক্তিত্বদের উদযাপন!



জস্ব সংবাদদাতা : পশ্চিম মেদিনীপুর:
দ্যাসাগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের প্রাঙ্গণে
তিহাস যেন এবার চোখের সামনে
বন্ত হয়ে উঠল। ০৬ মে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের
াচার্য অধ্যাপক দীপক কুমার কর
শিষ্ট শিক্ষক ও কর্মকর্তাদের সঙ্গে নিয়ে
ন্য নির্মিত ত্রিমাত্রিক (3D) ম্যুরালগুলির
রিদর্শন করেন।বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় সূত্রে জানা
ছে, এই অনন্য ম্যুরালগুলিতে ফুটে
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Rare Ravana Palm found in Bankura, extending India's botanical map eastward

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In a discovery that has surprised botanists and expanded the known botanical geography of the country, researchers from Vidyasagar University and the Botanical Survey of India (BSI), Howrah, have documented the presence of the rare Ravana Palm (Hyphaene dichotoma) in the dry deciduous forests of Bankura district - marking the first recorded occurrence of the species in eastern India.

The finding, published in the latest issue of the peer-reviewed journal Rheedea, significantly extends the known natural range of the Near Threatened palm, which until now was believed to be confined to India's western coastal belt, including Gujarat, Goa, Maharashtra and Diu.

The newly recorded population was discovered in the forests of Lakshmi Sagar in Bankura, within the Chotanagpur Plateau landscape of West Bengal. Prof. Amal Kumar Mondal of the Department of Botany and Forestry, Vidyasagar University say the finding not only enriches the floristic diversity of eastern India but also raises intriguing questions about the historical biogeography and ecological resilience of one of India's most distinctive palm species.

The study, titled *"Hyphaene dichotoma (Arecaceae): an addition to floristic diversity of eastern India"*, appears in *Rheedea, Volume 36(2), 2026*. It was carried out by Roni Saha, Rahul Deb Barman, Dr Devendra Singh S, Chowdhury and Prof. Mondal of Vidyasagar University, in collaboration with scientists from the Botanical Survey of India.

What makes the discovery particularly significant is the evidence suggesting that the Bankura population is not a recent introduction. According to the researchers, extensive field investigations, ecological observations and ethnobotanical surveys indicate that the palms are either naturally occurring or have become well-naturalised over more than a century.

The team recorded mature fruit-bearing trees alongside juvenile plants and naturally regenerating seedlings-strong indicators of a self-sustaining population rather than an artificially planted stand.

Known scientifically as Hyphaene dichotoma, the Ravana Palm is unique among Indian palms for its rare dichotomously branching trunk, where the stem repeatedly divides into two equal branches. This striking growth pattern distinguishes it from almost every other native palm species found in the country.

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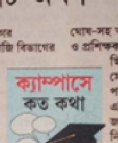




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