

*National/ International Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops*

Department of Political Science with Rural Administration organized a UGC sponsored national seminar during 11-12 March 2015. The department had also organized a special lecture by the eminent scholar Professor Ranabir Samaddar on 3 Feb 2016. Department of Business Administration had organized a UGC sponsored National Seminar on “Changing Dimensions of Business in the New Millennium” in March 2015 and an International Seminar on “Dynamic Evolution of Management



Paradigm” in February 2016. The Department of Commerce with Farm Management had organized a 14-day workshop on Research Methodology from 16-31 July 2015 in which 30 participants from different parts of the country participated. The Department had also organized a two-day UGC and ICSSR sponsored International Conference on 4-5 February 2016. The Bengali Department had organized a Workshop on Bangla Wikipedia on 25 Feb 2015. The Department of English had organized a UGC sponsored National Conference on “Marginality and Shakespeare” on 17 March 2015. The Department of Economics with Rural Development had organized a National Conference on “Contemporary Issues of Economic Development with Special Reference to Public Finance and Policy” on 17-18 Feb 2015. The conference was funded by the UGC and CTRFP, CSSC, Kolkata. The Department of Library and Information Science had organized a National Seminar on “National Mission on Libraries: Disseminating Knowledge for the Developing Societies” on 12-13 March 2015. The seminar was sponsored by the UGC and the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation. The Department of Philosophy and the Life World had organized a UGC sponsored two-day National Conference on “Philosophical Perspectives of Tribal Religion” on 25-26 March 2015.

*Centre for Women's Studies*

The Centre is now housed in a new building and equipped with all modern facilities. As an interdisciplinary centre it is run by faculty members across different departments and is headed by a faculty member of the rank of Professor who continues to organize and spearhead the centre's activities as part of her additional charges. During 5-25 January 2016 the Centre successfully conducted a Winter School with 29 participants of different disciplines from different parts of the country. The programme is considered equivalent to a UGC sponsored Refresher Course. On 17 December 2015, the Centre organized an NHRC sponsored training programme for the benefit of the university students. The Centre's activities also include seminars and special lecture programmes on a regular basis, significant among which were talks delivered by Shamita Sarkar of the Department of History of this university on 31 July 2015 and by Miss Sagnika Chanda of the

University of Pittsburg, USA on 13 August 2015. Among the different programmes the Centre envisages to organize soon is an interdisciplinary M Phil Course in Women's Studies.

*National Service Scheme*

A faculty member of the Department of Philosophy is the Programme Coordinator of NSS. The university now boasts of a contingent of 13900 volunteers in this scheme. One of the most important services that they render is fighting environmental hazards and keeping the campus green. Three male and four female volunteers participated in the State Governor's Republic Day Parade at the Red Road. The Programme Officer accompanied two male and one female volunteers to the 20<sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival at Raipur during 12-16 January 2016. Dr Uttam Biswas, the Programme Officer joined five male and five female volunteers to the NI camp held at Ahmedabad in Gujarat. A Sensitization Programme was organized in the varsity campus in collaboration with MANT on 17 Feb 2016. Fifteen volunteers accompanied by one Programme Officer participated in Vivek Samhati Utsab, 2016 at Ramakrishna Mission, Golpark on 4.2.2016. NSS volunteers regularly organize Blood Donation and Thallasaemia Detection camps in the varsity and its adjoining areas. This apart the NSS team organizes Health Awareness programmes, Legal Awareness camp, Women's Self-Defence Training programme and seminars on societal and environmental development at regular intervals.



*Sports and Physical Activities*

The university cricket team beat Calcutta University in the finals to become the champion of Inter University 20-20 Cricket Tournament that took place in Viswa Bharati from 26 Feb to 1 March 2016. The university women's team clinched the 10<sup>th</sup> position in the Inter-University Yoga Competition held at Chowdhury Ranbir Sing University. The university students participated in the Inter University Football Tournament in October 2015 at Kashi Vidyapith in Varanasi. The Volleyball team and the Kho-Kho team of the university participated in Inter University meets at KIIT University and Mithila University respectively. Our students proved their skills in different disciplines in the All India Inter University Athletic Tournament that took place in Rajib Gandhi University of Health Science at Bengaluru in January 2015.

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*Dr. Partha Chatterjee the  
Hon'ble Minister- In - Charge  
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Education Govt. of West  
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*From the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor's Desk*

This university has achieved significant progress in one and half years that lapsed between the publication of the previous Newsletter and the present one. The varsity community has once more proved that a wholehearted, concerted and uncompromising effort to advance its state of condition is bound to succeed. The university can now claim to assert a lead role among the institutions of higher education in West Bengal and India. We owe our achievement in many ways to the inspiration and stimulus that we continue to receive from the dynamic leadership of the government.



Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti

The university has established prestigious academic collaborations with Lodz University, Poland and Chittagong University, Bangladesh. Our teachers and researchers have travelled to other institutions in India and abroad on academic assignments. They have fetched substantial funds and grants from several agencies to support their research and pedagogic activities. We take pride in the fact that this university has achieved the rare distinction among the state's universities to clinch the RUSA grant for infrastructural development. New digital and electronic communication facilities for accession of knowledge resources have been added to the existing infrastructure. The entire campus has now been enabled with wi-fi facility. The University is also all set to emerge as the first smart campus in the country.

The state-of the art auditorium, named Vivekananda Sabhagriha, has become functional and the new administrative block has become operational, housing several administrative departments of the university. Extension of new academic blocks has injected fresh air and verve to the spirit of several departments. Creation of new working space has increased the pace and quality of work that the university delivers.

I take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to each and every member of the University community for their active contribution to the advancement that we have been able to accomplish till now. Let us swear that we will sustain the pace of progress that we have already achieved and continue to strive for greater quality, finesse and excellence in the year to come.

Wishing all the members of the University in all their endeavours the very best!

*Professor Ranjan Chakrabarti*

*From the Convenor, Newsletter Committee*

It is a pleasure to announce that the third issue of the varsity Newsletter is now ready for circulation. We apologize for not being able to bring out any issue in the year 2015. This issue therefore attempts to fill the gap by including events and accomplishments of the university for a slightly extended period of time, namely from Nov 2014 through March 2016. The quantum and quality of academic and infrastructural progress during the period although substantial should not in any way cause complacency to us. The intention of this folio publication is only to provide a brief resume of the university's primary achievements for little less than one and half years.



Two major infrastructural developments during the period have been the opening of the state-of-the-art, two-tier, wainscoted and fully air-conditioned auditorium, christened Vivekananda Sabhagriha, having a capacity of holding a thousand strong audience and boasting of a dolby digital sound system; and the inauguration of a brightly lit, capacious and ergonomically developed building as annexe to the administrative block. The eco-friendly auditorium complex cradles three other high-fidelity seminar halls equipped with all necessary gadgets. This is a much-needed supplement to the existing fleet of four conference venues so much so that on several occasions all the seven venues remain simultaneously abuzz with activities.

This university has the rare distinction of being one of the only three varsities of West Bengal to receive RUSA grant of Rs 20 Crores (first instalment) from the State Government. The allocation is being used to build up several infrastructural facilities, of which noteworthy are a one off modern garbage disposal system on campus and an ICT system in the varsity library. The university canteen Dulung has now shifted to its own two-tier building and started offering for the first time in West





**Newly Constructed Vivekananda Sabhagriha**

Bengal subsidized meals to the postgraduate students. The only institutional setup for academic research on tribal culture and literature within the varsity system of this state is now located in our campus as an interdisciplinary *Centre for Adivasi Studies*. It maintains an *Adivasi Museum* as part of its archival project. Conferral of the award of D Lit and D Sc on a regular mode has started. Six departments of the faculty of Arts and Commerce have introduced M Phil programmes on a regular basis. In the last



academic year this university has signed a couple of Memorandums of Understanding, one each with the University of Lodz, Poland and the University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Professor Kaushik Sankar Bose of the Department of Anthropology has been awarded a Collaborative Exchange Programme hosted by the Indian National Science Academy and the Polish Academy of Sciences. Professor Bidhan Chandra Patra, Dean Faculty of Science has received the D Sc degree from Utkal University and Professor Joydev Sasmal of the Department of Economics with Rural Development has been awarded the Anamitra Saha Prize of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics for the best paper published in Indian Journal of



Agricultural Economics. Professor Prakash Chandra Dhara of the Department of Human Physiology with Community Health has obtained a design registration from the Patent Office, Government of India, on Brick Dice.

### ***Projects undertaken by department/ individual faculty member***

Two Departments, Anthropology and Economics have received DRS Phase I grant of Rs 1.06 Crores and Rs 98 lakhs respectively under the UGC Special Assistance Programme while the Department of English has been promoted to DRS Phase II with a grant of Rs 1.10 Crores under the same scheme. The Humanities



and Social Sciences departments have collaborated on a UGC sponsored (27 lakhs) interdisciplinary project titled Coloniality and Postcoloniality: Adivasi Society in Transition. The Department of Santali has received a project grant of Rs 33 lakhs from ICSSR to pursue research on Tribal Folk culture. Faculty members who have received research grants from different funding agencies are: Dr Nilanjana Das Chatterjee, Department of Geography and Environment Management (ICSSR project Rs 45,000); Dr Sebak Kr Jana, Department of Economics with Rural Development (NABARD project Rs 2.5 lacs); Dr Keshab Chandra Mondal, Department of Microbiology (SEED CODER project Rs 10 lacs); Professor Braja Gopal Bag, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Technology (UGC Major project Rs 7.8 lacs); Professor Susanta Kr Chakraborty, Department of Zoology (West Bengal Pollution Control Board project Rs 6.4 lacs); Dr Pradip Kr Das Mohapatra, Department of Microbiology (Biostadt India Ltd. Project Rs 50,000); Dr Sumita Roy, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Technology (CSIR project Rs 5.5 lacs); Professor Debidas Ghosh, Department of Bio-Medical Laboratory Science and Management (UGC Major project Rs 10.3 lacs); Professor Chandradipa Ghosh, Department of Human Physiology with Community Health (ICMR project Rs 5.7 lacs); Professor Subrata Kr De, Department of Zoology (UGC Major project Rs 3.5 lacs); Dr Pinaki Das, Department of Economics with Rural Development (UGC Major project Rs 5.2 lacs); Professor Bidhan Chandra Patra, Department of Zoology (DBT project Rs 4.7 lacs); Dr Sujata Maiti Chowdhury, Department of Human Physiology with Community Health (UGC Major project Rs 4.3 lacs); Dr Indranil Acharya, Department of English (UGC Major project Rs 2.3 lacs); Dr Sumahan Bandyopadhyay, Department of Anthropology (Backward Classes Welfare Department, WB, project Rs 3.5 lacs); Professor Falguni Chakraborty, Department of Anthropology (UGC Major project Rs 5.9 lacs); Dr Moidul Hossain, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Technology (DST project Rs 3.9 lacs); Professor Raj Kumar Kothari, Department of Political Science with Rural Administration (UGC Major project Rs 7.8 lacs); Mr Suratha Kr Malik, Department of Political Science with Rural Administration (UGC Major project Rs 5.3 lacs); Professor Prakash Chandra Dhara, Department of Human Physiology with Community Health (CSIR project Rs 81,467); Dr Syed Sirajul Islam, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Technology (DBT project Rs 10 lacs); Dr Tarak Nath Sahu, Department of

Commerce with Farm Management (UGC Major project Rs 1.5 lacs); Dr Santi Mohan Mandal, Department of Microbiology (DST project Rs 1.53 lacs); Dr Dilip Kr Maiti, Department of Applied Mathematics (DST project Rs 3.1 lacs).

### ***Books authored by the faculty members:***

Professor Abhijit Guha of the Department of Anthropology co-authored a book titled *Criminal Tribe to Primitive Tribal Groups and the Role of Welfare State: A Case of Lodhas in West Bengal*



***Prof. Kripa Sindhu Caudhuri, Emeritus Professor in Mathematics, Jadavpur University being greeted before delivering Anil Gayen Memorial Lecture - 2016***

which was brought out from New York by Nova Science Publishers. The same publisher has also brought out the title *Health Consequences of Human Central Obesity*, co-authored by Professor Kaushik Sankar Bose of the same department. Dr Sankar Kr Roy of the Department of Applied Mathematics has co-authored a book *Entropy Game Problems*, published by Lambert Academic Publishing of Germany. Dr Sujit Kr Pal of the Department of Bengali has authored the title *Cooch Behar Raj Amol: Rajbari Sahityacharcha*, published by Pratyay Prakashani, Kolkata. Dr Sujaya Sarkar of the Department of History wrote *The Making of Geology in India: A Historical Study in Science and Colonialism (1767-1856)*, which is published by Progressive Publishers of Kolkata. Dr Debjani Das of the same department has authored *Houses of Madness: Insanity and Asylums of Bengal in Nineteenth Century India*, which is brought out from New Delhi



***New Administrative Building Annexe***

by Oxford University Press. Professor Ramkrishna Maiti of the Department of Geography and Environmental Management has authored the book *Modern Approach to Fluvial Geomorphology* and published by Primus Book, New Delhi. Dr Bidyarthi Dutta of the Department of Library Science has written *Organising Knowledge: Then and Now*, which is published by Ess Ess

Publications, New Delhi. Professor Bikas Ranjan Pati of the Department of Microbiology has co-authored *Recent Trends in Biofertilizers*, published by I K International Publishers, New Delhi. Dr Eyasin Khan of the Department of Political Science has edited the title *Women in Contemporary India: Aspects of Participation and Empowerment*, published by Education Forum, Kolkata. Professor Prakash Dhara of the Department of Physiology and Community Health has authored the book *Ergonomics in Rural Development*, which is published by Vidyasagar University.

### ***Foreign Visits by the Faculty Members***

Many of our faculty members represented our institution in various International Conferences and Seminars abroad. Professor Ranjan Chakrabarti, eminent historian and Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the university was invited to deliver two lectures on Environment in Asian History and History and Future of Water in Asia at the Department of History, Peking University, Beijing, China during July 9-17, 2015. He was also invited by the Department of History, University of Chittagong to attend an International seminar, jointly organized by the Bangladesh Itihas



***Prof. Sugata Marjit and Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti inaugurating the new multi-faculty Gymnasium***

Sansad and the Department of History, University of Chittagong, and to deliver Masterda Surya Sen Memorial Lecture held on November 14 and 15, 2015 at the University of Chittagong, Bangladesh. Dr Indranil Acharya, Associate Professor, Department of English presented a research paper in an international conference on 31<sup>st</sup> South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable held at Lancaster University, UK during 14-16 May 2015. Dr Sankar Kumar Roy, Associate Professor, Department of Applied Mathematics presented a research paper in an International Conference on Continuous Optimization (ORSC/EURO 2015) held at Shanghai University, China during 10-12 May, 2015. Professor Prakash Chandra Dhara of the Department of Human Physiology with Community Health participated at the International Conference on Ergonomics and 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Industrial Engineering at Kualalampur Malaysia during August 19-20, 2015. Dr Chhanda Ghoshal, Associate Professor, Department of Bengali participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Bengal Studies held at Tokyo University during 12-13 December, 2015. Professor Tirthankar Das Purkayastha of the Department of English participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Language, Literature and Society held in Bangkok during 18-19 January 2016. Dr Pinaki De, Associate Professor of the Department of Economics participated in an International Conference in Georgetown University, USA during 21-22 August 2015.