

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY



Newsletter



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I am immensely happy to know that the VU Newsletter 2023 is finally available in print. It is very heartening to see how the myriad events of our University in the calendar year of 2023 had been captured in a collage of print and vibrant photos. Any reader can feel the range and variety of events by sifting through the pages of this newsletter.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge my deep sense of gratitude to all the members of Vidyasagar University family – Faculty Members, Officers, Non-Teaching staff and my dear Students on this very special occasion. Without their unstinted support, the year-long programmes could not have scaled new heights of success. I also offer my heartfelt thanks to the members of civil society, friends in various media and all other well-wishers of Vidyasagar University, who have always stood by us in all our initiatives.

Let me express my sincerest respect to His Excellency, Dr C.V. Ananda Bose, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal and the Chancellor of Vidyasagar University, for his all-round guidance, support and blessings. I am also indebted to Professor Bratya Basu, Hon'ble Minister-In-Charge of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, for providing advice, encouragement and overall support to ensure quality education and research.

To conclude, accolades are due to the Chairman, Convenor and other members of the Newsletter Committee for their collective effort in facilitating the release of this new edition of the newsletter. I hope the next issue will cover all other significant events that could not be accommodated this time.



EDITORIAL

The University newsletter is an important testament to the annual cycle of activities undertaken by various stakeholders within and outside the University. It reflects our commitment to strive towards excellence and brighten the image of the University in various national and international fora. This time we have attempted to showcase the highlights of significant events organised in different departments and centres of Vidyasagar University from January to December, 2023. The achievements of our faculty members, research scholars, students, officers and other associated members have been included in this edition of the newsletter. However, there could have been some significant events in this domain during the 2023 calendar year. We are committed to include any such omissions in our next edition. This newsletter is the outcome of a sustained effort and constant guidance of a number of dedicated souls committed to excellence. We heartily thank Professor Susanta Kumar Chakraborty, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Vidyasagar University, for his active guidance and constant inspiration. We would also express our deep sense of gratitude to the academic Deans, the Registrar and other concerned officers for their constant encouragement and help. All the Heads of the academic departments and Directors of various centres deserve praise for the inputs they have shared with us. Last, but not the least, are the members of the Newsletter Committee who merit special mention for their relentless endeavours to make the newsletter truly representative of the profile of our beloved University. We are indebted to Sri Jagadish Mahata for his excellent technical support in the production of this newsletter and Sri Kingshuk Aich for sharing some quality photographs of the Convocation with us. We would look forward to the valuable feedback of our colleagues, students, scholars, officers and all other stakeholders. Any noticeable error in the production of this Newsletter is sincerely regretted.

Indranil Acharya

UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

2023



Honorable Governor of West Bengal, Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose graced the 22nd convocation at Vidyasagar University with his esteemed presence, articulating his noble intention to appoint permanent Vice Chancellors for Universities as per Supreme Court's norms in order to perpetuate excellence and fostering innovation in the academic realm. He reached the university on 7th November, i.e. on Tuesday at 8:00 AM. He was accorded a distinguished Guard of Honour by the West Medinipur District Police. Amidst a backdrop of solemn reverence and scholarly aspiration, he ceremoniously hoisted the flag of Vidyasagar University. In an official proclamation filled with gravitas and significance, the Honorable Governor formally announced the commencement of the 22nd convocation of Vidyasagar University. This declaration marked a pivotal moment in the university's academic calendar, celebrating achievements, inspiring future endeavors, and reaffirming commitments to knowledge and progress.

Vidyasagar University conferred the prestigious Doctor of Literature (D.Litt) upon three distinguished individuals, recognizing their profound contributions to academia and society. This recognition highlights the university's commitment to honoring excellence and intellectual achievement in the field of Education. Among the recipients of the Doctor of Literature (D.Litt) from Vidyasagar University, two are esteemed sons of the soil, recognized for their significant contribution to the local community and beyond. This honor underscores the university's dedication to celebrating and promoting local talent and achievements on a global stage.

The Hon'ble Chancellor also inaugurated an idol of Khudiram Bose at the premises of Vidyasagar University. Dr. Masud Reja, a prominent Bangladeshi folklore researcher and Dr. Pranab Pattanayak were awarded the D.Litt for their significant contribution to their respective fields. Dr. Pattanayak, who is from Egra, East Medinipur, is renowned for his extensive research on the life of Sri Chaitanya Dev. Dr. Sukumar Maity, a famous archaeologist, was also awarded a D.Lit in recognition of his significant contributions to the field. The Governor amazed the audience with his eloquent and inspiring speech, which intricately explored the nuances of India's education system and the transformative vision of the National Education Policy (NEP). The grand convocation took place in the resplendent aftermath of the pandemic.





Inauguration of the twenty-second Convocation



Felicitation of His Excellency, Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose by the Vice-Chancellor, Vidyasagar University



Convocation Speech by the Vice-Chancellor



Convocation Address by the Hon'ble Chancellor



Vidyasagar University installed one towering statue of Khudiram Bose and it was unveiled by Hon'ble Chancellor of the University Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose.

VIDYASAGAR PURASKAR

DATE 26/09/2023



Like the previous years, Vidyasagar University continued the hallowed tradition of conferring the prestigious Vidyasagar Puraskar on the genuine achievers in different segments of public life. Noted Bengali author Sri Abul Bashar, eminent Jhumur poet and author of Jangalmahal Sri Lalit Mohan Mahata and renowned cultural activist of Midnapore Md. Eyasin Pathan were the recipients of this coveted prize in the 2023 edition of this gala event.



MERI MITTI MERA DESH

Meri Mitti Mera Desh a special programme to mark the end of 75 years of celebration of Indian Independence



On 15th August, 2023 Independence Day was celebrated in the university campus with great pomp and splendour. Immediately after this ceremony, the university teachers, officers and some student volunteers visited the nearby Kuturia village adopted by the university, in order to observe the flagship programme "Meri Mitti Mera Desh" in a solemn manner with some befitting actions which included hoisting of the National Flag, garlanding of the statue of Rani Siromoni, the driving force of "Chuar Bidroho" against the British rule, and unveiling the stone tablet inscribed with the names of great freedom fighters of the soil. The sample of this holy soil was to be sent to the capital of India. A memorable cultural event was also organised to felicitate various noted personalities of the region.



>>> STUDENTS' INDUCTION PROGRAMME

The Office of the Dean of Students' Welfare conducted "Desskharambh", Students' Induction program for the new batch of 2023-2024 on 3rd & 5th January 2024 in the Vivekananda Sabhagriha (University Auditorium) in compliance with the UGC guidelines. The day commenced with the Welcome Address by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Susanta Kumar Chakraborty. He welcomed all the new students and congratulated them. Then the candidates were oriented towards rules and regulations of academics and examinations, awareness about Anti-Ragging mechanism at Vidyasagar University in the presence of Dean Faculty of Science, Dean Faculty of Arts & Commerce, Registrar, Director IQAC, Chairman Anti-ragging Committee & Squad, Dean Students Welfare and the Departmental HODs.



>>> TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Apart from the celebration of Teachers' Day in the individual departments, the University authority centrally organized the Teachers' Day programme on 5th September, 2023 in the University Auditorium (Vivekananda Sabhagriha). Due honour to the esteemed teachers of Vidyasagar University was also shown during the programme.

CHANDRAYANA : LIVE TELECAST <<<

India scripted history! Live Telecast was streamed (Chandrayaan-3 Moon Landing) at Vidyasagar University (B.C. Mukherjee Hall) on 23.08.2023. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Susanta Kumar Chakraborty along with Dean Science, Faculty members, Officers, Staff members and Students witnessed the historic moments of great achievement. Addressing the students, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor said that it would spark a passion for exploration within the minds of our students and he congratulated the ISRO scientists for the success of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission.



PUJA PARIKRAMA

Maintaining the best practice of encouraging the local organizers of Sharadiya 2023, Vidyasagar University, organized 'Puja Parikrama' involving several distinguished cultural personalities from Kolkata and Midnapore. This flagship initiative was headed by Professor Susanta Kumar Chakraborty, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Vidyasagar University and some other committed officers of the University. The award giving ceremony took place on 13.12.2023 and the entire event was broadcast by Betar Vidyasagar (90.8 FM) to build awareness in the vicinity of the University.



Matrisakti Sharad Samman – 2023

On 13 December, 2023, Vidyasagar University organised a grand Award Giving Ceremony to acknowledge the achievements of the local organizers of Durga Puja festival in 2023. This award ceremony was aired by Betar Vidyasagar (90.8 FM)



SAD DEMISE OF UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

In 2023, Vidyasagar University witnessed the tragic demise of two very promising lady faculties in a road accident. The untimely demise of Dr. Nandini Ghosh of Microbiology department and Dr. Misha Roy of the CDOE sent a huge shock to the University fraternity. Later in the year, we also lost a veteran Professor of English – Dr. Tapan Jyoti Bandyopadhyay. His loss has created a huge void in the intellectual ecosystem of the varsity.



DR. NANDINI GHOSH



DR. MISHA ROY



DR. TAPAN JYOTI BANDYOPADHYAY

UNVEILING OF STATUES OF EMINENT PERSONS

Midnapore town is a rich repository of many statues of eminent persons. True to the aspirations of all the stakeholders, the University installed one towering statue of Khudiram Bose in front of the new Humanities building. It was unveiled by Hon'ble Chancellor of the University Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose. Three more statues in front of the old Humanities building were also installed – Rabindranath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. They were unveiled by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Professor Susanta Kumar Chakraborty on 26.09.2023. The inaugural ceremony was attended by a large numbers of students, scholars, teachers and non-teaching members.



Annapurna Chattopadhyay Endowment Award



Annapurna Chattopadhyay Endowment Award ceremony 2023 was held in Vivekananda Sabhagriha of Vidyasagar University on 13th December, 2023. The recipient of this prestigious award was Professor Rupendra Kumar Chattopadhyay, an eminent archaeologist and Professor of History at Presidency University. This ceremony was an indicator of the university's commitment to recognize the best minds in contemporary research. Conferment of the Annapurna Chattopadhyay Puraskar coincided with Research and Publication Award, Matrisakti Sharad Samman – 2023 and felicitation of distinguished artist Shri Asit Kumar Sai.

Research and Publication Award



Vidyasagar University introduced a new convention of recognizing the academic excellence of the faculty members by offering 'Research and Publication Award' to some of the distinguished academicians of the University. The event was organised on 13.12.2023.



REUNION

Vidyasagar University Alumni Association (VUAA) organized “Sagare Fera” – a grand reunion of the ex-students of Vidyasagar University for the year 2023 on 22.02.2024 at B. C. Mukherjee Hall. The reunion meeting was attended by a large number of former students. VUAA felicitated some noted alumni during the programme. Besides, the departments of English, Philosophy, Commerce and others also organized departmental reunion programmes in 2023.



ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FACULTY MEMBERS

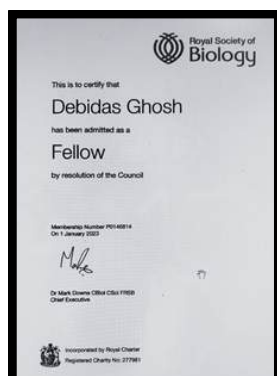
Awards / Recognitions

Professor Susanta Kumar Chakraborty, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Vidyasagar University, was awarded with Gold Medal for his lifetime achievements in the field of environmental research in the 21st Century by Chirantan Rasayan Sanstha (CRS), Bengaluru.



Professor Madhumangal Pal and Professor Sankar Kumar Roy of the Department of Applied Mathematics achieved rare honour of being included in the top 2% of scientists in the world in all disciplines. The selection was made by Stanford University Study, USA.

Professor Braja Gopal Bag of the Department of Chemistry has received the prestigious fellowship of the Royal Society of Chemistry, UK. He was also elected the honorary President of Chirantan Rasayan Sanstha (CRS).



Professor Debidas Ghosh of the Department of Biomedical Laboratory Science and Management has received 03 very distinguished recognitions in the national and international forums.

1. Fellow of National Environmental Science Academy (FNESA)
2. National Environmental Science Academy (NESA) Scientist Awardee.
3. Fellow of Royal Society of Biology (UK) (FRSB)

Professor Indranil Acharya of the Department of English has received Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship. Dr. Kaushik Ghosh of the Department of Geography has received Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Fellowship.



Dr Tarak Nath Sahu, Professor of Commerce, received ICAI International Research Award 2023 (Gold) by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India in Dubai, UAE on 19th October, 2023. He also received Vivekananda Memorial Research Award 2023 conferred by Vidyasagar University in its 22nd Convocation held on 7th November, 2023.



Professor Kalpataru Bandyopadhyay and Professor Tagar Lal Khan were awarded the Gold Medal for MM Shah Memorial Research Award in the 74th All India Commerce Conference held during 13-15 December, 2023.



Professor Biswapati Jana of the Department of Computer Science was honoured as a member of the Platinum Club of Vidyasagar University for his outstanding contribution to research and publication.

Dr Utpal Nandi of the same department did a collaborative research with Professor Hong Qin of the University of Tennessee.



Professor Madhumangal Pal of the Department of Applied Mathematics, received Vidyasagar Memorial Research Award from Science faculty in the 22nd Convocation.

Professor Sankar Kumar Roy of the Department of Applied Mathematics was awarded Prof. M.C. Puri Memorial Award 2023 ORSI and ICBAI at IISC, Bangalore on 9th December, 2023.

Professors Madhumangal Pal, Shyamal Kumar Mondal and Sankar Kumar Roy and Dr Ganesh Ghorai have been awarded the Platinum Club membership under the Research and Publication Award scheme of Vidyasagar University. Dr Krishnendu Barman of the same department became a Silver Club Member.



Professor Indranil Acharya of the Department of English was recognised as an esteemed Jury Member of the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2023. Professor Joyjit Ghosh of the same department received Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement National Award from International Institute for Socio-Economic Reforms, Bengaluru.



Professor Pabitra Kumar Chakraborty, former Vice Chancellor, Vidyasagar University inaugurated the Lecture series of Nature Club on 12.05.2023.

Professor Subrata Kumar De of the Department of Zoology, received Prof. T.C.Majupuria Gold Medal at an international conference in Nepal on 6th October, 2023.

Dr Priyanka Halder Mallick of the same department secured second prize for oral presentation at Bodoland International Knowledge Festival in March, 2023.



»» NATURE CLUB



The Nature Club of Vidyasagar University, unique endeavor by the faculties and other stakeholders of Vidyasagar University was established a couple of years back to promote the nature friendly activities. In 2023, the club organized a massive plantation drive in presence of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Chief Conservator of Forests, District Forest Officers, Administrators and the Students, Faculties, Officers and non-teaching Staff members of the University on 17.08.2023. More than 250 saplings of fruits of various species were planted in an earmarked and well prepared area with the prime objective of developing a state-of-the-art orchard within the University campus.

Diploma and Certificate Courses



introduced by the CCAE, Incubation Centre and CDOE
of Vidyasagar University (Phase-I)

Several job oriented courses have been started within the Vidyasagar
University during the period of one year

Clinical Laboratory
Management and Technology

Food Processing and
Preservation

Agile Software
Development

English Grammar and Composition
for Competitive Examinations

Epidemiology and
Public Health

Computer data
handling

Computer Maintenance
and Networking

Indian Government
and Politics

Computer Maintenance
and Networking

Diabetes
Educator

Scientific Computing Using MATLAB
and Documentations Using LATEX

Laboratory Instrumentation:
Principles & Applications

Artificial Intelligence
for All: Chat GPT

Advanced and Conventional Techniques
in Ground Surveying and Mapping

Computer
Application

Composite Biofertiliser for
Sustainable Agriculture

Digital
Marketing

Jhumur songs and
performances

Santali language
and literature

»»» A Major Curricular Innovation «««

Vidyasagar University has also taken a revolutionary step by introducing the convention of using Olchiki script for the Adivasi students of the Jangalmahal area in the Postgraduate programme of 03 subjects – History, Philosophy and Political Science. It has been implemented in the 2023–2024 academic session.



Several academic departments of the University have also participated in a number of field-based research trips to various outdoor locations with students, scholars and faculty members in 2023. Some of the noteworthy departments are Botany, Zoology, Anthropology, Geography, English, Bengali and others.



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2023

Vidyasagar University made a very impressive start in 2023 with a prestigious Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CSIR – Indian Institute of Chemical Technology on 17.10.2023 in Hyderabad. Professor Braja Gopal Bag of the Department of Chemistry played a pivotal role in this institutional collaboration. In 2024, the process has gained tremendous momentum under the dynamic leadership of Professor Susanta Kumar Chakraborty, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.



Some leading scientists and academicians from IIT, Delhi and IISc, Bengaluru (extreme left) visited the university and met the hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in connection with the signing of an MOU with The Art of Living, Bengaluru for the overall mental and spiritual well-being of all the stakeholders.

S.N. Tagore Administrative Training Programme

The Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre (SNTCSSC) is an initiative launched by the Government of West Bengal to provide best quality and highly subsidized coaching for UPSC Civil Services Examination to the young students from West Bengal aspiring to become members of IAS, IPS, IFS and other allied services. Vidyasagar University hosted this training programme successfully in 2023. It has provided great support to the civil services aspirants of the Jangal Mahal regions.



HIGHLIGHTS OF GOOD GOVERNANCE MEASURES IN THE UNIVERSITY

The University conducted several meetings of the Statutory Bodies in order to gear up the process of University Academic Administration in transparent and judicious way.

- One university court meeting was conducted in the presence of the Hon'ble Chancellor immediately before the commencement of Convocation on 7th November, 2023. Another court meeting was held under the leadership of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Professor Susanta Kumar Chakraborty on 06.10.2023.
- A couple of Executive Council meetings were also convened during this period on 27.07.2023 & 04.10.2023.
- There were several Finance Committee meetings as well on 03.10.2023 and 27.12.2023.
- Meeting of the Vidyasagar University Publication Division (VUPD) was held on 19.12.2023.
- The security arrangements in the university have been tightened in a major way.
- Anti-ragging Cell in the university has been strengthened by inculcating several constructive suggestions offered by the U.G.C, State Government of West Bengal and also from His Excellency, the Honourable Chancellor of the University, Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose. Professor Anilava Kaviraj, An Eminent Retired Professor of Kalyani University has been appointed as "Ombudsman" to resolve any ragging-related grievances as per the directives of the U.G.C, who attended a coupled of meetings conducted by U.G.C. The Dean of Students' Welfare has also met the Hon'ble Chancellor to facilitate the process.
- A Meeting of the ICT-MIS Committee was held on 12.12.2023.
- A Meeting of the Sports Committee of the University was held on 30.11.2023.
- A Meeting of the Library Committee was held on 13.09.2023.
- A Meeting of the Joint Faculty Council was also held on 31.05.2023 under the Chairmanship of Professor Pabitra Kumar Chakraborty, the former Vice-Chancellor, Vidyasagar University.

All of these administrative measures are with the prime aim of creating a student-friendly environment based on the policy of inclusiveness in an essentially democratic way of achieving good governance for the all-round development of the students in a violence-free, corruption-free, peaceful academic atmosphere within the university campus.



ANTI RAGGING COMMITTEE & SQUAD AND STUDENT GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL CELL, OMBUDSPERSON

Vidyasagar University has followed a large number of regulatory measures to curb the menace of Ragging in the University as per the UGC regulations. University has constituted Anti-ragging Committee as well as Anti-ragging Squad following UGC guidelines. The name, address, mobile number and email address of the members are displayed in the form of signboards at different prominent locations of the University as well as in the University website. Members of the committee and squad frequently visit Students' hostel to make the students aware about the definition, menace of ragging, impact on the victims, and the provision of punishment to the culprits as per the UGC Guidelines. University has also organized anti-ragging week, where students of various departments took part in different activities like anti-ragging poster making, anti-ragging slogan writing, essay competition on various aspects and menace of ragging, oath taking etc.



Anti-ragging Awareness programme & Oath taking programme at PG Boys' & Girls' hostel & in the classroom are organized by the office of DSW. Name and contact numbers of Anti-Ragging Committee members are displayed at prominent locations in the Vidyasagar University campus.

To provide the opportunities for redressal of students' grievances, Vidyasagar University has constituted Students' Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC) and appointed Ombudsperson (Prof. Anilav Kabiraj) following the UGC guidelines. Any student aggrieved by the decision of the Student' Grievance Redressal Committee may prefer an appeal to the Ombudsperson.

SPORTS

Several national level sporting events were organized in 2023. Vidyasagar University participated in many of these sporting matches.

- All India Inter-Varsity Football (Women) organized by LNIPE, Gwalior was held during 12-17 January, 2023.
- Inter-Varsity Kho-Kho (Men) East Zone, organized by Tripura University was played during 03-06 January, 2023.
- All India Inter University Karate (Men) Championship was organized by A.B. Vajpayee Viswavidyalaya during 17-22 January, 2023.
- Inter-Varsity Cricket (Men) of East Zone was organized by KIIT University (Bhubaneswar, Odisha) during 21 Feb. to 7 March, 2023.



SOCIAL OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

To enhance the social acceptability of Vidyasagar University and facilitate the community-university dialogue Professor Susanta Kumar Chakraborty, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has initiated many positive steps to reach different institutions and communities in the periphery of the university. One such intensive programme was undertaken by Govt. General Degree College, Lalgarh, Jhargram in collaboration with the NSS Cell, Vidyasagar University during 15-17 August 2023. As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav this collaboration consisted of photo exhibition, cultural programmes, quiz contest and other existing events. There was a friendly football match as well to promote the spirit of sportsmanship.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor also paid a visit to the Midnapore Swimming Club as part of the celebration of 77th Independence Day. He encouraged the young learners with token prizes and other little forms of recognition.

Professor Susanta Kumar Chakraborty also met the Jawans of the Bengal Battalion, Tamluk and greeted them with tokens of appreciation. His visit to Sabang Sajanjikanta Mahaviyalaya in connection with the NCC parade created huge enthusiasm in the student community.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor also visited heritage schools in Paschim Medinipur district and took part in some celebrations in the august presence of Mrs Roshanara Khan, noted author and social activist.

On 18th November, 2023, Professor Chakraborty took part in the birth centenary celebration of the music legend Sri Salil Chowdhury. Constant encouragement to the cultural activities in the vicinity of the university has been a top priority of the authority. He was also a star presence in Spectrum 2023 organised by Vidyasagar Shishu Niketan.

Professor Chakraborty has also been the Chief Guest in the Prize distribution ceremony at Vidyasagar Shishu Niketan. He has been constantly trying to develop strong bonds with the neighbouring academic institutions. The Vice-Chancellor also participated in Bangiya Saksharata Prasara Samity programme and distributed certificates to the veterans. All these public relations enhancement initiatives paved the way to a greater visibility of Vidyasagar University in the public domain.



- Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor was present at Dental Check up camp at Amratala (adopted village of NSS unit XI) Paschim Medinipur led by Dr Ardhendu Samanta and his associates on behalf of Indian Dental Association (IDA) on 02.04.2024.
- Hon'ble Vice Chancellor is inaugurating the free Eye check up and Cataract Operation Camp at the adopted village of (NSS unit XI) Amratala, Paschim Medinipur. The camp was organized in collaboration with Rotary Eye Hospital, Midnapore.



National Service Scheme Activities 2023



True to the spirit of service to the nation, the NSS Cell of Vidyasagar University has been engaged in various socially relevant activities throughout 2023. The major highlights of these activities are recorded here in the form of a photo gallery.



DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY



A one-day lecture delivered by Dr. Sovan Roy, Senior Scientist from the West Bengal Science & Technology and Biotechnology department, Government of West Bengal.

Additionally, the department organized a seven-day long excursion focused on Angiosperms Taxonomy & Molecular Systematics, involving students from the 2nd and 4th semesters. This excursion took place in Rishikhola, Zuluk, Sikkim, and Kalingpong.



Department of Philosophy and the Life-world

The NSS Unit of Department of Philosophy (unit IV) conducted a winter special camp from 13.02.2023 to 19.02.2023. The camp was inaugurated by the registrar of Vidyasagar University Dr. Jayanta Kishore Nandi. It included several talks as well as training sessions. There was a training session on mushroom cultivation conducted by Professor Debdulal Banerjee, Professor of Botany, Vidyasagar University. There was session on beekeeping by Professor Prakash Karmakar, professor of Botany, Vidyasagar University. The session on sericulture by Dr. Barna Chakrabarty was another interesting one. After an eventful seven days the camp came to an end on 19.02.2023.



A scene from the training programme on beekeeping held as part of the winter special camp.



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Pabitra Kumar Chakraborty inaugurates the seminar by watering the sapling

National Seminar on the Philosophy of S Radhakrishnan: Ethical Perspectives.

A national seminar was organized by the Department on the Philosophy of Radhakrishnan: Ethical Perspectives. It was funded by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR). Professor Jhadeswar Ghosh was the convener of the seminar. Professor Raghunath Ghosh, retired professor of North Bengal University, and Prof. Ganesh Prasad Das, retired professor of Utakal University were the resource persons. Several candidates presented papers on various topics related to the philosophy of Radhakrishnan. The seminar was a great success with a participation of 250 people.

Frontiers in Materials Science **28th April 2023**



The Department of Physics organized a one-day seminar on 28 April, 2023 on **“Frontiers in Materials Science”** disseminating the modern advancement of Condensed Matter Physics to motivate our scholars on research. There were 153 participants in that vibrant program. The distinguished resource persons were of national and international repute and they interacted with our students with great zeal.



“One Day seminar on Theoretical Physics” on 6th October, 2023. Two eminent scientists from IIT Kharagpur elaborated different computational and theoretical marvels of physics before the gallery containing 110 participants



DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE



A coding Competition name “VUCODE FEST 2023” was organised and conducted by Java Coding Club & Python Coding Club of the Department of Computer Science. The Co-ordinators of the programme were Dr. Utpal Nandi & Dr. Partha Chowdhuri



VUCODE FEST 2023

ICNSBT 2023

International Conference on Network Security and Blockchain Technology
25th March and 26th March 2023



A two-day International seminar on “Network Security and Blockchain Technology” was organized jointly by the department and CSI, Kolkata Chapter on the 25th and 26th of March 2023. The objective including of the seminar was to educate the students to understand the growing and evolving use of Network security and Blockchain technology. The Resource Persons including Prof. Dipanwita Roy Chowdhury, Prof. Animesh Mukherjee, Prof. Sandeep Chakraborty from IIT KGP, Prof. Prasanta Kr. Jana from IIT Dhanbad, Dr. Gioia Arnone from Italy, Prof. Jyotsna Kr. Mandal from Kalyani University, Prof. Tzu Chuen Lu from Taiwan explained the importance of Network Security and Blockchain Technology in today’s computing environment.

POSTER COMPETITION ON

CYBER SAFETY

A poster competition on “CYBER SAFTY” was organized and conducted by the Department of Computer Science on the 25th of March 2023. The main aim of the competition was to create awareness among the students about cybercrime and its safety measures.



CYBER SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMME

A cycle rally on “CYBER SAFTY” was organized and conducted by the Department of Computer Science on the 26th of March 2023. The main aim of the competition was to create awareness among common people about cybercrime and its safety measures.



COMPUTER CENTRE

An orientation program for the University Learning Management System, held from January 4 to January 10, 2023, was organized by the Computer Centre. It aimed to promote the extensive use of the Moodle-powered Institutional Learning Management System (LMS) for course design and student evaluation. Over 80 faculty members received hands-on training in designing and managing courses, enrolling and interacting with students, and conducting evaluations. Each faculty member was encouraged to apply these skills by designing and managing at least one course per semester as part of a pilot project.





Department of Applied Mathematics



Teachers' achievement



- 12th June 2023: Prof. Madhumangal Pal delivered an invited talk on a Webinar in Mathematics: Advances in Soft Computing, organized by MDPI publisher, Switzerland.
- 20-25 August, 2023: Prof. Sankar Kumar Roy presented a contributory paper in the prestigious International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ICAM 2023 held in every 4 years) held at Waseda University, Waseda, Tokyo, Japan



SCHOLARS' ACHIEVEMENT



13TH JANUARY 2023

Mrs. Anusree Bhattacharjee has received outstanding paper presentation award in 30th West Bengal Science Congress, held in Raja N L Khan Women's College (Autonomous).

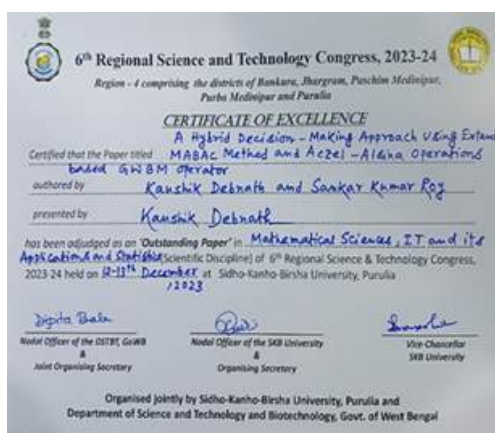
1st March 2023: She also received outstanding paper presentation award in 30th West Bengal Science Congress, held in Science City, Kolkata

14TH JANUARY 2023

Mr. Suman Maity has received outstanding paper presentation award in 30th West Bengal Science Congress, held in Raja N L Khan Women's College (Autonomous).



12th & 13th December 2023: Mr. Kaushik Debnath has received certificate of excellence as a best paper Presenter in Mathematics discipline (1st rank) in 6th Regional & Technology Congress held in Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, Purulia.



Department of English

Indranil Acharya

Publication in Journal (SCOPUS & Web of Science Indexed)

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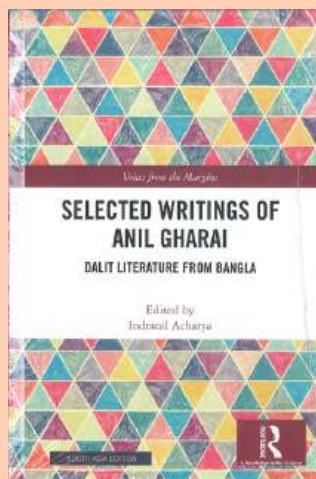
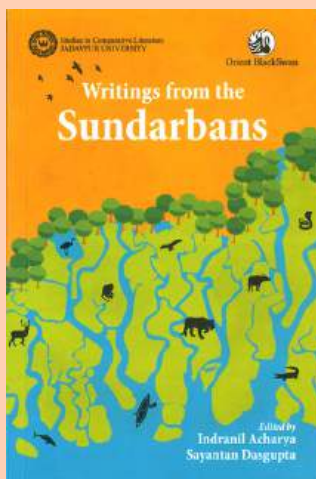
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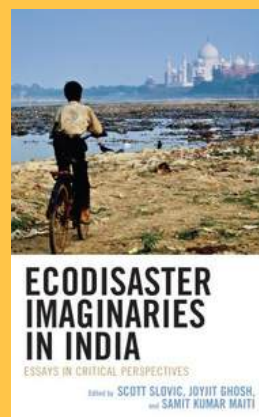
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Debdas Roy

MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT

Dr Debdas Roy, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, Vidyasagar University was awarded a Minor Research Project (Vide file no file No. 02/25/2022-23/ICSSR/RP/MN/GEN dated 21-03-2023) by the ICSSR authorities during the academic session 2023-2024.

The title of his Project is "Endangered Folk Literature and Culture of the Jectors, an Excluded, Riparian Community of Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal: An Ethnographic Study". He has already submitted his project report.



NSS AWARD

Ms Dohita Banerjee, a student of the department, was awarded the BEST VOLUNTEER AWARD of NSS Medal of the year 2023 for outstanding performance in NSS activities. The Medal was awarded at the convocation of the university held on 7th November, 2023.



Department of Zoology



An institutional visit to IIT, Kharagpur was accomplished by the students of Zoology having specialization in Parasitology and Genetics guided by Dr. Biplab Mandal and Dr. Sagar Acharya, Dept of Zoology, VU (December 2023)



IQAC

MAJOR SEMINARS IN 2023

International Seminar on "Research Opportunities in Germany: Funding and Prospects" March 28, 2023

The event was inaugurated by Professor Pabitra Kumar Chakraborti, who underscored the value of international research collaborations and the potential benefits of exploring opportunities in Germany. The seminar featured a distinguished panel of experts, including Professor Sivaji Chakravorti, who provided a comprehensive overview of the research landscape in Germany and its alignment with global research trends. Professor Amitava Datta, President of Humboldt, discussed various funding opportunities available for researchers and detailed the application processes for these grants. Professor Achintya Mukhopadhyay highlighted the academic and research collaborations between Indian and German institutions and their impact on career development. Additionally, Professor Debjyoti Ghoshal shared practical insights into conducting research in Germany, including the cultural and institutional environment, while Professor Sayam Sengupta offered guidance on navigating the research funding landscape and securing grants. Professor Samit Guha presented case studies of successful research projects funded in Germany, illustrating best practices and lessons learned, and Professor Ranjan Ganguly addressed future prospects for Indian researchers in Germany, emphasizing career advancement and long-term research goals.



National Seminar on "Opportunities and Challenges of Quality Research and Teaching in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)"

Professor Susanta Kumar Chakraborty, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, VU inaugurated a national seminar on December 19 & 20, 2023 at Rajnarayan Basu Hall, VU. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Vidyasagar University organized this two-day seminar focusing on "Opportunities and Challenges of Quality Research and Teaching in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)." With 110 participants, the seminar aimed to address key issues and share innovative practices in higher education.



DEAN OF STUDENTS' WELFARE

(a) Awareness camp for different Scholarship

(b) Interaction with guardians

(c) Awareness camp for student credit card

(d) Blood Donation Camp

(e) Health Checkup camp

(f) Quiz competition



VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' WEEK PROGRAMME 2023					
2 nd January, 2023	3 rd January, 2023	4 th January, 2023	5 th January, 2023	6 th January, 2023	7 th January, 2023
Awareness Camp cum help desk for SVMCM, Aikyasree and Post Metric Scholarship Venue : B.C. Mukherjee Hall Time : 01.00 pm to 03.00 pm	Interaction with the guardians Venue : B.N. Sashmal Hall Time : 01.00 pm to 03.00 pm	Awareness Camp cum help desk Student Credit Card Venue : B.C. Mukherjee Hall Time : 11.00 am to 05.00 pm	Career Counseling Session Venue : B.N. Sashmal Hall Time : 01.00 pm to 03.00 pm	Health Check-up camp and Eye Check-up camp Venue : Medical Unit Time : 11.30 am to 04.30 pm	Quiz Competition Venue : B.N. Sashmal Hall Time : 11.30 am onwards Creative writing Competition (Online)



Post graduate Programmes offered by Vidyasagar University

PG REGULAR PROGRAMMES

Bengali, English, Economics, Hindi, History, Political Science, Philosophy, Sanskrit, Santali, Sociology, Commerce, MBA, BLISc, MLISc

****History, Philosophy and Political Science (Santali Medium, Olchiki Scripts)**

Anthropology, Applied Mathematics, Botany, Bio Medical Lab. Sc. & Management, Chemistry, Computer Science, Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics, Electronics, Fisheries Science, Geography, Human Physiology, Microbiology, Physics, Remote Sensing & GIS, Zoology, MCA

PH.D. PROGRAMMES

Bengali, Commerce, MBA, Economics, English, History, Library & Information Sc., Philosophy, Political Science, sociology, Sanskrit, Hindi, Santali, Anthropology, Mathematics, Botany, Biomedical Lab. Sc. & Management, chemistry, Electronics, Geography, Microbiology, Physics, Physiology, Zoology, Fisheries Science, Remote Sensing & GIS, Computer Science

Centre for Life Sciences, Centre for Adivasi Studies & Museum, Centre for Environmental Studies, Centre for Women's Studies

CCAE PG PROGRAMMES

Bengali, English, History, Political Science, Philosophy, Sanskrit, Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics, Geography

Women's Studies Centre



International Women's Day was observed on 24 March, 2023, Lecture on "Role of Women towards sustainable development" was organised in A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Hall.

Resource Persons:

- Ms. Rosenara Khan, Social Worker, Midnapore, West Bengal.
- Prof. Annapurna Chattopadhyay, Former Faculty, Dept. of History, Raja N.L. Khan Women's College.

Special Lecture on "Women in tradition and modernity literary and folkloric perspective" was organized.

Resource Persons:

- Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra, Director, Folklore Foundation, Bhubaneswar



Mental Health Awareness Programme on "Let's Talk Mind And Mindfulness" was organized at the Women's Studies Centre on 30 November, 2023.

Resource Persons:

- Dr. Suddhendu Chakraborty MBBS

An Awareness Programme on "Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace" was held on 13 December 2023 in B. N. Sasmal Hall.

Resource Persons:

- Dr. Sujit Kar, M.A., LL.M, Ph.D.(Law) and Principal, MIES RM Law College, Kolkata.
- Ms. Suravi Barik, B.A.(Hons.) in English, LL.M, and Advocate, District Judges' & Sessions Court, Midnapore.



Mental Health Awareness Programme on "Let's Talk Mind And Mindfulness" was organized at the Women's Studies Centre on 19 December, 2023.

Resource Persons:

- Dr. Suddhendu Chakraborty MBBS



Centre for Environmental Studies

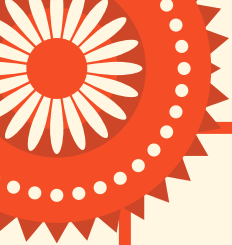


Research Activities

The Centre for Environmental Studies (CES) operating different research activities. Details of the same given below:

- “Measurement of vertical profiles of temperature, relative humidity and winds using GPS aided Radiosonde” under the Principal Investigation of Dr. Jatisankar Bandyopadhyay, Director, Centre for Environmental Studies, Vidyasagar University, funded by National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) ISRO, Department of Space, Govt. Of India.
- “Ocean Observations towards Improvement of Ocean State Forecast and Development of Species-Specific Fishery Forecast on Hilsa and Coastal Water Quality Services of West Bengal Coast” (No. INCOIS: F&A: OMAS: 2022-26:05) under the Principal Investigation of Dr. Jatisankar Bandyopadhyay, Director, Centre for Environmental Studies, Vidyasagar University, funded by Ocean Modelling and Advisory Services (OMAS), INCOIS, Hyderabad, Govt. Of India.
- “A Pilot Project: Medium Scale Vermicompost Unit,Vidyasagar University” under the Principal Investigation of Dr Barna Chakraborty, Department of Zoology, Vidyasagar University,
- “Promoting sustainable aquaculture using vermicompost employing epigeic earthworm species (*Esinia fetida*) -an approach for organic farming” under the Principal Investigation of Dr Barna Chakraborty, Department of Zoology, Vidyasagar University





Incubation Centre

List of Sanctioned Projects under the Incubation Centre of Vidyasagar University (Date of Start November, 2023)

Prof. Radha Raman Pal	"To design a Low Cost Automatic Water Pump Motor Controller"
Prof. Pinaki Das	"Empowering Local Artisans: A Handicrafts Initiative for Sustainable Economic Development"
Prof. Braja Gopal Bag	"Preparation of Tomato Sauce and Tomato Soup from Locally Available Raw Materials"
Prof. Biswapati Jana	"Message Authentication in Social Media Connected to Digital India"
Prof. Amal Kumar Mondal	" <i>Calamus viminalis</i> , an alternative species used as raw material to make handicrafts"
Ms. Debarati Roy	"Production of pulse based fermented food product"
Mr. Debkumar Bera	Automatic System for Article Submission to the University Journals
Dr. Uttam Kumar Mondal	"Voice-operated remote-controlled toy car"
Dr. Surojit Das	"Fast and economical detection of <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> and closely related species in human, animal, and environmental samples using real-time PCR".
Dr Sumana Sarkhel	"Evaluation of the efficacy of <i>Gymnema sylvestre</i> R.Br. in neutralizing viper venom both <i>in vitro</i>
Dr. Soma Das	"Study the Effect of Fiber Enriched Bakery Product on Health and Environment".
Dr. Shipra Bhattacharjee	"Food Variety/আহারে বৈচিত্র্য".
Dr. Priyanka Halder Mallick	"Empowering Women of Jangalmahal with Training and Marketing of Handicrafts".
Dr. Nirmal Kumar Mahato	"Indigenous Medical Practices in the Susunia Hills, Bankura, West Bengal".
Dr. Joydev Maity	"Study the Growth Performance and Feed Utilization of Walking Cat Fish (<i>Clarias batrachus</i>) through the Valorization of Fish Waste".
Dr. Chhanda Mallick	"A revolutionary, creative food: cookies high in iron, folic acid, and antioxidants to combat iron deficiency in adults and adolescents".
Dr. Barna Chakraborty	"Promoting sustainable aquaculture using vermicompost employing exotic earthworm (<i>Eisenia fetida</i>)- an approach for organic farming".
Prof. Keshab Chandra Mandal	"Application of solar drier for manufacturing of mushroom dust"
Prof. Madhumangal Pal	An automated system to select up to distance two peers among large number of peers.

Concluding Remarks

Vidyasagar University has adopted a holistic and integrated approach in an academic-friendly, green and sprawling campus with a motto of achieving excellence in all spheres of public life. It has a smart campus with high-speed internet connectivity. In its sprawling green campus, state-of-the-art facilities are available to promote various cultural, sporting and societal activities, interactions and discourses. Efficient academic administrators and erudite faculty members, aided by committed supporting staff, have been rendering valuable services for the all-round development of academic spheres. However, the number of human resources available is very minimum in comparison with the other universities of West Bengal and India. The thrust areas of research are truly interdisciplinary with a blending of traditional pedagogical approach and modern digital innovations. The university aspires to ensure its global visibility through its myriad activities undertaken in a mission mode.



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