

DEPARTMENT OF AGRONOMY



HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Agronomy comes to its independent existence from 1st October, 2016 after its split from the composite Department ASEPAN (Agronomy, Soil Science & Agril. Chemistry, Agril. Engineering, Plant Physiology and Animal Science) of Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) in Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan. Apart from the four-year B. Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture course and Ph.D., two-year Post graduate programme in M. Sc. (Ag.) in Agronomy has been running from the academic session of 1977-78.

The department possesses well developed field unit and moderately equipped laboratory for advanced training of the students and to expose them to various laboratory based aspects of Agronomy. The Department offers teaching programmes both in undergraduate and post graduate curriculum including Ph.D. Besides teaching and research activities, the teachers are also involved in various extension activities like organizing farmers' training, imparting training to the district and state level extension workers and officials of the department of West Bengal, Govt. of West Bengal, farmers-scientists meet, All India Radio and Television programmes including live interaction for dissemination of improved technology and resource management strategies to the farming community and other stakeholders. The students passing out of this Department are get absorbed in different reputed posts of Government and Non-Government organizations and are holding important positions in Agricultural Universities, Colleges, ICAR Institutions, NGOs, Banks, Public Sector Units and Administrative services. The department has strong linkage in the form of collaborative research programme with International organizations like IFAD-ICARDA, IRRI, Australia-India Council and National organization like ICAR, NABARD etc. Several projects funded by private organizations like Syngenta India Ltd, Sumitomo Chemical India PVT, Indofil Industry LTD, Coromandel International Ltd., Godrej Agrovvet, Willowood Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. are also under operation in the department. Significant research achievements have been made in the areas of natural resource management, conservation agriculture, cropping system, water and weed management, integrated nutrient management. Research activities of teachers and scholars have won universal acclaim through publication in National and International Journals. The thrust areas of the Department include development of improved and cost effective agro-techniques of crop production, micronutrient enriched crop production technique, resource conservation technologies in different crops and cropping systems.

PROGRAMMES AND COURSES OFFERED

Programme Name	Number of Courses
B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture	18
M.Sc. (Ag.) Programme	21
Ph. D. Programme	10