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#### **FOREWORD**

It is a matter of privilege to compose the Foreword of the present year's Annual Report. In consonance and natural sequel to the previous year's report we are happy to enumerate all-round progress of the university.

First of all, it is evident to any visitor that the campus looks greener and cleaner, especially the Ashram areas. We have made special drives to make the area plastic and garbage-free. "Jagadish-Kanan" has provided hassle-free walking trails for Visva-Bharati and non Visva-Bharati personnel alike, in serene atmosphere, enriched by piped-in instrumental music of ex-Visva-Bharati stalwarts. The "Teen-Pahari" and the old swimming pool areas are being made user-friendly. The "Lal-bandh" area is being given a new look, highlighted by an open-air sculpture park, and a butterfly garden. The student-friendly Dean's office has instituted a myriad of extra-curricular activities such as a yoga and meditation centre in "Dwija-biram", NSS and NCC programmes, a state-of-the-art swimming pool, a gymnasium and so on. The Dean's office has also created a "Placement Cell" to enable students to seek effective employment opportunity following the university training.

Towards our efforts to integrate the Santiniketan and Sriniketan campuses the festivities of "Briksha-ropan", "Holo-Karshan" and "Shilpotsav" have been brought under one umbrella of "Karmi-Parishad", comprising "Karmi-Mandali" and "Karmi-Sangha", under the over-all guidance of Professor Indrani Mukhopadhyay.

Professor Tapati Mukhopadhyay, Director of Rabindra Bhavan has been entrusted with the additional task of integrating Culture Studies and a Centre for Comparative Literature amongst Rabindra, Bhasha and Vidya Bhavanas. Professor Mukhopadhyay also looks after the museums and archival activities in Rabindra and Kala Bhavanas, in conjunction with a committee chaired by a former Director General of the Archeological Survey of India, Professor Gautam Sengupta who is now a Professor of Ancient History in Visva-Bharati.

Professor Sabujkali Sen, Director of Innovative Education, strives to combine school education (in Patha-Bhavana and Siksha-Satra) with Vinaya Bhavana and the Rural Extension Centre.

In order to give the unique and ubiquitous presence of "Rabindra Sangit" in Visva-Bharati we have created a "Rabindrasangit Gabeshana Kendra". That will be formally inaugurated later this year by the distinguished Alumnus Professor Amartya Sen. Under the aegis of this centre a project on "Kalanukramik Rabindrasangit" is in an advanced state of preparation, under the leadership of the Scholar-in-Residence; Professor Arun Kumar Basu.

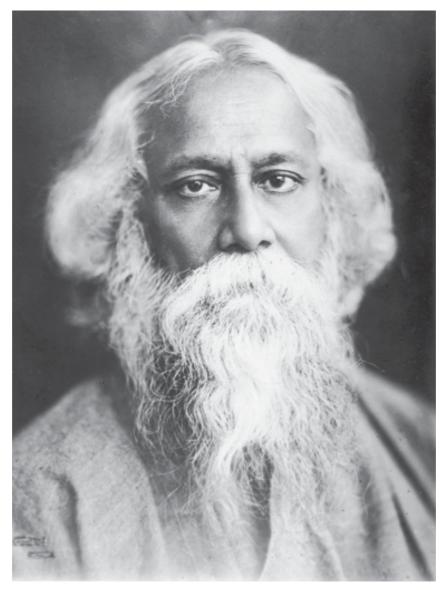
The integrated science programme has moved to their new building, just as Bhasha and Vidya Bhavanas have begun their class-room lectures in a new building. Two large students' hostels are expected to be fully operational by the year-end.

Amongst the laurels received by the University it is a matter of pride to enlist special assistance given to a Centre of Endangered Languages, the coveted award received by Cheena Bhavana from the Chinese Government for its contribution to the five-principles of peaceful coexistence and Chinese studies, a prestigious chair professorship of the Indian National Science Academy, bestowed on Emeritus Professor Samir Bhattacharya, fellowship of the National Academy of Sciences awarded to Professor Sanghamitra Raha, a slew of NET, JEST and INSPIRE fellowships for our science students and various accolades in the sports world.

A new approach to Tagore Studies ("Rabindra Charcha") in giving joint lectures to nearly six hundred new students in "Natyaghar" provides a novel dimension to the orientation of Visva-Bharati students to the ideals of our founder, Rabindranath Tagore. Scholars-in-Residence such as Mme. Sharmilla Roy Pomot, join other senior faculty in making this a unique course for introduction to Tagore and his ideals.

These are just a few of our achievements, in addition to Visva-Bharati being recognized as hosts for the Youth Science Congress and Council meeting of the Indian National Science Academy. We have however a long way to go to alleviate many concerns for the students such as campus safety, hostel hygiene and messing facilities. It is our objective to devote unflinching attention to students' welfare, in particular, for our physically, visually and socially challenged sections of students.

Sushanta Dattagupta Vice-Chancellor



"Visva-Bharati represents India where she has her wealth of mind which is for all. Visva-Bharati acknowledges India's obligation to offer to others the hospitality of her best culture and India's right to accept from others their best "-Rabindranath Tagore

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