

63rd Foundation Day of Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan

September 1: Palli Siksha Bhavana of Visva-Bharati celebrated its 63rd Foundation Day with dignity and pride. The event was graced by the Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Visva-Bharati, Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh; the Chief Guest Professor Supriya Chakraborty (Dean, School of Life Sciences, JNU, New Delhi, and a distinguished alumnus of Visva-Bharati); and the Principal of Palli Siksha Bhavana, Professor Binay Kumar Saren. The entire programme was coordinated by the Foundation Day Celebration Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Anindita Saha.

The day began with the felicitation of guests, chanting of Vedic hymns, ceremonial lighting of the lamp, and an inaugural song presented by students. This was followed by a one-minute silence in memory of the late teachers and staff of Palli Siksha Bhavana — Professor Adhir Ranjan Dutta, Professor Trishit Chakraborty, Mr. Sushil Kumar Majumdar, and Mr. Hiru Chatterjee.

Professor Binay Kumar Saren delivered the welcome address, after which Dr. Swarnali Bhattacharya, on behalf of Palli Siksha Bhavana, presented a special lecture titled “Palli Siksha Bhavana – Growth and Milestones 2025.”

A major highlight of the celebration was the Sudip Kumar Lahiri Memorial Foundation Day Award (for the best B.Sc. Agriculture and M.Sc. Agriculture students). The award was conferred upon 10 students by the Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh. Present on the occasion were two alumni and patrons of the award, Dr. Ganesh Chandra Mallick and Dr. Subrata Mondal. The award for best performance at the undergraduate level went to Ms. Tania Sultana.

The Ms. Sukriti Jena Memorial Foundation Day Award (for excellence in postgraduate Horticulture) was presented by Professor Binay Kumar Saren and was received by Ms. Aditi Das. The Dr. P. Kandaswamy Memorial Foundation Day Award (for securing the highest marks in Agricultural Engineering) was presented by the Chief Guest, Professor Supriya Chakraborty, to Mr. Piyush Bania.

In addition, 27 research scholars who qualified for UGC NET, ICAR-JRF, SRF, INSPIRE Fellowship, NFST Fellowship, and other prestigious recognitions were felicitated with honorary certificates. Palli Siksha Bhavana also received a special citation from the West Bengal State Blood Transfusion Council for successfully organizing a voluntary blood donation camp in collaboration with Tapan Memorial.

Former teachers and staff members of Palli Siksha Bhavana were also honoured for their dedicated service and invaluable contributions.

On this auspicious occasion of the 63rd Foundation Day, the Honourable Vice-Chancellor Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh delivered the keynote address. The Chief Guest was introduced by Professor Bidhan Chandra Roy. Thereafter, Professor Supriya Chakraborty delivered the Foundation Day Lecture on “Climate Change and Stress Tolerance in Plants: Trends and Future Perspectives,” that addressing climate-induced stresses requires a multi-pronged strategy—combining improved crop genetics, stress-adaptive management practices, and cutting-edge research—to develop resilient plants and safeguard agricultural sustainability in the face of global climate change. It enriched the audience with deep scientific insights.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Mahua Bandyopadhyay, followed by Ashram Sangeet and a community lunch.

The 63rd Foundation Day became a unique celebration of memories, recognition, and a reaffirmation of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's educational philosophy — a confluence of life, nature, and creativity.



