

Statutory Declaration under Section 4(1)(B) of Right to Information Act - 2005

Name of the Institution: VISVA-BHARATI

Address : Santiniketan, West Bengal-731235

Mission and Vision: The stated mission and vision of Visva-Bharati has been clearly incorporated into the very basis of the Visva-Bharati Act, 1951 and Statutes of the University which very clearly state the objectives of this unique institute of higher education:

“(1) The objects of the University shall be to disseminate and advance knowledge and understanding by providing instructional, extension and research facilities and by the example and influence of its corporate life, and the University shall, in organising activities, have due regard to the following objects for which the Visva-Bharati, at Santiniketan was founded by Rabindranath Tagore, as expressed in his own words, namely—

- (i) to study the mind of Man in its realisation of different aspects of truth from diverse points of view;*
 - (ii) to bring into more intimate relations with one another, through patient study and research, the different cultures of the East on the basis of their underlying unity;
 - (iii) to approach the West from the standpoint of such a unity of the life and thought of Asia;
 - (iv) to seek to realise in a common fellowship of study the meeting of the East and the West and thus ultimately to strengthen the fundamental conditions of world peace through the establishment of free communication of ideas between the two hemispheres; and
 - (v) with such ideals in view to provide at Santiniketan aforesaid a Centre of Culture where research into and study of the religion, literature, history, science and art of Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, Islamic, Sikh, Christian and other civilisations may be pursued along with the culture of the West, with that simplicity in externals which is necessary for true spiritual realisation in amity, good fellowship and co-operation between the thinkers and scholars of Eastern and Western countries, free from all antagonisms of race nationality, creed or cast and in the name of the One Supreme Being who is *Shantam, Shivam, Advaitam*.
- (2) The objects of the University shall also include harmonising the cultures of India, the East and the West by, among other things, the admission of students and appointment of adhyapakas from various regions of India and various countries of the world, and by providing incentives therefore.”

Ref. The Visva-Bharati Act, 1951 (No. XXIX of 1951); Section 5A: ('Objects of the University', pgs. 12-13)



Functions/Services:

Visva-Bharati, the Higher Educational Institution, was established in 1921 by Rabindranath Tagore in Santiniketan. It was declared as a Central University and also an Institute of National Importance by an Act of Parliament [Visva-Bharati Act, 1951 (No. XXIX of 1951)]. The institute discharges its function in accordance with the provisions the Acts and Statutes of the University amended from time to time and based on instructions/orders issued by the Ministry of Higher Education, Government of India and the University Grants Commission.

Duties:

To support learners in their learning progress and to ensure, enrich and sustain quality education using the latest technology/teaching-learning practices/pedagogy; to continue to maintain, evolve and sustain the unique traditional systems of knowledge(s) and practices intrinsic to Santiniketan-Visva-Bharati/the nation; to nurture, instill and develop human-values and life-skills among end-users/learners/students; to follow, practice and disseminate sustainable social and ecological approaches to hierarchical educational modules; to ensure a holistic and all-inclusive social viability to the educational processes at work from the primary to the highest levels of educational processes as enumerated in the institution's motto *Yatra Visvam Bhavatyekanidam* ('where the entire world makes its home in a single nest'); and, to finally ensure the achievement of the institute's mission and vision as set by the founder which is the need of global society at this point in time.

Profile of Institution: It is included under 2(f) and 12(B) schedules of UGC

Chancellor: Sri Narendra Modi

Visitor: Honorable President of India

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Working Hours:

Administrative Office Hours: Normally from 9.30 am to 6.00 pm; certain administrative offices regularly remain open well beyond the official closing time.

Class timings: Normally, 9.30 am to 6.00 pm at the university level with spill-over beyond



06:00 pm for tutorials, laboratory based academic activities; visual- and performing-arts and many others; one of the two schools – *Patha Bhavana* – has a 06:30/07:00 am to 01:00/01:30 pm (summer/winter timings).

Holidays: The institute remains closed on weekends (Saturdays-Sundays) and Public Holidays as declared by the Central Government; *Patha-Bhavana* remains closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Uttarayana Complex (housing the Rabindra Bhavana Museum and the houses/memorabilia used by Rabindranath Tagore) remains open on Sundays and remains closed on Wednesdays to accommodate visitors over the weekend.

The Central Library remains open on all working days from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All emergency services of the university including medical, security, water, sanitation, hostels, electricity, computer centre and so on are open throughout the year.

Academic Institutes

Visva-Bharati comprises 12 (twelve) Institutes including 8 (eight) institutes of Higher Academic Learning that have various departments/centres under their aegis:

1. Institute of Language, Literature and Culture (*Bhasha Bhavana*)
2. Institute of Arts and Crafts (*Kala Bhavana*)
3. Institute of Rural Reconstruction (*Palli Samgathana Vibhaga*)
4. Institute of Agricultural Science (*Palli Siksha Bhavana*)
5. Institute of Music, Dance and Drama (*Sangit Bhavana*)
6. Institute of Science (*Siksha-Bhavana*)
7. Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (*Vidya-Bhavana*)
8. Institute of Education (*Vinaya Bhavana*)
9. *Patha Bhavana*: School till Pre-Degree (+2) at Santiniketan
10. *Siksha Satra*: School till Pre-Degree (+2) at Sriniketan
11. *Rabindra Bhavana* (Institute of Culture and Cultural Relations) *Santosh Pathshala*: Kindergarten School at Sriniketan
12. *Granthan Vibhaga* (Publishing Department)



Centres for promotion of research and publications

Visva-Bharati also has a few research oriented centres that are in tandem with the above-mentioned academic institutes or departments under the institutes:

1. Indira Gandhi Centre
2. Agro-Economics Research Centre
3. A. K. Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development
4. Centre for Buddhist Studies
5. Centre for Endangered Languages
6. *Rabindra Sangit Gabeshana Kendra*: Centre for Research on Rabindra Sangit
7. *Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra* : Rathindra Agricultural Research Centre
8. Centre for Mathematical Education

Programmes offered

BACHELOR PROGRAMMES
BA, B.Sc., BFA, BSW, B.Des., BRS, B.Sc.(Ag.), B.Music/Performing Arts, B.Ed., B.P.Ed., B.Sc. (Yoga)
MASTERS PROGRAMMES
MA, M.Sc., MFA, MSW, M.Des., MRS, M.Sc. (Ag.), M.Music/Performing Arts, MA (Education), M.Ed., 5 -year Integrated M.Sc.
ADVANCE DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES
Italian, Russian, Marathi, Sanskrit, Santali
DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES
Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Assamese, Bengali, French, German, Italian, Russian, Hindi, Marathi, Odia, Sanskrit, Santali, Fine Arts)
CERTIFICATE COURSES
Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Assamese, Bengali, French, German, Italian, Russian, Hindi, Marathi, Odia, Sanskrit, Santali, 2-year certificate course, in Design, Weaving, Pottery, Woodwork, Artistic Leather Craft)
CASUAL COURSES
1-year course for Indian students, 1-year course for Foreign students
PhD
M.Phil

PRE-DEGREE
Science and Humanities

RTI related information

First Appellate Officer: Registrar, Visva-Bharati

Central Public Information Officers (CPIO): All heads/ in-charges of the respective Bhavana/Bibhaga, Department/Centres/ Sections/Administrative Officers/Joint Registrar/ CS to Vice-Chancellor/PA to Registrar.

Transparency Officer: Finance Officer


Visva-Bharati Official Website: <https://www.visvabharati.ac.in>

Visva-Bharati Act and Statutes, 1951, incorporating amendments till May 2012

https://www.visvabharati.ac.in/file/VB%20ACT%202012_P65%20revised.pdf

RTI Act 2005 Link: <https://rti.gov.in/rti-act.pdf>

RTI Official (latest by 2018 onwards): [http://www.visvabharati.ac.in/file/Notice-CAPIO-70-290918\(1\).pdf](http://www.visvabharati.ac.in/file/Notice-CAPIO-70-290918(1).pdf)


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