



**National Seminar**  
on  
**Tagore's Visva-Bharati: A Model Centre for Fostering  
Community Cohesion and Cultural Pride**

***18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2026***  
***Venue: Vinaya Bhavana, Santiniketan***



**Organized by**  
**Vinaya Bhavana (Institute of Education)**  
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## ***Concept Note***

The Two-Day National Seminar on “*Tagore’s Visva-Bharati: A Model Centre for Fostering Community Cohesion and Cultural Pride*” aims to explore the unique educational philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore and its contemporary relevance. Visva-Bharati represents a holistic model where education, culture, nature, and community life are harmoniously integrated. The seminar seeks to prioritize its contributions to Indian Knowledge Systems, promotion of Indian languages and arts, rural reconstruction, and sustainable living. It will also highlight the role of festivals and cultural practices in strengthening social bonds and environmental consciousness. In an era of rapid globalization and digitalization, the seminar intends to reaffirm the importance of cultural rootedness, community engagement, and value-based education. By bringing together scholars, educators, artists, and practitioners, the seminar aims to project Visva-Bharati as a replicable model for inclusive education, cultural pride, and nation-building.

## ***About the Visva-Bharati***

Santiniketan Ashram was established by Maharshi Debendranath Tagore, father of Rabindranath Tagore in 1863. Gurudev Rabindranath started his school (Brahmacharya Vidyalaya) in 1901, later it was converted as Visva-Bharati in 1921. In May 1951, Visva-Bharati was declared a ‘Central University and An Institution of National Importance’ by an Act of Parliament, Government of India. It was granted the status of a unitary, teaching, and residential university.

## ***About the Vinaya Bhavana (Institute of Education)***

In 1937, Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore started ‘Siksha-Charcha’, a Primary Teachers Training College, probably the 1st Teacher Training College in India. His son Rathindranath Tagore was keenly interested to spread his father’s educational philosophy and wanted to open Secondary Teachers Training Institute. The foundation stone of Vinaya Bhavana (Institute of Education) was laid down on 26th December, 1946 by C. Rajagopalachari, Srimati Sarojini Naidu, and Pandit Kshitimohan Sen. The term ‘Vinaya’ means ‘Discipline and Education’ which came from the Buddhist scripture of ‘Vinaya-Pitaka’. In 1948, Vinaya Bhavana started teaching-learning process, on that time it was an Art, Craft and Music Teachers Training Centre. Vinaya Bhavana evolved into a full-fledged Teachers Training College by 1951. Its core mission has always been to train teachers, cultivate researchers and academicians dedicated to advancing education in its many forms. In 1997, the Department of Physical Education was established as a constituent department of Vinaya Bhavana. Later in 2019 it has been renamed as Department of Physical Education and Sport Science. The Department of Yogic Art & Science was founded on May 15, 2017 in honour of the 200th birth anniversary of Maharshi Debendranath Tagore, the esteemed founder of Santiniketan Ashram. Vinaya Bhavana has always adopted Bharatiya Traditional and Holistic system of education.

## ***Objectives***

1. Explore the unique educational philosophy of Visva-Bharati.
2. Highlight the role of Indian languages, culture, and philosophy in shaping national pride.
3. Discuss the institution’s initiatives in rural reconstruction and community engagement.
4. Understand how art, craft, music, and festivals build cultural unity and sustainable living.
5. Promote the idea of Visva-Bharati as a model for nation-building through education and social work.

## ***Themes to be covered:***

- Indian Knowledge Systems and Cultural Studies
- Visva-Bharati and universal humanism
- Role of education in social harmony and inclusive development
- University–community relationship in Tagore’s vision
- Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in Contemporary Education
- Language, Literature, and Cultural Identity
- Rural education and sustainable livelihood models
- Cottage industries, handicrafts, and artisan empowerment
- Education Rooted in Nature and Sustainability
- Art, Music, and Cultural Expression
- Festivals as Pedagogical and Social Tools
- UNESCO World Heritage Status: Opportunities and Responsibilities

## Organizing Committee

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#### Registration Fee

1. Offline: Rs.800/- (Including Welcome Seminar Kits, Tea-Snacks, Working Lunch, Certificate)
2. Online Rs.500/- (Will be provided only with e-certificate)

Accommodation will be arranged on Payment basis for those who will request for the same in advance in the University Guest House (if available).

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#### Important Dates

Abstract Submission	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Abstract Acceptance	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Submission of Full Paper	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Last Date of Registration	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### Abstract Submission Guidelines

The manuscript should be prepared within a maximum word limit of **300 words** and include **up to five (05) keywords**. The text must be written in **English**, using **Times New Roman** font with a **font size of 12** and **1.5 line spacing** throughout the document. The file should be submitted in **MS Word format**. All references must be formatted according to the **APA (7th edition) reference style**.

#### Guidelines for the authors/ contributors:

- Selected papers will be published with DOI/ ISBN.
- Papers must be related with the sub-themes.
- Only one paper will be accepted from the same author.
- The paper must be typed in Times New Roman font, with a font size of 12 and 1.5 line spacing.
- All the communications will be made through given email only to the first/correspondent author only.
- The length of the paper must not be more than 5000 words including title, abstract of 300 words with maximum 5 keywords.
- APA 7th edition must be followed while preparing references.
- The authors have to submit the duly signed declaration in given format in PDF from only along

- with the article in a separate attachment.
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- Decisions of the editorial board regarding the selection and publication of the article will be final.

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1. The nearest airport is Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport, Durgapur (RDP), located approximately 72 km from Santiniketan, with a travel time of about 1 hour and 30 minutes by car.
2. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata (CCU), is approximately 163 km from Santiniketan, with a travel time of about 3 hours and 30 minutes by car.
3. Bolpur–Santiniketan is well connected to Kolkata by rail, with frequent trains operating almost every hour from Howrah and Sealdah Railway Stations.