



Visva-Bharati Santiniketan

Press Statement

Visva-Bharati authority regrets to note that concocted and false information about Visva-Bharati and its higher officials is being published in a section of the Press and electronic media in recent times.

Our particular attention has been drawn to a news item published in "Sambad Pratidin" (a Bengali daily published from Kolkata) on 7 January 2013 in which it has been reported that the Vice-Chancellor has not attended office for five days and that his official residence has been found locked. This is completely false. He attended his office on all working days in the first week of January, except on 3/1/2013 on which he was in Kolkata for attending the inaugural function of Science Congress. The news about Vice-Chancellor's official residence being found locked is ridiculous to say the least. Security and personal staff of Vice-Chancellor remain on duty even when the Vice-Chancellor is out of station.

It is true that a writ petition has been filed by a person named in the news. It is being contested. However, the writ petition does not contain any claim that the Vice-Chancellor paid Rs 55, 982 on account of liquor bills, not to mention that such an allegation even if raised by the news paper itself, is not based on facts.

Such reporting is very unfortunate and we appeal to all concerned not to publish baseless and untrue information that may vitiate the atmosphere of mutual trust and co-operation between the media and the University.


Registrar
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