

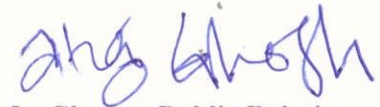
PRESS STATEMENT

This statement is being issued following the express instructions of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati.

This is to inform all that Visva-Bharati has commenced the construction of a few *torana*-s (ornamental gateways/ portals) at various strategic points to indicate entrance into the Visva-Bharati campus. One of these *torana*-s or gateways will be located close to the Fire Brigade building and another will be located close to Gate No. 1 of the university (commonly known as "First Gate"). The decision to construct these gateways was taken in a high-level meeting in which representatives of all branches of state and district administration as well as members and officials of Visva-Bharati were present.

However, it has come to the knowledge of Visva-Bharati that certain members of some sections of the local community are apprehensive that these gateways are being erected to stop vehicular traffic on the roads on which they are being constructed. **This Press Statement is issued to allay and put to rest any such apprehension and to give the message to all that Visva-Bharati has no intention of closing these gates to free movement of traffic.** The sole purpose of these gateways is symbolic. That is, visitors, tourists, newcomers, etc. are often at a loss to understand where exactly the campus of the university begins. These *torana*-s or gateways, gracefully designed by Kala-Bhavana, are meant to serve this specific purpose of indicating the formal remit of the university campus. As such, they are not being planned as obstructions of any manner but as symbolic monuments of facilitation for the people unacquainted with the university.

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