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PRESS STATEMENT

It has come to our notice that certain sections of the social and the legacy media-as well as certain individuals with vested interests- are spreading a canard regarding the Heritage Walks being organised by the University. It is being viciously suggested that a black market for the tickets of the Heritage Walks has developed where tickets are being sold at highly inflated prices. It is also being insinuated, without a shred of evidence, that University officials are involved in this.

In this connection, the University wishes to issue two statements.

First, the University issues Heritage Walk tickets exclusively from its Rabindra-Bhavana counter at fixed rates. There is, at present, no other means of obtaining tickets through any agency or person. If visitors obtain tickets by any means other than from the Rabindra-Bhavana counter, the University cannot be held responsible for this. However, if such situations have indeed arisen, then the University expresses concern and advises all interested visitors to buy their tickets only and directly from the Rabindra-Bhavana counter. (It is also expected that tickets for Heritage Walks will soon be available online- maybe within a couple of months.)

Second, the University's Heritage Walk has registered immense popularity and success. This is apparent from the written feedback that the University has received from the visitors as well as from the fact that the immense pressure of visitors has forced the University to increase the number of days of Heritage Walks from one to three (with plans for further increase). This success, however, seems to have inflamed resentment and envy among the University's detractors and malefactors. They have promptly taken it upon themselves to tarnish the image of the University through false propaganda of the kind mentioned above. Let us point out that this is neither shocking nor new for us. Visva-Bharati has a long history of suffering at the hands of malicious entities who have never been able to countenance this institution's prosperity and progress in any form. The University wishes to make clear that we shall protect and uphold the UNESCO World Heritage status of the institution against all such futile efforts to besmirch the good work that is being undertaken over the last one year. In fact, many more projects for the betterment of the institution are on the anvil and will be implemented, no matter the malicious intent of inveterate mischief-makers. Such dogs in the manger notwithstanding, Visva-Bharati is all set to go from strength to strength in the months to come.

This statement is issued for the information and benefit of our friends and well-wishers in the media, and at large, under the express instructions of the Hon'ble Vice-chancellor, Visva-Bharati.

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