

Workshop Topics

- Preparation of extracting natural dyes from different natural sources.
- Screen/block printing with natural colour.
- Painting with natural colour.
- Botanical printing.

Objectives

This workshop aims to impart knowledge and hands-on training on using natural colours for textiles.

Course Methodology

The workshop includes lectures and discussions on natural dyes as sustainable alternatives, demonstrations of various dyeing, printing, & painting techniques with hands-on practical sessions.



4th Skill Development Programme on "Natural Dyeing & Printing"

Target Group:
Students & Faculty of Sister Nivedita University,
Kolkata.

Introduction

Using plant-based dyes like indigo, turmeric madder etc., artisans developed eco-friendly techniques rooted in deep environmental and cultural understanding. Once central to global trade, this tradition is now being revived to support sustainable practices and preserve the cultural heritage.

At Silpa- Sadana, we strive to incorporate a new dimension on scientific understanding of traditional natural dyeing practices to provide sustainable solutions to today's global challenges.



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About Silpa-Sadana

Silpa-Sadana is a Department under Palli Samgathana Vibhaga (Institute of Rural Reconstruction), located at Sriniketan Campus of Visva-Bharati, a Central University. Silpa-Sadana was established as an integral part of Tagore's Sriniketan experiment on rural reconstruction. It is a pioneering institute in India in developing and revitalizing cottage industries and craft, since its inception in 1922.

Rathindranath Tagore was the pioneer in shaping this department to fulfil the vision and mission of his father. Silpa-Sadana has always been ready to adopt need based academic curriculum as its prime activity. It never ignored the production activity or the extension activity as a supplementary to teaching and research. The present Silpa-Sadana is devoted to providing various technical training and production activities in various craft-based trades for the benefit of the rural sector, especially, apart from offering various academic programs e.g., Bachelor of Design (B. Des.), Masters of Design (M. Des.), and Ph.D. under UGC structure.

About Visva-Bharati

Visva-Bharati was founded in 1921 by the first non-European Nobel Laureate, Rabindranath Thakur (Tagore). In May 1951, Visva-Bharati was declared a Central University and "An Institution of National Importance" by an Act of Parliament. It was granted the status of a unitary, teaching and residential university. The President of India is the Paridarsaka (Visitor) of the University, the Governor of West Bengal is the Pradhana (Rector), and the Prime Minister of India acts as the Acharya (Chancellor).



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How to Reach

Nearest Railway Station: Bolpur Santiniketan (150 km from Howrah station and takes about two and half hours).

Nearest Airport: Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport, Durgapur (70 KM, takes about one and half hours) and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata (164 KM and takes about four hours).