

Chapter-8

Ordinance & Ammendments/Academic Reforms:

1. 20 external students are being admitted at the Pre-Degree level of each institute (Patha-Bhavana and Siksha-Satra)
2. The functioning of collaborative programmes of Visva-Bharati with Calcutta University and Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata under UGC's META University programme is in progress.
3. The School of Indian Languages, School of Asian Languages, School of European Languages is being created under one administrative umbrella of Bhasha-Bhavana..
4. A Committee headed by Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University is formed to look into the matter of present division between Bhasha-Bhavana and Vidya-Bhavana and other Bhavanas.
5. Centre of Climate Studies has been set up to start under the joint Chairmanship of Prof. Shibani Chowdhury, Department of Environmental Science and Prof. Malay Mukhopadhyay, Department of Geography.
6. Centre for Comparative Literature (CCL) and Centre for Linguistics (CL) has been set up under the Tagore Memorial Institute (TMI).
7. Programmes of M.Phil & Ph.D. in Comparative Literature have been started.
8. University is exploring the possibilities to have foreigners as full-time faculties as per the Prime Minister's Global Advisory Council of Overseas Indians recommendations.
9. Amendment have made in the syllabi of the Department of Sanskrit, Pali & Prakrit and (i) a six months Certificate Course on Manuscriptology and Paleography, (ii) a two years Certificate Course in Prakrit have been introduced.
10. Amendments have been done on syllabi of two different subjects; one is Textile and the other is Ceramics and Glass under Kala-Bhavana and the new syllabus for 'Ceramics and Glass' has been framed.
11. M.Phil programme in Sanskrit from the academic session 2014-2015 is introduced.
12. Nodal Centre for Endangered Languages (CEL) for preservation and promotion of endangered languages has been set up at Visva-Bharati under the chairmanship of Prof. Udaya Narayana Singh.
13. 'Mathematics & Statistics' have been introduced as a compulsory allied subject in the Department of Economics & Politics.
14. Joint proposal of the Adhyakshas of Kala-Bhavana and Sangit-Bhavana for official recognition of proposed "Kala-Sangit Sanskritik Utsav", a cultural event to be organised in every year on 17th, 18th and 19th November as a regular calendar event of Visva-Bharati has been accepted by the University authority.
15. M.Phil. & Ph.D. programme on Cultural Studies in Rabindra-Bhavana have been introduced.
16. MSW (Master of Social Work) syllabi have been revised.
17. Deshikottama, the University's highest honour has been conferred on the following renowned personalities in India and abroad:
 - (1) Sri Manna Dey, noted singer (posthumously)
 - (2) Prof. Tan Chung, the noted Chinese Scholar
 - (3) Jig Me Singye Wangchuk, former King of Bhutan
 - (4) Ms. Aung San Suu Kyi, Peace activist of Myanmar
 - (5) Shri Adoor Gopalakrishnan Unnithan, noted Filmmaker
 - (6) Dr. Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan, noted space scientist
18. 'Centre for Esraj' has been established in the premises of Sangit-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati.
19. B.F.A.(Hons.) and M.F.A. Ordinances of Kala-Bhavana of the University have been amended.
20. M.Phil. programme in Sangit-Bhavana has been introduced.
21. Amendment for introduction of Tagore Studies and Environmental Studies as Credit Courses has been made. Examination Ordinance for Under Graduate (B.Mus) programme of Sangit-Bhavana from the academic session 2013-2014 has been made.

22. In principle provision for reservation of seats for the widows/wards of armed forces personnel, killed/disabled in action or during peace time in Central/State Universities/Autonomous Professional/Non-Professional Institutions under the purview of Ministry of Human Resource Development by all the departments/ colleges affiliated to university has been made.
23. A decision has been taken for setting up Korea Bhavana at Visva-Bharati.
24. The existing Ph.D. Ordinance (effective from July, 2011) has been amended to keep parity with the UGC regulations on maintenance of standard in higher education.
25. Syllabi of Biotechnology, Computer & Systems Science and ISERC (Integrated Science Education and Research Centre) have been revised.
26. Decision has been taken for setting up Community College under Visva-Bharati.
27. API based PBAS proforma for University Librarian, Deputy Librarian and Assistant Librarian, Visva-Bharati has been introduced for Career Advancement of library professionals.
28. Revised course structure, the regulations and course contents of two papers (1) Virology and (2) Environmental Biotechnology, Bioethics & IPR included in the syllabus along with the structure of the existing syllabus has been approved.
29. Syllabus for an optional paper for Ph.D. Course Work provided by Department of Physics as a new paper has been accepted.
30. The nomenclature of Centre of Integrated Science Education and Research Centre has been changed to the "Department of Integrated Science Education and Research".
31. The system of Re-evaluation of answer scripts of the Semester Examinations (both at the Undergraduate and Postgraduate level of the University) by external examiners has been accepted.
32. Compulsory games and Sports, NCC and NSS for 1st year undergraduate students of all Bhavanas in first phase extendable to 2nd year undergraduate students, without affecting the normal academic activities of the students has been approved.
33. The proposal for establishment of Bangladesh Bhavana at Visva-Bharati, has been accepted.
34. Cultural exchange programme between Kalamandalam, Kerala and Sangit-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, has been approved.
35. An Endowment in the name of Dr. Devaki Nandan Srivastava, former Professor & Head, Department of Hindi, Visva-Bharati with a donation of Rs.4,00,000/- has been instituted.
36. Policy guidelines with regard to award of Merit Scholarship to the students of Visva-Bharati, from the academic year 2013-2014 has been amended so as to increase the amount of scholarship.
37. The proposal of Mr. R.C. Meena, Economic Adviser (HE), Department of Higher Education, MHRD, Government of India (F.No.14-5/2013-SC/ST dated 24.01.2014) with regard to facilitating admission of deserving and eligible SC/ST candidates facing financial constraint, has been accepted.
38. Syllabi of B.A.(Hons.) in Chinese has been revised.
39. Syllabi of the Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma Courses of Santali has been revised.
40. Replacement of existing text books of Italian Unit of DEOMEL with other two, available in Indian markets has been accepted.
41. A Centre for European Languages, Literature and Culture Studies (CELLES) and its syllabi has been approved.
42. The nomenclature of the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Modern European Languages such as Russian/French/German & Italian under DEOMEL has been revised so as to be mentioned " Doctor of Philosophy from Institute of Languages (in the bracket relevant language is to be mentioned)".
43. PBAS Proforma (as per the second amendment of UGC regulation) for promotion of faculty under CAS, has been approved.
44. Establishment of the Institute of Natural Resources (an Advanced Research Centre for Multi-disciplinary Research) at Siksha-Bhavana has been approved.
45. Creation of "Advanced Research Centre of Natural Resources" with the active role of Palli Siksha-Bhavana, Palli Samgathana Vibhaga and the Department of Geography, has been accepted.
46. Collaborative projects between Visva-Bharati and other institutes like the Jagadish Chandra Bose Institute, Kolkata, Cyclotron Centre etc., have been approved.
47. New schedule of weekly holidays of Patha-Bhavana from January, 2014, has been accepted.