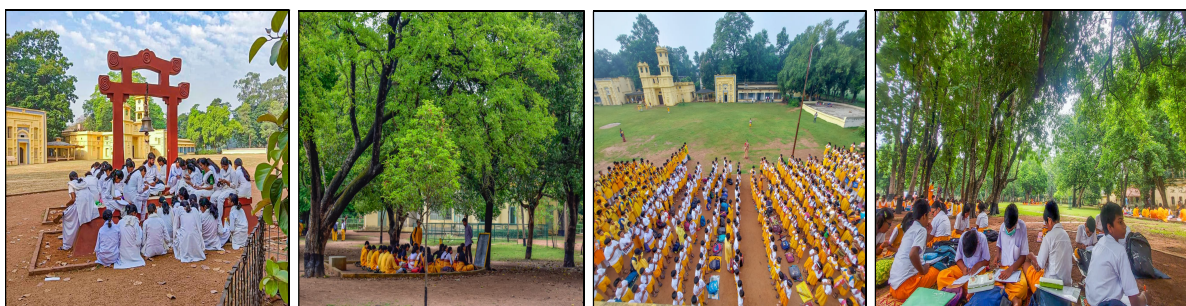


1. Holistic and Nature-Based Education:

- Visva-Bharati's foundation is rooted in Tagore's vision of connecting learning with nature and life's natural growth.
- University's **"open-air class"** (since 1905 Ashram Vidyalaya) is set under trees, fostering a harmonious relationship between humans and the environment. This approach encourages students to be aware of their surroundings and connect with nature.
- An overarching holistic academic environment that includes various institutes with full-fledged programs **from kindergarten to PhD and beyond**.
- The university emphasizes the importance of nature awareness, including the study of local flora and fauna.



2. Integration of Indian Traditions and Global standards:

- Visva-Bharati blends the rich traditions of India with global educational philosophies.
- It promotes a global perspective, emphasizing the need to study diverse cultures while recognizing their underlying unity.
- The university's motto, "Yatra visvam bhavatieka nidam," which translates to "Where the whole world meets in a single nest," reflects its commitment to universal harmony and understanding.

3. Emphasis on Arts and Creativity:

- Visva-Bharati is known for its strong focus on arts, music, dance, and drama.
- The university's curriculum incorporates these creative disciplines, aiming to foster a child's personality through diverse activities.
- Tagore believed that a nation's cultural heritage, including music, dance, and fine arts, is crucial for self-expression.

4. Community and Rural Reconstruction/ Development:

- Visva-Bharati actively engages with the local community through outreach programs and initiatives.

- The university supports rural development efforts, including training and capacity building for rural youth and women.
- With the long tradition of outreach and inclusive pedagogical practices and programs; over sixty villages have been adopted under the various programs.
- It encourages sustainable practices, such as dairy farming, poultry, and beekeeping, to augment rural resources and development.

5. Universal Harmony and Cultural Exchange:

- Tagore's vision of Visva-Bharati as a "seat of learning" emphasizes its role as a hub for intellectual pursuit and cultural exchange.
- Visva-Bharati promotes cultural exchange and understanding between different cultures and nations.
- Visva-Bharati distinguishes itself by emphasizing the study of Indian art, music, languages, and history, including Hindustani classical music, Rabindrasangeet, and various Indian languages like Sanskrit, Pali, and Prakrit.
- Visva-Bharati's campus is known for its rich cultural heritage, with various Bhavanas (departments) dedicated to different art forms, music, and languages.



6. Global Center of Knowledge:

- Visva-Bharati aspires to be a global center for the study of different cultures and civilizations, fostering a sense of unity and interconnectedness through its diverse academic programs and cultural initiatives.
- A wide range of national and international students hailing from various tiers of society. The university strives to educate students to be responsible global citizens, promoting understanding and respect for diverse cultures and perspectives.
- The university actively promotes the exchange of ideas and knowledge between Eastern and Western cultures, aiming to foster a global understanding and collaboration.

- Strong and lively students and faculty exchange programs and MoUs with national and international academic institutions.

7. Unique Educational Philosophy:

- The university's founder, Rabindranath Tagore, aimed to create a learning environment that fostered joy in learning, freedom, and self-expression, with a strong emphasis on connecting with nature and the world around us.
- All-inclusive academic syllabi, course contents, and program variable/s that include varying co-curricular activities at the primary/tertiary/higher levels of formal education systems as the wide choice in subjects on offer.

8. UNESCO World Heritage Site:

- Santiniketan, the location of Visva-Bharati, was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site, highlighting its unique cultural and historical significance.
- Visva-Bharati is dotted with many heritage structures and architectural marvels that give it a distinctiveness that is both aesthetic and well historic.
- Most of these structures serve a specific philosophical and pedagogical construct as envisioned by Rabindranath Tagore.

See videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yeH1GWqgEDA>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiRB1r5_OY8

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9. True Center of Indian Knowledge System:

- Traditional academic, pedagogical, and cultural practices are unique and representative of this part of the nation, especially in the institutes of visual arts and crafts as well as music, dance, and drama.
- Culturally diverse and multiethnic academic departments/centers at national and international levels with academic programs and languages, literature, and culture studies of various Indian, Asian, and European states.

10. Others:

- Geographically and ecologically unique twin clean and green campus spaces amidst nature in a serene and calm backdrop perfect for academic and cultural continuity.
- Adequate and unobtrusive infrastructure that blends with the surrounding landscapes and indigenous architectural traditions yet at the same time incorporates contemporary technological advances.
- Value-added services like railway ticketing counter, SBI Santiniketan and Sriniketan branches and ATMs, Santiniketan and Sriniketan Post Offices including Passport sevakendra, book stores, greengrocers, grocery and general suppliers, and so on.