



In Commemoration of Centenary Celebration of Siksha-Satra
**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON “Poet’s School: A Pioneer Institution in
Developing Rural Lives”**

30th June, 2024

At Siksha-Satra, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan

Organized by Siksha-Satra, Visva-Bharati

About Siksha-Satra:

Siksha-Satra, established in 1924 in Santiniketan, and later shifted to Sriniketan (1927), caters to the children of villages deprived of opportunities of any form of education due to lack of facilities or poverty. That India lives in her villages and that it is impossible to maintain the organic health by enriching urban centres and neglecting rural India was the enduring truth which Tagore tried relentlessly to establish. Towards the upliftment of the rural people through education and development of self-reliance, Tagore devoted himself and directed his efforts. Tagore was conscious of the difference in needs of the rural and urban people and imaginatively developed curricula for such needs.

"Siksha-Satra is the natural outcome of some years of educational experiment at Santiniketan and at the Institute of Rural Reconstruction at Sriniketan. Here an attempt is being made to give an all-round education to village children and provide them with training which will not only enable them to earn a decent livelihood but also to equip them with the necessary training and creative imagination with which they help to improve the rural life of Bengal in all its aspects"

....(Tagore, Visva-Bharati Bulletin 21,1936)

Siksha-Satra provides an atmosphere of openness of nature in which lessons are imparted in keeping with the syllabus shared with Patha-Bhavana. It also provides a large spectrum of work education subjects like Modelling, Woodwork, Weaving, Electrical Servicing and Maintenance, Horticulture, Artistic Handicraft and Drawing & Painting. Other student activities are the meetings of the literary forum (Sahitya Sabha), Sports and Games, N.C.C., N.S.S., excursions and participation in the University festivals.

Location: Siksha-Satra is situated in Bolpur Sub-Division of Birbhum District. It is in Sriniketan, one of the twin campuses of Visva-Bharati founded by Gurudev Rabindra Nath Tagore. The coordinates of the institution are 23°39'59" N, 87°39'37"E.

Climate: The climate of the area is mostly comfortable. However, summer is to some extent lengthy and humidity remains high. The Mean Maximum temperature of the area is 41.7° C and Mean Minimum temperature is 7.8° C. Annual average rainfall of the area is 1479.9 mm. Average relation humidity is 76%.

How to reach the venue (Siksha-Satra):

By Train: Howrah/Sealdah to Bolpur-Santiniketan, distance 165 kms.

By Road: Nearly 180 kms from Kolkata.

By Air: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport. Kolkata is the nearest airport.

About the Seminar:

This year Siksha-Satra is celebrating its Centenary following the footsteps of its founder, Gurudev Tagore. The Seminar is being organized as a part of yearlong centenary celebration of the Institution.

This Seminar invites academicians, scholars and practitioners from different parts of India and abroad for deliberation and research paper presentation on the main theme “Poet’s School: A Pioneer Institution in Developing Rural Lives” and Sub-themes mentioned below.

Sub Themes:

1. Tagore’s thoughts on rural development
2. Recent trends in rural development
3. Educational thoughts of Tagore and other Indian great thinkers
4. Vocational Education as a means of rural development and self-employment
5. Education – A tool of overall development
6. Ideas of Tagore and other Indian great thinkers on socio-economic development
7. Tagore’s concept of education in the light of NEP, 2020
8. Role of Cooperative system for the socio-economic development in India

Call for Paper:

The participants are invited to present their research papers on the above-mentioned main theme and sub-themes through oral presentation at hybrid platform. Abstracts (within 150 words) and Full Paper may be sent to: sscentenaryseminar@gmail.com

Guidelines for Abstract and Full Research Paper Submission:

All abstracts and full research papers must be submitted in MS Word format within word limit in Times New Roman font with a 12-font size (normal) for text, 12 font size (bold) for heading and 2-point line space in APA 7th manual citations and references. Each abstract/full research paper should contain title, author name and his/her designation, affiliation, complete mailing address along with his/her contact number and email-ID.

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts and Full Papers and Registration:

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| Abstract Submission | 26 June, 2024 |
| Intimation of abstract's acceptance or rejection by email | 27 June, 2024 |
| Full Paper Submission | 24 July, 2024 |
| Last date of Registration | 26 June, 2024 |

Registration for the Seminar:

| Category | Registration Fees |
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| Professional/Academician/Teacher for research paper presentation/participation | Rs. 800 |
| Students, Research Scholar for research paper presentation/participation | Rs. 500 |
| Foreign Participants | Rs. 2000 |

Note: 1. Registration of Co-author/s is mandatory.

2. The online session will be coordinated through Zoom digital Platform. Online participants will receive the link for joining the seminar through the email provided by them during registration.

Registration Fees:

The Registration should be completed through Google Form. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejePSrFvUslqFXmXuGkm0SzKB1KS0g1QIh3HMRrQqJlbYS_w/viewform?usp=pp_url.

The registration fee for the International Seminar may be paid through online money transfer. Participants need to attach the copy of the payment receipt through google form. The last date for the receipt of the registration form along with registration fee is June 26, 2024. The registration will be confirmed on receipt of the registration form with fee.

Details of the Bank Information:

Account Holder: Gautam Saha
Bank A/C No: 30078808209
Bank & Branch: State Bank of India, Santiniketan Branch
IFS Code: SBIN0002121

Publication Opportunity:

Only quality research papers shall be published in the form of a peer-reviewed journal or an edited book with ISBN Number.

Seminar Organizing Committee:

Patron: Professor Arabinda Mondal, Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati

Chairperson: Smt. Tamali Majumder

Co-Chairperson: Smt. Mitali De Sarkar

Jt. Convenor: Dr. Gautam Saha and Suman Chakraborty

Organizing Secretary: Dr. Gautam Saha

Core Members: Dr. Rudra Prasad Sinha, Dr. Gopinath Mandal, Sukanta Chakraborty, Gopal Pal

The tentative schedule of the seminar is mentioned below.

| Date | Time | Event |
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| 30 June, 2024 (Sunday) | 9:30 a.m. | ❖ Inauguration of the International Seminar on <i>'Poet's School: A Pioneer Institution in Developing Rural Lives'</i> |
| | 9:30 a.m. - 9:35 a.m. | ❖ Traditional Reception |
| | 9:35 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. | ❖ Opening Song |
| | 9:40 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. | ❖ Welcome Address by the Principal (Acting) |
| | 9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | ❖ Inauguration and Inaugural Speech of the Chief Patron of the Seminar, Hon'ble VC |
| | 10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. | ❖ Key Note Address of the Chief Guest |
| | 10:20 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. | ❖ Vote of Thanks by the Secretary, Seminar Organizing Committee |
| | 10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | ❖ Closing Song |
| | 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | ❖ Breakfast / High Tea |
| | 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | ❖ 1 st Parallel Technical Sessions |
| | 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | ❖ Lunch Break |
| | 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | ❖ 2 nd parallel Technical Session |
| | 4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. | ❖ Tea Break |
| | 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. | ❖ 3 rd Parallel Technical Session |
| | 5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | ❖ Valedictory Session and Certificate Distribution |
| 6:30 p.m. – 8 :00 p.m. | ❖ Cultural Programme organized by Siksha-Satra | |
| 8:00 p.m. | ❖ Dinner | |