VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

P.O. : Vidyasagar University, Midnapore - 721 102, Dist.: Paschim Medinipur,
West Bengal, INDIA.

Date: 14.10.2026

NOTIFICATION

This is to notify for general information of all concerned that the Vidyasagar University is going to participate in the Seva First Innovation Challenge 2026, organised by the Government of West Bengal.

The affiliated colleges are requested to confirm their participation through the Institutional Participation Form : **https://forms.gle/5GNZKEkQufcD16DdA**.

All interested students of the University, including Ph.D. scholars, as also the students of the affiliated colleges are encouraged to submit their innovative ideas through the official portal of the Government of West Bengal: **https://sficeast.wb.gov.in/en**. Applicants are required to apply under the 'Open' category. Students are advised to visit the official portal and refer to the relevant notification issued by the Government of West Bengal for detailed guidelines, eligibility criteria and other necessary information.
In addition to applying through the government portal, participants must share their application details with their respective institution. The google form for the students and scholars of Vidyasagar University will be shared later on.

The last date for submission of innovative ideas is 30.10.2026.

All concerned are being informed accordingly.
This is issued with the approval of the competent authority.

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Registrar

Memo No. : VU/R/Noti./1760/2026 dated 14.10.2026
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2. *All HOD's of all Academic Departments - with a request to circulate the notification among all employees, students and research scholars of his / her department.*
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6. *The Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor for kind information to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor,*
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & COLLECTOR
PASCHIM MEDINIPUR, MIDNAPORE-721101

Memo No. 475(6) Date:- 12 /10/2026

To

1. The Director, IIT Kharagpur, Paschim Medinipur.
2. The Vice Chancellor, Vidyasagar University, Paschim Medinipur.
3. The Principal, ITI Midnapore, Paschim Medinipur.
4. The Principal, Govt. Polytechnic College, Paschim Medinipur.
5. The District Inspector of Schools (Secondary Education), Paschim Medinipur.
6. The General Manager, DIC, Paschim Medinipur.

Sub:- "Seva First Innovation Challenge"-2026.

Madam/ Sir,

The District Administration, Paschim Medinipur, is pleased to invite your esteemed institution to participate in the Seva First Innovation Challenge 2026, a Govt. of India initiative, aimed at encouraging young minds to develop innovative, practical and socially relevant solutions to real-world challenges.

IIT Kharagpur has been designated as the Nodal Institution for the East India Region and is also responsible for coordinating the Innovation Challenge in the Paschim Medinipur district. The initiative provides an excellent opportunity for students, trainees, staff and faculty members from schools, colleges, Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), and other educational institutions to showcase their creativity, problem-solving abilities and innovative ideas on a larger platform.

On the innovation challenge portal, students need to apply through the 'Junior' category while Staff and faculty members can apply though the 'Open' category.

You are requested to encourage and facilitate students and trainees to submit their innovative ideas and solutions through the official government portal:

Official Portal: https://sficeast.wb.gov.in/en

Important Dates and Institutional Responsibilities-

1. Confirmation of Institutional Participation – By 15 October 2026

The Head of the Institution is requested to complete a short online form indicating the institution's willingness to participate in the Innovation Challenge by 15 October 2026. Further guidelines and communications will be shared with participating institutions thereafter.

Institutional Participation Form: https://forms.gle/5GNZKEkQufcD16DdA

2. Online Application by Students and Trainees – By 30 October 2026

All interested students and trainees should submit their applications directly through the official portal by 30 October 2026, clearly mentioning the name of their school, college, ITI or other parent institution under organizational affiliation.

3. Submission of Institutional Application Details – By 3 November 2026

In addition to applying through the government portal, participants must share their application details with their respective institutions. The Head of the Institution is requested to ensure that all participating students and trainees submit their application details through the designated **Google Form by 3 November 2026** (to be provided to participating organizations).

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4. Institutional Screening and Recommendation – By 15 November 2026

IIT Kharagpur will subsequently share detailed guidelines for screening and shortlisting applications at the institutional level. Each participating institution will be requested to evaluate the applications received from its students and trainees, identify the most promising entries, and forward the recommended applications for further consideration by 15 November 2026. An online workshop will be held for explaining the guidelines. Contribution of teachers/ staff/ faculty-members/ admins of the organizations participating in the coordination, workshop and the screening process will receive acknowledgement for their efforts through an Innovation Ambassador e-Certificate issues by IIT Kharagpur.

5. Grand Finale at IIT Kharagpur – 2-3 December 2026

The recommended applications will be reviewed by IIT Kharagpur. The most promising entries will be invited to participate in the Grand Finale, scheduled for 3rd December 2026, at the IIT Kharagpur campus, where selected participants will have an opportunity to present and demonstrate their innovative ideas. Outstanding teams may subsequently be provided opportunities to participate at the regional level and may also receive mentorship to further develop their innovations.

Request for Active Institutional Participation:-

All Heads of Institutions are requested to extend their full cooperation by:

- Creating awareness about the Innovation Challenge among students, trainees and faculty members.
- Encouraging broad-based participation and supporting interested applicants in completing their registrations.
- Nominating faculty member(s)/ staff/ admin as institutional coordinator to facilitate communication and coordination.
- Ensuring timely submission of participant details and institutional recommendations.
- Supporting the internal screening and selection process in accordance with the guidelines to be provided by IIT Kharagpur.

The Innovation Challenge offers an important opportunity to nurture creativity, innovation, entrepreneurship and a spirit of service among the youth of our district.

Your institution's active participation will be instrumental in identifying and nurturing promising young innovators from Paschim Medinipur and providing them with an opportunity to showcase their ideas at district and regional levels.

We look forward to your enthusiastic participation and cooperation in making this initiative a success.

12/10/26

District Magistrate
Paschim Medinipur

Memo No. 475(6)/1(3) **Date:-** 12 /10/2026

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3. CA to the Additional District Magistrate (General/ LR/ Development/ Zilla Parishad/ Education), Paschim Medinipur.

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District Magistrate
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