

international forums. Prof. Sujata Maiti (Choudhury) was the Sectional Recorder of the Section of Medical Sciences (including Physiology) for 2019-2020 at the 107th Sessions of the Indian Science Congress. She also delivered an invited lecture at the same session in the Science Congress held at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, Karnataka from 3-7 January, 2020.

Centre for Women's Studies

The Centre had organized Special Lecture on Women in politics in South Asia, delivered by Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Former Director, MAKAIAS and another Special Lecture on Women's Education in Bengal in the Nineteenth Century and the Contribution of Pandit Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar delivered by Prof. Paula Banerjee, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Sanskrit College & University. Third Winter School on Recent Themes in Women's Studies: Relevance of a Multidisciplinary Approach held during 6-26 February 2019 yielded overwhelming response as 54 participants interacted with 30 distinguished speakers for three weeks. The Centre celebrated the International Women's Day on 8 March 2019, with 80 participants engaged in programmes like poster making, debate, recitation and myriad other creative activities. A seven-day work shop on self-defence of female students was conducted during 8-15 March 2019 with 37 participants and 3 instructors. The Centre's activities also included outreach programmes in the hinterland of the university. A literacy programme in Muradanga Primary School, Paschim Medinipur took place for three months in which 32 poor students were benefited.

Students' Welfare

Students often engage in interesting projects which remain unrecognized until suitably projected on a platform. In order to make good use of these projects and encourage students to be more innovative and with a view to inculcating research culture in our university The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Vidyasagar University, Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti has taken a pioneering initiative to organize Student Research Competition on 4th February 2020. Another aim of organizing the competition was to encourage students to be more innovative in their thinking and approach towards solving social and technical problems. About 30 students from different affiliated colleges registered and actively participated in this competition. Based on the performance in this competition students got selected in the Vidyasagar University Team. The team participated in the East Zone Research Convention, ANVESHAN, that took place in Jadavpur University (12-13 February 2020) under the aegis of the Association Of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi. Our team put up a commendable performance to clinch the 2nd position. Ms. Sanjukta Bhowmik , Ms. Aditi Pattanayak and Ms. Sangita Jana received 2nd prize in the Social Science Category.

National Service Scheme

The NSS Cell of the university pursues a robust line of activities with 152 units, 15200 Volunteers, 152 Programme Officers distributed in different colleges and PG departments and 152 adopted villages or slums. At UG level there are 141 units in 56 colleges and 11 units are there in PG level. All the units are engaged in regular activities like Plantation programme, Blood Donation Camp, Covid-19 Awareness programme and disaster management after the devastating Amphun storm in South Bengal. One Programme Officer received the West Bengal State NSS Award in the category of Best Programme Officer. Some volunteers attended prestigious National and State level camps like Adventure Camp, National Integration Camp, National Youth Festival, Republic Day Parade at Red Road, Kolkata.



Sports and Physical Activities

The sports wing of the university is equally active in building up the body and minds of the students by organising regular activities. The annual sports and athletics meet is a veritable springboard for the creation of future sports persons who will make the state and the nation proud. Besides, the department arranges for participation in competitions of different kinds of games throughout the state and the country. The Women's Football team of the university performed brilliantly in the Inter University Football (Women) Competition held at Ravenshaw University in Odisha. The VU team finished fourth in the final run-up. The women's Kho Kho team also performed well in the East zone Inter-Varsity competition that took place at Kalyani University. In cricket, yoga and athletics too the performance of our students is enviable.

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Interaction session of Research week on Environmentalism



Prof Ranjan Chakrabarti, VCVU, inaugurating women's football match



Inauguration of the open air theatre "Khola Haoa"



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Dr. Partha Chatterjee the
Hon'ble Minister- In - Charge
of the Department of Higher
Education Govt. of West
Bengal.

From the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor's Desk

It has been some time since the last issue of this folio reached you. In the mean time our university has been able to champion the spirit of progress in the academic circle of West Bengal and spread the message to other parts of the country.



This university has begun celebrating the 200th Birth Anniversary of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar through a solemn opening ceremony of the one-year-long programme in September 2019. The Vidyasagar Purashkar was instituted on the occasion and the third volume of our own publication of the Vidyasagar Rachanavali was released. We are grateful to the state government for granting us the Vidyasagar Chair Professor in the Department of History. The renowned historian Prof Koushiki Dasgupta has been selected as the first scholar to assume the position.

Our teachers have travelled far and wide since we met on this news desk last. One of them has just proceeded to the USA on the prestigious Fulbright Fellowship. Others during their academic tours in India and abroad have lectured at length and effectively disseminated their research findings. Their research endeavours have attracted significant grants from funding agencies for the development of pedagogic and research infrastructure in the campus. We have received immense response from across the world in the interdisciplinary research week on Environmentalism arranged in the campus in the month of February. It is unfortunate that we have suffered a minor slide in the India Today ranking as several private institutions of higher learning shot into reckoning with financial resources much stronger than ours. In a remote poverty stricken region of Paschim Medinipur we cannot afford to become cut throat financial profiteers in the name of preparing academic and professional brilliance for the country. We have to look forward to collaborative fundings and academic philanthropists to supplement government aids for academic infrastructure.

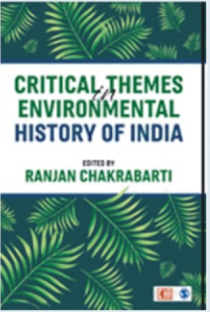
It is time for us to showcase the talent and knowhow that we possess with a view to attracting greater number of collaborators in the fields of learning and research. That does not mean that we are about to begin from scratch. We are the first public varsity in this state to successfully begin RFID enabled library loan operations that have

made library facilities fully automatic and lightening fast. Thirteen smart classrooms around the campus have made methods and materials for teaching varied, cyberactive and hardwired. Accessibility to resources, which had been one of the major challenges in a remote place like Midnapore, has now become guaranteed on a laser speed. Big houses of resource generators like Cambridge University Press have come forward to collaborate with us in the creation of learning materials suited to the specific requirements of the learners of the region. State of the art leave management system and online accession for facilities ranging from archives to class schedules have made teaching and research fast and transparent. And now with the BSNL company opening up a telephone exchange in the campus communication in and outside the campus will be almost a child's play.

In the course of these infrastructural developments, however, we have not allowed our ecological concerns to slacken for a moment. New green shuttles have started plying varsity stakeholders in and around the campus. Physical transportation has not only become fast but comfortable. We continue the practice of observing a monthly no-vehicles day on campus to cut down on the emission rate as an essential step in preserving fresh air levels in the environment. We are waiting for the meteorological station in the campus to report significant change in the quality of campus air. We have tried our best to support the academic and psychological needs of our students during the stressful times of the Covid-19 pandemic. We have also participated in the disaster management programme of the state government in the wake of the ravages left behind by the devastating Amphun storm.

I would like to thank the members of the varsity community for their active contribution to the little progress that we have become able to accomplish. There is no place for complacency, however. I wish all members of my university family well being and success in their efforts, especially at a time when the world is beset by disease, layoff and economic depression. Let us thrive in the hard days to come!

R. Chakrabarti
Professor Ranjan Chakrabarti



Prof Ranjan Chakrabarti's recent contribution published by Sage India

From the Convenor, Newsletter Committee

It is a pleasure to announce that the sixth issue of the varsity Newsletter is now ready for circulation. We apologize for not being able to bring out any issue in the year 2019. This issue therefore attempts to fill the gap by including events and accomplishments of the university for a slightly extended period of time, namely from Dec 2018 through April 2020. The quantum and quality of academic and infrastructural progress during the period although substantial should not in any way cause complacency to us. The intention of this folio publication is only to provide a brief resume of the university's primary achievements for little less than one and half years.



We are going through very difficult times. The Covid-19 pandemic has hit the world badly. The inevitable lockdown has caused a tremendous economic depression in the country. Amidst such odds we have to rely on our strength and continue to endeavour. With courage and fortitude we have sustained our academic and developmental instincts. This issue of the Newsletter during such a critical time is a signpost of our indefatigable mental energy. We thank our hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for providing the necessary succour and grist for us to negotiate the hurdles. The problem in West Bengal was further complicated after the terrible cyclone Amphun damaged the lifeworld of numerous people of the state. Under the leadership of our VC we have swung into action in supporting our government and the people to tide over the difficulties that threatened to beset us. We have not lost the track that we have set for the development of our institution and its extended outreach areas. The Medical Unit and the Stress Management Cell of the varsity jointly coordinated online wellbeing sessions for the students and other stakeholders. The medical unit also worked untiringly to support the lean staff who had to work regularly to offer essential services.

In September 2019, we have set upon celebrating the 200th birth anniversary of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar. The Vidyasagar Purashkar was instituted and the third volume of our own publication of the Vidyasagar Rachanavali was released on the occasion of the solemn opening ceremony of the year-long bicentennial programme. We are grateful to the state government for granting us the Vidyasagar Chair Professor in the Department of History. The renowned historian Prof Koushiki Dasgupta has been selected as the first scholar to assume the position.

Our faculty members have put in outstanding effort in blending quality research with pedagogic skill. They have made full use of the smart class rooms and have pulled in a substantial amount of research funding tthrough the year. Dr Asmita Bhattachaharya of the Department of Sociology has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright Fellowship for the session 2020-2021. Faculties of several departments were felicitated with awards in recognition of their contribution to teaching and research.

Professor Debashis Bandyopadhyay
Convenor, Newsletter Committee

Projects undertaken by the Department/ Faculty member

Dr. Anirban Basu of the Dept. of Chemistry has received a grant of Rs 9.9 lakhs for a period of 3 years from the Science and biotechnology Department of the Government of West Bengal for a project on the Interaction and inhibitory influence of protoberberine alkaloids on amyloid fibrillation in Lysozyme. Prof. Braja Gopal Bag of the same department has received projects on Renewable nano-sized terpenoids: Isolation, characterization, study of self-assembly and utilizations in drug entrapment, pollutant capture and hybrid materials, funded at Rs 49.3 lakhs by SERB, another project on Renewable Chemicals from the Plants of Indian Subcontinent: Isolation, Self-Assembly and Utilizations in Drug Delivery, Medicine and Catalysis, funded to the tune of Rs. 21.44 lakhs under the Indo-Sri Lanka, DST scheme and an UGC MRP project on Chemical Investigations on four Astavarga Plants: Jivaka, Kakoli, Mahameda and Vriddhi, of Rs. 12.29 lakhs. Prof. Amiya Kumar Panda of the Dept of Chemistry has started working on a CSIR funded project on Investigation on the Role of Ionic Liquids on The Physicochemical Characteristics and Toxicological Consequences of Hybrid Vesicles, and valued at Rs.14.5 lakhs. Prof. Madhumangal Pal of the Dept. of Applied Mathematics with Oceanology and Computer Programming has been granted Rs 7.82 lakhs by the Department of Higher Education, Science & Technology and Biotechnology, WB, Govt for the research project Covering problems on fuzzy graphs and their applications. Prof. Shyamal Kumar Mondal of the same department has begun working on a project

titled 'Credit Linked Studies in Integrated Inventory Production Systems in Type -2 Fuzzy Environment' valued at Rs 11 lakhs and funded by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. Prof. Dilip Kumar Maiti also of the same department is presently engaged in a DST funded project on Heat Transfer Augmentation from a Square Heated Cylinder Due to Rectangular Eddy Promoter and Nano fluids under the Incident of Couette-Poiseuille Flow, amounting to Rs. 14.28Lakhs. All the faculty members of the Department of Economics are engaged in SAP, DRS I project entitled 'Inequality in the Backward Region of West Bengal' funded by the UGC at the cost of Rs 70,000 and coordinated by Prof Sebak Kumar Jana and Deputy Coordinator Prof Mihir Kr Pal. Besides, faculty members of the department have also begun individual projects: Prof. Mihir Kr. Pal is working on the UGC project Impact of Environmental Emission on Total Factor Productivity Growth for Energy Intensive Industries in India valued at Rs 5.8 lakhs; Prof. Sebak Kr. Jana is engaged in a UGC project entitled 'Economic Analysis of Higher Education in West Bengal' supported by a grant of Rs. 6.34 lakhs; received an International research project on "Paddy Procurement and Price Study in West Bengal", Sponsored by International Food Policy Research Institute(IFPRI), Washington, D.C., USA. Dr. Pinaki Das is engaged in a project on Multidimensional Poverty Measurement in India: Exploring Tools and Their Application to Assess Poverty and Deprivation, funded by the UGC at the cost of Rs.8.85 lakhs. Dr. Nivedita Bhattacharyya Sahu of the Dept. of Library & Information Science is working on an ICSSR funded (Rs 3 lakhs) research project on An Investigative Study of the Information needs of Visually Challenged Students and Information services with special reference to blind schools in South Bengal Dr. Bidyarthi Dutta, of the same department is the principal investigator of the project Design and Development of Comprehensive database of Indian Research output in Physics and Space Science & Technology since independence under NSTMIS, funded at the tune of Rs 14.5 lakhs by the Govt. of India under the DST scheme. Dr. Sreejith K. K of the Dept. of Philosophy heads a research project titled Virtue Epistemology and Testimonial Knowledge sponsored by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research at a cost of Rs.2 lakhs. Dr. Surajit Ghosh of the Dept of Physics works on Solar Light Responsive Photocurrent Generation in Reduced Graphene Oxide and Molybdenum Sulfide Based Materials, sponsored by CSIR at Rs. 16.4 lakhs. Dr. Kuntal Chatterjee of the same department is working on Two-dimensional nanomaterials for electrochemical water oxidation and reduction: steps towards green energy, funded by CSIR at the cost of Rs. 13.53 lakhs. Prof. Satyajit Saha, also of the same department is pursuing research on Blood plasma protein inorganic material and bio-conjugate formation under the UGC scheme of Rs. 1.95 lakhs. Dr. Jatisankar Bandyopadhyay of the Dept of Remote Sensing has begun two research projects: Development of Hilsa shad predictive capabilities in the north-western part of Bay of Bengal, funded (Rs 56.96 Lakhs) by the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India; and Fishery resources study in selected area of Sundarban & Purba Medinipur district of West Bengal using SAR & Optical Data, sponsored (Rs. 26.43 Lakhs) by SAC Ahmedabad regarding NASA (USA) - ISRO (Govt. of India). Dr. Prakash Karmakar of the Dept. of Botany and Forestry has received a grant of Rs. 11.73 lakhs for a project titled "Yield enhancement of cashew nut (Anacardium occidentale L.) through anthropophily, beekeeping and accessory plantation" from WB DST DBT. Dr. Debdulal Banerjee of the same department was awarded a grant of Rs 4 lakh under the DBT scheme for the Study of Endophytic diversity in North East India (Under Foldscope as a Research and Educational Tool. Prof. Kaushik Bose of the Dept. of Anthropology is pursuing a research programme on Prenatal maternal stress and growth and development of offspring, based on effects of tropical severe cyclone in India in collaboration with the National Centre of Science in Poland. Prof. Dipak Kr. Midya of the same department is engaged in an ICSSR research project on Extremism at Junglemahal in West Bengal: a study in search of Socio-economic roots of the violence valued at Rs. 10 lakhs.

Books authored by Faculty Members

The faculty members of all departments blend research and publication



Release of 3rd Volume of Vidyasagar Rachanavali in the ceremonial opening of the birth bicentennial of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar

with teaching. Prof Ranjan Chakrabarti, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and a renowned Environmental Historian, does not relent from academic pursuits in spite of his tremendous administrative pressure. His recent work Critical Themes in Environmental History of India is brought out by Sage Publishers this year. Dr. Manoj Kr. Pati of the Department of Fishery Sciences has co-authored the book titled Colour enhancement and growth of Goldfish, Carassius auratus (Linnaeus) through natural carotenoids feed supplement. Biotechnology for Sustainable Utilization of Bioresources. Mr. Bachchu Paul of the Department of Computer Science authored the title Introduction to Algorithms and Data Structure; Dr. Tarak Nath Sahu of the Department of Commerce co-authored Investment Behaviour: Towards an Individual-Centred Financial Policy in Developing Economies, which was published by Emerald Books of the UK. Prof. Sebak Kumar Jana, Prof. Mihir Kumar Pal and Dr. Chandrima Chakraborty of the Dept. of Economics jointly edited the title India's Economic Development: Some Issues and Challenges, while Prof. Sebak Kumar Jana and Prof. Jaydeb Sasmal of the same department jointly edited the book Inclusive Growth and Backward region Development Sectoral Issues. Dr. Pinaki Das belonging to the same department co-edited the book, Bharater Prekshapate Paschim Bange Krishir Bikash. Prof. Debashis Bandyopadhyay of the Dept. of English collaborated with Prof Malathy Krishnan of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, to author the book Connect: A Course in Communicative English, which was published by Cambridge University Press, New Delhi. Dr. Jolly Das of the same department authored the book Ethnic Tapestry: Bengali Short Stories on Indigenous People and Dr Shamita Sarkar of the Dept. of History wrote Pondering the Past, Vol. I. Prof. Kaushik Sankar Bose of the Department of Anthropology co-edited the volume Obesity and Syndrome X: A Global Public Health Burden for New York based Nova Science Publishers. Dr. Swarup Singha of the Department of Sanskrit wrote Sabdarthaattavvimarsah and Dr. Ratan Hembram of the Department of Santali wrote Modern Santali Essay. Syed Abdul Hafiz Moinuddin of the Department of Sociology authored the book Marginalized Citizens: A Study of OBC Muslims in West Bengal, India. Prof. Indranil Acharya jointly co-edited with Prof Sankar Prasad Singha and Prof G.N. Devy the second part of The Languages of West Bengal; PLSI Vol. 31,

Foreign Visits by the faculty members

Prof Sankar Kumar Roy of the Department of Applied Mathematics and Oceanology visited Spain on an international scholarship to deliver an invited talk. Dr Debasish Biswas of the Dept. of Business Administration visited Bangkok, Thailand to attend a conference on 'Business in Borderless Asia: Problems and Prospects'; Prof. Kalpataru Bandyopadhyay of the Dept. of Commerce visited University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh to participate in an academic conference. Prof. Debashis Bandyopadhyay of the Dept. of English visited Several varsities and research centres in Mexico for a month as a Visiting Professor. Mr Sourav Naskar of the Dept. of History toured Bangladesh to participate in a conference at the Itihas Academy, Dhaka. Dr. Bidyarthi Dutta, Dept. of Library and information Acience visited ECSITE, Brussels, Belgium. Prof. Kaushik Bose of the Department of Anthropology delivered invited Lecture at Dhaka University, Bangladesh. Prof Joyjit Ghosh, of the Dept. of English presented a paper at the famous Nanterre University, Paris. Dr. Surajit Ghosh of the Dept. of Physics, has been awarded international travel grant by the Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India to attend 'ACS Spring 2020 National Meeting & Expo' at philadelphia, USA and to visit the University of Central Florida at Florida, USA. Prof Braja Gopal Bag of Department of the Chemistry visited Sri Lanka for two weeks as a part of Indo-Sri Lanka International Bilateral Collaborative Research project while Prof Amiya Panda of the same department toured Japan as an exchange scholar.

Honours and Awards

Prof. Tagar Lal Khan jointly with Prof. Kalpataru Bandopadhyay received the Best Business Academic Award-2018 Silver Medal for Best paper in Technical Session III on Corporate Social Responsibility at All Indian Commerce Conference hosted by Osmania University, Hyderabad. Dr. Debasish Biswas of the same department received Bharat Vikas Award in the field of Management, organized by Institute of Self Reliance, Odisha. Dr. Sudin Bag also of the same department received Best Faculty Award-2019 in the field of Management awarded by IARA, Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu. Dr. Manoj Kr. Pati of the Department of Fishery Sciences was granted Honorary Fellowship by the Society of Life Sciences, Madhya Pradesh, while Prof. Ajay Kumar Misra, of the Department of Chemistry, has been awarded Prof. S.C. Ameta Award by the Indian Chemical Society. Prof. Amal Kumar Mondal of the Dept. of Botany was accorded the distinguished Faculty Award in Science for contribution and achievement in the field of Botany (Plant Sciences) and Adarsh Vidya Saraswati Rashtriyo Puraskar by Glaceir Journal Foundation Global Management Council, Ahmedabad.

Prof. Debashis Bandyopadhyay, Dept. of English, has been awarded International Visiting Professor status at the Department of Arts, University of Guanajuato, Salamanca, Mexico, and the UGC Visiting Fellow status at the Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Dr. Asmita Bhattacharyya of the Dept. of Sociology has been



Prof Sabyasachi Basu Raychowdhuri , Hon'ble VC, RBU delivering special lecture on Environmentalism awarded the prestigious Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships in Research category for 9 months in Sociology for the year 2020-21. Prof Amiya Kumar panda of the Department of Chemistry and Prof Debashis Bandyopadhyay of the Department of English have received the Shikshya Ratna Award from the Government of West Bengal in September 2019.

National/ International Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops

Dr. Sutanu Dutt of the Department of Electronics delivered a talk at the India International Science Festival held in Lucknow under the aegis of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India in October, 2018. Dr. Manoj Kr. Pati of the Department of Fishery Sciences presented a paper at the VKS College of Agriculture, Dumraon, affiliated to Bihar Agricultural University, on 15-17th March, 2019. Dr. Biswapati Jana of the Department of Computer Science presented a paper at the International Conference On Computational Intelligence In Pattern Recognition, held at the Indian Institute Of Engineering Science And Technology, Shibpur, on 19th-20th January 2019. Dr. Debasish Biswas of the Department of Business Administration presented a talk on Business in Borderless Asia-the Hurdles, Possibilities and Prospects, Bangkok, Thailand on 13th October, 2018 and another on Advances in Business and Management at the University of North Bengal, Siliguri, in March 28-29, 2019. He also delivered a talk at the 71st All India Commerce Conference held in Osmania University on March 28-29, 2019. Dr. Sudin Bag of the same department presented a paper at the Indian Accounting Association, South Bengal Branch and IMS, Kolkata on 9th February 2019 and another at the 3rd Regional Science and Technology Congress (Western Region) held at Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University. Prof. Arindam Gupta of the Department of Commerce was invited as a resource person for the UGC-HRDC sponsored Refresher Course on "New frontiers in Accounting, Finance and Management Sciences" held at the University of Calcutta, Department of Commerce in January 2019. Prof. Kalpataru Bandyopadhyay, Department of Commerce presented a paper at Rajshahi University, Bangladesh, 6th. November, 2018; Faculty members of the Department of Commerce like Prof. Tagar Lal Khan, Dr. Abhijit Sinha and Dr. Tarak Nath Sahu were invited to speak before distinguished audience at several international conferences on Business and Commerce. The Department of Chemistry organised a National Symposium on Frontiers in Chemical Sciences in 2019 in VU campus. The Department of Physics organised in collaboration with DST the 10th Vidyasagar Satyendra Nath Bose National Workshop on Expanding Horizon in Physics in the same campus. Dr. Jatisankar Bandyopadhyay, Dr. Dipanwita Dutta, and Mr. Pulakesh Das of the Dept of Remote Sensing were invited to speak and chair business sessions in national and international conferences in India and abroad. Prof. Kaushik Sankar Bose, Prof. Dipak K.Midya, Dr. Amit Kumar Kisku, Dr. Sumahan Bandyopadhyay and Mr Shimul Roy of the Department of Anthropology presented talks in research colloquiums in India and abroad. Prof. Sebak Kumar Jana, Dr. Pinaki Das and Dr. Shrabanti Maity of the Dept. of Economics Prof. Debashis Bandyopadhyay, Prof. Indranil Acharya, Prof Joyjit Ghosh and Dr. Jolly Das of the Dept. of English were invited as key speakers at international conferences in India and abroad. Prof. Damodar Mishra and Dr. Sanjay Kr. Jayswal of the Dept. of Hindi and Prof. Ujjayan Bhattacharya, and Mr Sourav Naskar of the Dept. of History delivered talks and chaired sessions in national and international conferences. Dr. Bidyarthi Dutta of the Dept. of Library & Information Science, Prof. Papia Gupta of the Dept. of Philosophy and Dr. Ratan Hembram, Mr Shyam Charan Hembram, and Ms Dulee Hembram of the Dept. of Santali presented invited talks at several national and