

## **Departmental programmes**

### **Department of Zoology, Vidyasagar University.**

The department of Zoology, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore since its very inception in the year,1990 has focused on its course curricula in respect of different departmental activities and programmes (teaching,/research/extension) giving due importance on the involvement of the nature and natural products, peoples of the surroundings and ecological changes of the prevailing ecosystem. In tune with the needs of the regions (water scarcity and high temperature), the first special paper on the subject Zoology was offered as Fisheries with which other pro-people and pro-environmental specializations were added subsequently and sequentially as Ecology, Genetics and molecular Biology, and Parasitology. Alongside the general mode of teaching and learning processes, the Department had started under the auspices of the University, the Distance mode of courses with fishery and ecology as special papers.

So far the department has produced more than thousand PG students and more than hundred Ph.D's who are placed in different institutes of the country and abroad. Department has also organized different workshop, seminar, training programme and symposium involving the students, scholars and local communities. The faculty members of the department completed various research projects successfully including consultancy.

The main thrust of research of the department is on biodiversity and its mode of utilization through bio-prospecting, bio-technology and bio-assessment from molecular to ecosystem level.