

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1953**  
ANSWERED ON 17.12.2025

**INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AT VISVA-BHARATI UNIVERSITY**

1953. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) current status of infrastructure development at Visva-Bharati University and what steps are being taken to modernize its facilities while preserving its heritage;
- (b) amount of funding allocated for renovation and maintenance of heritage buildings and campuses at Visva-Bharati University in the last five years;
- (c) whether special initiatives have been undertaken to enhance research facilities and academic infrastructure to improve the University's national and global standing;
- (d) the details of specific research collaborations with international Universities established in the last five years at Visva-Bharati; and
- (e) what steps are being taken to fill vacant teaching and administrative posts at Visva-Bharati?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(Dr. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): Infrastructure Projects worth Rs. 67.99 crore are being executed at Visva-Bharati by the CPWD. The projects include academic building, seminar hall complex, hostels for boys/ girls and extension of library building. The Ministry of Education allocated one time grant of Rs. 2.93 crore in the year 2021 for renovation and maintenance of heritage buildings at Visva-Bharati. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has renovated important heritage structures, including the house 'Shyamali', and carried out renovation and maintenance work of 24 heritage buildings in 2021. Following UNESCO guidelines, the University has started heritage walks twice a week in the Ashrama area. Waste-management initiatives have also been introduced in campus. Rabindra Bhavana's research archive has been fully digitized and made globally accessible, while the library is being upgraded with Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Technology.

(d): The various foreign institutions which have signed MoU with Visva-Bharati includes Foreign Studies University (China), Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (China), Embassy of France in India, Theatre Academy (Poland), 'École supérieure d'art et de design tours angers le Mans (France), Royal Academy of Art (KABK), The Hague (Netherlands), Faculty of Decorative Arts, Silpakorn University (Thailand), Sticking Townmaking, Amsterdam (Netherlands), Kyoto Saga University of Arts, Kyoto Saga Art College, Kyoto (Japan), Astmilcorp Co. Ltd. Mita, Minato-Ku (Japan), Faculty of Fine Arts, Burapha University (Thailand) and Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka (Bangladesh).

(e): Occurring of vacancies and filling thereof is a continuous process. Central Universities (CUs) are autonomous bodies established under Acts of Parliament. They are governed by their respective Acts/Statutes/Ordinances. All Central Universities including Visva Bharati, have been directed to fill- up the vacancies under Mission Mode, which is monitored regularly.

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