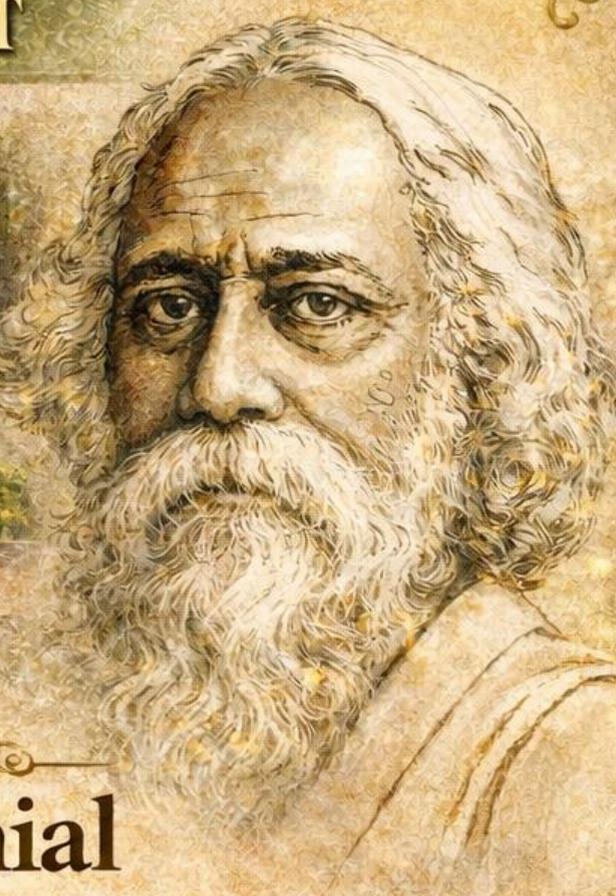


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13th Biennial
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March 14 – 15, 2026

Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan
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New Frontiers in Agricultural Development
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About Society for fertilizers and Environment, Kolkata



The word “Fertilizer” no more refers to only some primary chemical fertilizers, traditionally believed to represent this word. As per the statutory of Government of India [The Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order 1985] it covers straights, complexes, customized, fortified, secondary and micronutrients, water soluble, beneficial, liquid and nano fertilizers among chemical entities, besides encompassing all kinds of organic fertilisers, bio-fertilisers, and bio-stimulants. Hence, it is a holistic term representing all sources of crop nutrition and growth enhancement.

Several of these are very important components for integrated and balanced nutrient management, for obtaining high quality yield on sustainable basis. However, wrong and/or misuse of any might cause yield reduction, decline in soil quality and increase in soil and environmental pollution. Hence, there is a delicate thread of balance which needs to be adhered to.



While the scientific aspect of this is deliberated among academicians, the policy makers need to be sensitized to pursue right kind of enabling frameworks. Promising technologies need to be converted to commercial products to ensure right kind of interventions, for which corporate entities dealing with agro-input need to pursue collaborative innovations in new product research. There was a felt need to institute a professional forum to enable cross pollination of knowledge and ideas among all these stakeholders, with an aim to promote rational and safe use of crop nutrition products.

Thus the Society for Fertilizers and Environment came into being with a collective initiative from some eminent Scientists, Academicians, Agricultural Administrators and Corporate Professionals; headquartered at Kolkata. The Society had a modest beginning of its journey through a one-day Seminar held on 26th June, 2010 in memory of Late Prof. N. P. Datta, the doyen in fertilizer chemistry. With time, the Society grew in its stature and size, and now has proud 250+ Life Members spanning the length and breadth of our country and abroad. Over the years, we have also added the aspect of safe use of other Agro-chemicals in our deliberations.

About the Host

*Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture)
Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan*



Visva-Bharati was founded in 1921 by the first non-European Nobel Laureate, Rabindranath Thakur (Tagore). Visva-Bharati is a unique institution that reflects Tagore's vision of a holistic, inclusive and nature-integrated education. Rooted in the ideals of universal humanism, Visva-Bharati — meaning “where the world makes a home in a single nest” — was conceived as a centre for the confluence of Eastern and Western thought, art, and culture.

Santiniketan, originally established as an Experimental School in 1901, offered an alternative to learning by encouraging creativity, freedom, and close interaction with nature. In May 1951, Visva-Bharati was declared a Central University and an “Institution of National Importance” by an Act of Parliament. It was granted the status of a unitary, teaching and residential university.

The President of India is the **Paridarshaka** (Visitor) of the University. The Governor of West Bengal is the **Pradhana** (Rector), and the Prime Minister of India acts as the Acharya (Chancellor). In September, 2023, the core area of the University was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) is one of the premier institutes under Visva-Bharati University, founded on Rabindranath Tagore's vision of rural reconstruction and sustainable development. Established in 1963 at Sriniketan, it offers undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes in various agricultural sciences. The Institute integrates academic excellence with field-based learning, promoting eco-friendly and socially relevant agricultural practices. With a focus on rural upliftment, Palli Siksha Bhavana plays a key role in advancing agricultural education and innovation in eastern India.

Even today, it remains a beacon of holistic learning and a timeless tribute to Tagore's dream of uniting humanity through knowledge, nature, and creativity.



ABOUT THE SEMINAR



THEMES:

- Innovations in Agrochemicals and Sustainable Crop Production**
[Focus: New-generation agrochemicals (pesticides, herbicides, bio-stimulants, nano-formulations), and their safe, efficient and sustainable use]
- Efficient Resource Utilization vis-à-vis a Green Future**
[Focus: Soil and water health, residue and wastes management, resource conservation technologies, biodiversity conservation, pollution mitigation, and circular economy approaches]
- Integrated Approaches: Nutrient & Pest Management, Climate-Smart Agriculture, and Allied Sectors**
[Focus: INM & IPM strategies, reducing chemical dependency, climate-resilient practices, and synergy with livestock, fisheries, horticulture, agroforestry and among the whole agrifood system]
- Social Science Perspective of Sustainable Crop Production for achieving UN-SDGs**
[Focus: Blending science and tradition for efficient, eco-friendly crop care and agrifood system]

Insights from Eminent Thinkers....

Prof. L. N. Mandal Centenary Memorial Lecture by Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Director General, ICRISAT and Former Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR

Dr. H. S. Sen Foundation Lecture by Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

Dr. N. P. Datta Memorial Lecture by Dr. A. K. Nayak, Deputy Director General, ICAR, New Delhi

Leadership dialogues & expert perspectives will be shared by some eminent thinkers and visionaries from all across the Globe online

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- Andal (Durgapur): ~75 km | 1–1.5 hrs by road



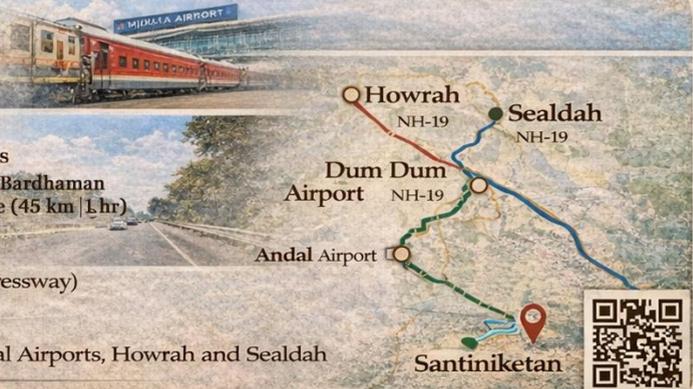
Rail

- Bolpur (Shantiniketan) – nearest station
- From Howrah: 2.5–3 hrs | From Sealdah: 2.5–3 hrs
- Delegates travelling from Northern India can detrain at Bardhaman Railway Station and can avail Car/Taxi/Train from there (45 km | 1 hr)



Road

- From Kolkata: 2.5–3 hrs via NH-19 (Durgapur Expressway)
- Regular bus & cab services available



Route Map : Connectivity from Kolkata, Dum Dum & Andal Airports, Howrah and Sealdah

Connectivity from Kolkata, Dum Dum & Andal Airports, Howrah and Sealdah

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