

## Vice Chancellor's Message

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Prof. Sankar Kumar Nath

Welcome to the **University of Burdwan!**

It is my privilege to extend a heartfelt welcome to all the students, faculty, staff and visitors to the University of Burdwan, a vibrant Institution committed to promote academic excellence, innovation and holistic development. Since its establishment, University has stood as a beacon of education in the region, and its commitment to providing a high standard of education is reflected in the accreditation of a 'Grade A' by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2016.

Our motto "सा विद्या या विमुक्तये" (Learning Leads to Emancipation) guides everything we do here. It signifies that true education is not merely the acquisition of knowledge, but a transformative process that leads to the emancipation of the individual and society at large. We aspire to foster intellectual curiosity and critical thinking in our students, helping them to grow into informed and responsible citizens of the world.

At the University of Burdwan, we aim to provide more than just an academic experience. We are committed to creating a vibrant and inclusive community of learners, educators, and innovators. Together, we work towards developing knowledge that will shape a brighter, more sustainable future for society and the world. Let us continue this legacy of excellence, supporting each other in making meaningful contributions to the betterment of the world around us.

## Vision

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To be a leading institution of excellence for lifelong learning, where courses are underpinned by the highest standards of teaching, research, and learning support, designed to meet the needs of diverse, ambitious, and intellectually curious students. Our community of staff and students will collaborate within and beyond the University of Burdwan to foster a dynamic learning environment, committed to sustainability and social justice accentuating on,

- A strong emphasis on the arts and humanities, social sciences, commerce, law and natural sciences, with excellence across all disciplines.
- A steadfast commitment to innovation, free inquiry, and the pursuit of new knowledge, while also preserving and transmitting the intellectual, artistic, and cultural heritage of the past.
- A distinguished faculty of world-class scholars, deeply engaged with students and dedicated to the seamless integration of teaching and research.
- A focus on undergraduate education that stands out in major research universities, offering a liberal arts program that prepares students for meaningful careers, broadens their perspectives, and shapes their values.
- An institution with a distinctive emphasis on doctoral education and high-quality master's programs in select fields, driving academic rigor and research excellence.
- A campus that fosters a strong sense of community, encouraging high levels of engagement and personal connections.
- Exceptional student aid programs at both undergraduate and graduate levels, ensuring that the University of Burdwan remains accessible and affordable to all.
- A welcoming, inclusive environment that engages and supports students, faculty, and staff from diverse backgrounds, promoting the exchange of ideas and perspectives.
- A commitment to the mental and physical well-being of the entire University community, ensuring that all members have the opportunity to thrive and fully engage with our vision to foster a supportive, inclusive, and innovative environment for academic and personal growth.
- A vibrant, immersive campus experience, promoting interaction, reflection, and a lifelong attachment to the Institution.
- A dedication to preparing students for lives of service, civic engagement, and ethical leadership in an interconnected global society.
- An intensely engaged and generously supportive alumni community, dedicated to the ongoing success and growth of the University.

## **Mission**

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At the University of Burdwan, our mission is to deliver an exceptional educational experience that combines high-quality teaching, cutting-edge research, and comprehensive resources, in

line with the guiding principles of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Indian Higher Education Support Protocols, and the State Government of West Bengal's Higher Education Initiatives. We aim to meet the diverse academic, professional, and social needs of our students, faculty, and the broader community, fostering a culture of inclusivity, social responsibility, and intellectual curiosity. Through rigorous academic programs, strategic partnerships, and continuous innovation, we will nurture a sustainable, globally competitive, and socially relevant learning environment,

- To attract and retain highly qualified faculty members from across the world, ensuring academic excellence and diverse perspectives.
- To maintain full academic, administrative, and financial autonomy in order to foster an environment of innovation and academic freedom.
- To excel in research by promoting cutting-edge, interdisciplinary studies that address global and local challenges.
- To provide high-quality teaching that inspires and equips students with the skills required for success in a rapidly evolving world.
- To ensure sustained high levels of funding, supporting both research and academic growth.
- To offer adequate financial assistance to meritorious students, supporting a need-blind admissions process and ensuring access to quality education for all.
- To implement a transparent and merit-based student selection process that ensures the intake of academically outstanding students.
- To maintain a significant proportion of international students, fostering a diverse, global academic community.
- To have autonomous governance structures that facilitate effective decision-making and institutional growth.
- To provide state-of-the-art facilities for teaching, research, administration, and student life, ensuring a world-class educational environment.
- To make meaningful contributions to society through both tangible and intangible means, particularly in areas of community development and applied research.
- To leverage alumni networks and alternative funding sources, utilizing these resources to enhance institutional growth and excellence.

- To focus on multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary teaching and research, ensuring exceptional quality in both domains.
- To offer innovative inter-disciplinary courses that address emerging technologies, societal needs, and the development concerns of nations like India.
- To create a balanced mix of Indian and international students, enhancing cross-cultural exchange and academic collaboration.
- To uphold a transparent merit-based admission process that ensures the focus remains on selecting academically exceptional students.
- To maintain a need-blind admissions process, ensuring that meritorious students are never turned away due to financial constraints.
- To uphold a faculty-student ratio of at least 1:40, aiming for 1:30 within next four years.
- To provide cutting-edge laboratory facilities for scientific research, and to foster research in humanities, social sciences, and other interdisciplinary areas using the latest methodologies.
- To engage in applied research and innovation that directly impacts the development and social needs of developing societies.
- To form teaching and research collaborations with globally renowned universities, aiming to enhance academic quality and international recognition.
- To promote a culture where faculty are encouraged to publish in reputed international journals and engage with academic and societal issues, ensuring a high standard of research output.
- To develop and maintain a world-class library with access to a wide range of prestigious academic journals relevant to the university's areas of study.
- To provide student amenities that are comparable to those found in the world's most respected institution, supporting the holistic development of students.

## Core Values

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- **Academic Excellence:** We are committed to foster a culture of academic rigor, innovation, and continuous improvement, ensuring the highest standards in both teaching and research.

- **Integrity:** We uphold the highest ethical standards in all our academic, administrative, and research endeavours, promoting honesty, transparency, and fairness.
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** We value and celebrate diversity in all its forms, fostering an inclusive environment where all students, faculty, and staff can thrive, irrespective of their backgrounds.
- **Global Perspective:** We embrace global collaboration and cross-cultural exchange, recognizing the importance of international perspectives in enriching education and research.
- **Social Responsibility:** We are dedicated to making a positive impact on society by engaging in research and initiatives that address the pressing challenges faced by local and global communities.
- **Innovation and Creativity:** We encourage creativity and innovative thinking, supporting an environment where new ideas can flourish and lead to meaningful advancements in education, research, and social development.
- **Sustainability:** We are committed to environmental sustainability and ethical practices, ensuring that our actions and policies contribute to the long-term well-being of our planet and society.
- **Excellence in Research:** We strive to be at the forefront of research in all disciplines, promoting inquiry that leads to breakthroughs and applications that advance knowledge and benefit society.
- **Collaboration and Teamwork:** We believe in the power of collaboration, fostering teamwork among students, faculty, and staff to achieve shared goals and create a thriving academic community.
- **Student-Centric Approach:** We prioritize the well-being and development of our students, providing a supportive and nurturing environment that enables them to achieve their fullest potential.
- **Autonomy and Accountability:** We value academic and institutional autonomy while ensuring accountability in all aspects of our functioning, enabling us to act with independence and responsibility.
- **Equity and Fairness:** We promote a fair and equitable environment where every individual has equal opportunities for growth and success, regardless of socio-economic background.

- **Exemplary Governance:** We are dedicated to maintaining transparent, efficient, and responsible governance structures that empower all stakeholders and guide the institution toward long-term success.
- **Academic Freedom:** We support the freedom to explore, question, and debate ideas, encouraging intellectual curiosity and the pursuit of truth in all academic disciplines.
- **Continuous Improvement:** We are committed to a culture of continuous learning and improvement, regularly assessing and evolving our strategies, systems, and practices to better serve our academic community.