

REPORT ON THE CELEBRATION OF PASCHIM BANGA DIVAS (WEST BENGAL STATE DAY) 2026

Date: 20 June 2026

Time: 10:30 A.M. onwards

Venue: Main Auditorium, Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay

Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay solemnly celebrated **Paschim Banga Divas (West Bengal State Day)** on **20 June 2026** at the Main Auditorium of the University. The programme was organized with the objective of commemorating the historical formation of the State of West Bengal and creating awareness among students regarding the contributions of eminent personalities associated with its establishment.

The programme commenced at **10:30 A.M.** with the arrival of the dignitaries and guests. The distinguished guests were warmly welcomed and escorted to the dais. The event was graced by **Prof. (Dr.) Abu Taleb Khan, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay**, who chaired the programme. Other dignitaries present on the dais included **CMA Ashutosh Das, Registrar, Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay**, and **Mr. Sudeep Dhara, Senior Law Officer, Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay**.

The **Guest of Honour** for the occasion was **Professor Dipak Kumar Roy, Former Vice-Chancellor, Raiganj University, and Professor of Bengali, Raiganj University**.

The formal proceedings began with the rendition of the **National Song, "Vande Mataram,"** performed jointly by the students and faculty members of the Department of Music, Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay. The inspiring performance set a patriotic and solemn tone for the programme. This was followed by the felicitation of the dignitaries and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolising the pursuit of knowledge, enlightenment, and cultural heritage.

Subsequently, students of the Department of Geography presented a welcome song, adding cultural richness to the occasion and extending a warm greeting to all participants and guests.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, **Prof. (Dr.) Abu Taleb Khan** was then invited to deliver the inaugural address. In his insightful speech, he elaborated on the historical circumstances and political developments that led to the formation of West Bengal. He highlighted the contributions of various leaders and personalities associated with the movement, with special emphasis on the role of **Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee**. The Vice-Chancellor discussed Dr. Mookerjee's vision, leadership, and dedication towards safeguarding the interests of the people of Bengal during a crucial period in Indian history. He also reflected upon Dr. Mookerjee's wider contribution to nation-building and his significance in the national movement. Taking the opportunity to address the students gathered for the programme, the Vice-Chancellor extended his best wishes to them as the event coincided with the conclusion of the semester.

Following the Vice-Chancellor's address, **CMA Ashutosh Das, Registrar**, delivered his speech. He emphasized the significance of observing Paschim Banga Divas and highlighted the historical importance of the day. He reflected upon the ideals, contributions, and vision of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and stressed the need for students to understand the socio-political processes that shaped the present identity of West Bengal.



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The cultural segment of the programme continued with an impressive performance by the students of the Department of Dance. The department presented three different dance forms rooted in the rich cultural traditions of West Bengal. Each performance was accompanied by an explanation of its historical and cultural significance, allowing the audience to appreciate the diversity and heritage of Bengali culture.

The highlight of the programme was the special lecture delivered by the Guest of Honour, **Professor Dipak Kumar Roy**. In his scholarly and engaging lecture, he provided a detailed account of the historical developments leading to the creation of West Bengal. He discussed the challenges, struggles, and sacrifices of that period and offered valuable insights into the socio-political context. Professor Roy also elaborated on the thoughts, vision, and leadership of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee, emphasising his contributions to preserving Bengal's identity and interests. His eloquent and thought-provoking lecture resonated deeply with the students and faculty present and generated considerable interest among the audience.

Following the lecture, **Mr. Sudeep Dhara, Senior Law Officer**, delivered the Vote of Thanks. He expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the Guest of Honour, all dignitaries, faculty members, students, staff, and organizers for their active participation and support in making the programme a success.

The programme was efficiently conducted and anchored by **Ms. Bidisha Banja**, a student of the **Fourth Semester, Department of Geography, Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay**, whose confident presentation contributed significantly to the smooth execution of the event.

The formal programme concluded with the singing of the **National Anthem**. Thereafter, refreshments and snacks were served to the participants and guests.

A total of **282 participants** attended the programme. The attendance sheets of the participants are attached to this report for record and reference.

The celebration of Paschim Banga Divas successfully fulfilled its objective of promoting awareness regarding the historical formation of West Bengal, honouring the contributions of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, and fostering a sense of cultural pride and historical consciousness among the students and members of the university community.



Plate: The Dignitaries in the Stage.



Plate: Singing Vande Mataram



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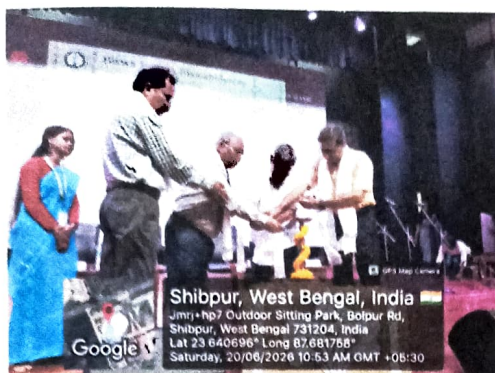


Plate: Lighting of the lamp



Plate: Performing the opening song

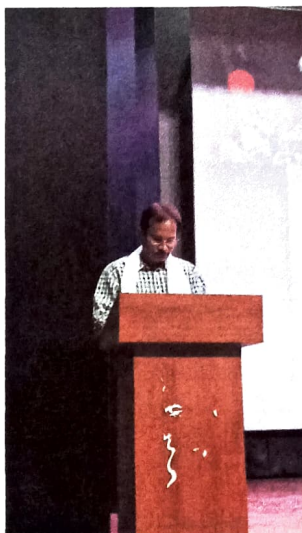


Plate: Hon'ble VC Prof Abu Taleb Khan, Registrar CMA Ashutosh Das and Prof Dipak K. Roy addressing the gathering

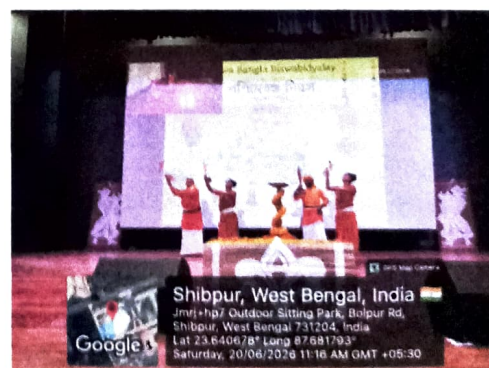


Plate: Cultural Performances by the Department of Dance



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Plate: The Guest of honour delivering his lecture

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