Department of Zoology, Visva-Bharati
Achievements of teachers and students (2024-2025 till date)

Departmental Seminar:
The Department of Zoology, Visva-Bharati organized a **National Seminar on "Recent Advances in Animal Science" RAASVB-2024** from 7th-8th March, 2024 sponsored by Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Govt. of India and Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Govt. of India. The two-day event was marked with **a keynote address, 14 plenary and 30 invited lectures** by eminent scientists and researchers from various institutes across India. Young faculty, post-doctoral and doctoral scholars presented their research. There were 20 oral and 35 poster presentations. Awards were given to the best presenters. There were 8 technical sessions covering almost all major domains of Animal Science, viz. Insect Biology, Fish Biology, Host-Pathogen Interactions, Ecology, Earth Science to Animal Physiology, Metabolic Diseases and Cancer Biology. A special session on women scientists marked the celebration of International Women's Day 2024. **The seminar was attended by nearly 120 participants** from across the country.

Faculty as Chair/delivered Invited Lectures in National/International Seminars/Conferences: 35
Student Poster presentations in National/International Seminars/Conferences: 29

Student performance:
NET qualified : 10
GATE qualified : 20
Ph.D. Awarded: 07

Ph.D. Students' Recognition/Awards: 12

	Name	Supervisor	Award details	
			Award	Awarded by
1	Dr. Shirsha Mondal	Dr. Sutapa Mukherjee	Prof. S.S.Guraya Young Scientist Award-2024	Indian Society for the Study of Reproduction and Fertility (ISSRF) for research contributions of her Ph.D. thesis.
2	Mr. Sambuddha Banerjee	Prof. Sudipta Maitra	Best Poster Presentation award	"National Seminar on Recent Advances in Animal Science RAASVB-2024", Visva-Bharati
3	Ms. Sampurna Karmakar	Prof. Sudipta Maitra	Second Prize in Oral Presentation	"International Conference on Endocrinology, Metabolism and Reproduction: Exploring New Frontiers 2024 (ICEMR 2024)", University of Jammu,
4	Mr. Jahid Hossain Mollah	Dr. Vinod Kumar Chauhan	Outstanding Paper presentation	6th Regional Science& Technology Congress, (Region-3), Durgapur Govt. College
5	Mr. Jahid Hossain	Dr. Vinod Kumar	Best Poster	"National Seminar on Recent

	Mollah	Chauhan	presentation award	Advances in Animal Science RAASVB-2024", Visva-Bharati
6	Ms. Oindrila Mukherjee	Dr. Rakesh Kundu	EASD Travel Grant Award 2024	European Association for the Study of Diabetes, for presenting Oral lecture in EASD Annual Meeting in Madrid, Spain
7	Dr. Snehasish Nag	Dr. Rakesh Kundu	EASD Travel Grant Award 2024	European Association for the Study of Diabetes, for presenting Oral lecture in EASD Annual Meeting in Madrid, Spain
8	Mr. Soumendu Bag	Dr. Rakesh Kundu	Best Paper Award	7th Regional Science and Technology Congress 2024-25 Region 3
9	Ms. Samanwita Mandal	Dr. Rakesh Kundu	EMBO Travel Grant Award	European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) for poster presentation in the EMBO Meeting on Liver and Pancreas in Metabolic Disease: From Pathways to Therapies in Girona, Spain
10	Ms. Samanwita Mandal	Dr. Rakesh Kundu	EASD Travel Grant Award 2025	European Association for the Study of Diabetes, for presenting Oral lecture in EASD Annual Meeting in Vienna, Austria
11	Ms. Oindrila Mukherjee	Dr. Rakesh Kundu	EASD Travel Grant Award 2025	European Association for the Study of Diabetes, for presenting Oral lecture in EASD Annual Meeting in Vienna, Austria
12	Ms. Nandita Das	Dr. Rakesh Kundu	EASD Travel Grant Award 2025	European Association for the Study of Diabetes, for presenting Oral lecture in EASD Annual Meeting in Vienna, Austria

Placements of Ph.D. Students in India and abroad:

	Name	**Supervisor**	**Placement details**	
			Position	**Institute/Job**
1	Dr. Debabrata Das	Prof. Sudipta Maitra	Assistant Professor	Department of Biology at William & Mary, New Virginia, USA
2	Dr. Soumojit Pal	Prof. Sudipta Maitra	Research Assistant Professor	Pittsburgh Heart, Lung, Blood, and Vascular Medicine Institute, University of Pittsburgh,

				USA
3	Dr. Subhasri Biswas	Prof. Sudipta Maitra	Post-Doctoral Fellow	Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Oklahoma City, USA
4	Ms. Shehnaz Islam	Prof. Ansuman Chattopadhyay	Assistant Professor in Zoology	General Degree Colleges in the WBES under the Higher Education Department, Govt. of W.B. against Commission's Advt. No. 29[1(xxviii)]/2019
5	Dr. Snehasish Nag	Dr. Rakesh Kundu	Post-Doctoral Fellow	Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA
6	Dr. Dipanjan Chattopadhyay	Dr. Sutapa Mukherjee	Post-Doctoral Fellow	University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, USA.
7	Dr. Snehasis Das	Dr. Sutapa Mukherjee	Post-Doctoral Fellow	Columbia University, New York, USA.

Number of Publications: 48 articles; 08 book chapters

Number of Research Projects funded by National Funding Agencies: 06

Academic distinctions

- Dr. Surjya Kumar Saikia awarded **Young Scientists Award, 2023** from ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack at the 6th International Conference on Agriculture for Sustainable Development organized by ICAR-NRRI during 19-21 January, 2024.
- Dr. Rakesh Kundu was awarded **ICMR-DHR International Fellowship for Young Biomedical Scientists** from the Indian Council of Medical Research, Govt. of India, for high end research training in the Centre for Biomolecular Interactions Bremen (CBIB), University of Bremen, Germany for a period of 8 months (May 5, 2024 to January 4, 2025).
- Dr. Sudipta Maitra, Professor, Department of Zoology, Visva-Bharati has been recognizedin the Editorial Boardas **Review Editor** for "Experimental Endocrinology"and "Reproduction" under Frontiers in Endocrinology.
- Dr. Sudipta Maitra, Professor, Department of Zoology, Visva-Bharati has been recognizedin the Editorial Board as **Associate Editor** for "Comparative Immunology" under Frontiers in Immunology.
- Prof. Dipak Kumar Mandal has been selected as **External Member of the Doctoral Research Committee** in the Department of Zoology, University of Burdwan, Bardhaman, West Bengal.
- Prof. Dipak Kumar Mandal has been selected as **External Member of the UG BOS** of Zoology, Bankura University, Bankura, West Bengal.

- Prof. Dipak Kumar Mandal has been selected as **External Member of the Board of Research Studies (BRS)** in the Department of Environmental Science, University of Burdwan, Barddhaman, West Bengal.
- Prof. Samar Kumar Saha served as **PG BOS Member** in Zoology, The University of Burdwan UG BOS member in AnimalScience, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol; **PG BOS member** in Animal Science, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol and **PG BOS member** in Conservation Biology, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, West Bengal.
- Prof. Samar Kumar Saha has been the **External Member of the Research Advisory Committee** in Zoology, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, West Bengal.
- Dr. Sutapa Mukherjee has been serving as **Member Editorial Board**, Scientific Reports journal.