Siksha-Satra
Visva-Bharati (a **Central University**)
(Founded by **Rabindranath Tagore**)
Sriniketan, Birbhum **731236**, West Bengal, India

(**Siksha-Satra** is a non-residential **Institute** for **Pre-primary, Primary, Secondary and Senior Secondary** Education)

Admission Notification for the Session 2027

Online Applications are invited from eligible candidates belonging to different categories for admission to **Pre-Primary-1st Year Santosh Pathshala, Class V and Class VI of Siksha-Satra, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan**, for the **Academic Session 2027**.

Commencement of Online Registration and Submission of Applications: 17-11- 2026 (Tuesday) (00.01am)

Last date for Submission of Online Application Form: 30-11- 2026 (Monday) (11.55pm)

Correction Window: 02-12- 2026 (Wednesday) (00.01am) to 03-12- 2026 (Thursday) (11.55pm)

Online Admission Links:

Visva-Bharati Admission Website: https://www.vbadmission.in/

Visva-Bharati Admission Portal: https://visvabharatiadmission.samarth.edu.in/school

Eligibility Criteria for Application:

The candidate's **Date of Birth must be within the prescribed date range specified in the admission notification. No relaxation or special case will be considered under any circumstances.**

Date of Birth Criteria:

Pre-Primary-1st Year (Santosh Pathshala): Candidates born between **01/01/2022 and 31/12/2022** (both dates inclusive)

Class V: Candidates born between **01/01/2016 and 31/12/2016** (both dates inclusive)

Class VI: Candidates born between **01/01/2015 and 31/12/2015** (both dates inclusive)

Seats for Pre-Primary- 1st Year, Santosh Pathshala

Total Number of Seats: 25

Category	UR	OBC-NCL	SC	ST	EWS	Total
Open Category-Neighbourhood	02	01	01	00	01	05
Open Category-Non-neighbourhood	08	05	03	02	02	20
Total	10	06	04	02	03	25

Seats for Class V

Total Number of Seats: 25

Category	UR	OBC-NCL	SC	ST	EWS	Total
Open Category-Neighbourhood	**02**	**01**	**01**	**00**	**01**	**05**
Open Category-Non-neighbourhood	**08**	**05**	**03**	**02**	**02**	**20**
Total	**10**	**06**	**04**	**02**	**03**	**25**

Seats for Class VI

Total Number of Seats: 25

Category	UR	OBC-NCL	SC	ST	EWS	Total
Open Category-Neighbourhood	**02**	**01**	**01**	**00**	**01**	**05**
Open Category-Non-neighbourhood	**08**	**05**	**03**	**02**	**02**	**20**
Total	**10**	**06**	**04**	**02**	**03**	**25**

Reservation Guidelines for Admission: The **reservation policy of the Government of India** shall be followed for admission.

i. **Reservation for admission** to all courses of the University shall be made strictly in accordance with the **rules and guidelines of the Government of India**. *

ii. **Percentage of Reservation**: The following reservation percentages shall apply-- **15%** seats for Scheduled Caste (**SC**) Candidates, **7.5%** seats for Scheduled Tribe (**ST**) Candidates, **27%** seats for Other Backward Classes (Non-Creamy Layer) (**OBC-NCL**) Candidates, **10%** seats for Economically Weaker Sections (**EWS**) Candidates and **5%** seats for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (**PwBD**) Candidates, i.e., persons with **not less than 40% of a specified disability** (Horizontal Reservation).

***Not more than one type of relaxation shall be granted to any candidate.**

Category Certificates: Candidates under the **SC, ST, OBC-NCL, EWS, and PwBD categories** must be issued by the competent authority.

Validity of OBC Certificate: **Three (03) years**. If the validity period has expired, a valid **Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) certificate** for the current Financial Year is mandatory.

Validity of EWS Certificate: **One (01) year** (up to 31 March 2027)

Validity of Disability Certificate: The Disability/ PwBD certificate shall be valid for the period specified in the certificate.

No request for further submission of any required document(s) shall be entertained under any circumstances.

Other Backward Class (Non-Creamy Layer) (OBC-NCL) [following only Central OBC List]

The caste of the candidate must be included in the Central List of OBCs. OBC applicants have to produce valid NCL certificates to avail the benefit of reservation of seats under OBC category. Link: https://ncbc.nic.in/User_Panel/CentralListStateView.aspx

Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)

[UGC (MHRD) Order F.No.81-1/2019 (CU) dated 18th January, 2019] CRITERIA OF INCOME & ASSETS:

a) Candidates **who are not covered under the scheme of reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs and whose family has gross annual income below Rs.8.00 lakh (Rupees eight lakh only)** are to be identified as EWSs for benefit of reservation. Income shall also include income from all sources i.e., salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc. for the financial year prior to the year of application. Also, candidates **whose family owns or possesses any of the following assets shall be excluded from being identified as EWS, irrespective of the family income**:

i) 5 acres of agricultural land and above;

ii) Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above;

iii) Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities;

iv) Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities.

b) The property held by a 'Family' in different locations or different places/cities would be clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status.

c) The term 'Family' for this purpose will include the person who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/ her spouse and children below the age of 18 years.

Income and Asset Certificate issuing Authority and Verification of Certificate:

a) The benefit of reservation under EWS can be availed upon production of an Income and Asset Certificate issued by a Competent Authority. The Income and Asset certificate issued by any one of the following authorities in the prescribed format shall only be accepted as proof of candidate's claim of belonging to EWS:

i) District Magistrate/Additional District Magistrate /Collector/ Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner/1st Class Stipendiary Magistrate/Sub-Divisional Magistrate/Taluka Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ Extra Assistant Commissioner;
ii) Chief Presidency Magistrate/Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency Magistrate;
iii)Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar and
iv) Sub-Divisional Officer or the area where the candidate and/or his or her family normally resides.
b) The officer who issues the certificate would do the same after carefully verifying all relevant documents following due process as prescribed by the respective State/UT.
c) The crucial date for submitting income and asset certificate by the candidate may be treated as the closing date for receipt of application.

PwBD (Persons with Benchmark Disabilities): As per the provisions of the **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, not less than 5% of the total number of seats** shall be reserved for **Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)**, i.e., persons with **not less than 40% of a specified**

disability, subject to the production of a **valid Disability Certificate issued by the competent authority**.

Neighbourhood Candidates: **20% of the total number of seats** will be reserved for **Neighbourhood Candidates** residing within a radius of **1 km from the Siksha-Satra campus**. The neighbourhood localities include: **Sriniketan, Surul, Rathindra Pally, Cheepkuthi, and Moldanga**.

Admission of Wards of Permanent Staff Members: The wards of Permanent Staff Members of Visva-Bharati, including staff members on probation, may also apply for admission to the class appropriate to their age, from **Pre-Primary-1st Year (Santosh Pathshala) to Class IX**, provided they had **not been admitted to any school in Visva-Bharati on any previous occasion**. The staff concerned must be a **Permanent Employee of Visva-Bharati and must be in service at the time of admission of the ward**. At the time of counselling, the staff member concerned must produce a **valid Visva-Bharati Employee Identity Card issued by the competent authority**. The requisite age for admission to the respective classes is given below:

Class	**Date of birth**
Santosh Pathshala 1st Year	01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022
Santosh Pathshala 2nd Year	01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021
Class – I	01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020
Class – II	01/01/2019 to 31/12/2019
Class – III	01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018
Class – IV	01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017
Class – V	01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016
Class – VI	01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015
Class – VII	01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014
Class – VIII	01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013
Class – IX	01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012

Mode of Selection:

For Pre-Primary-1st Year, (Santosh Pathshala): Selection of candidates will be made through a **random computerized lottery system**. The **date, time, and venue** of the lottery will be notified later through the admission portal: https://www.vbadmission.in/

Admission Test for Class V and Class VI: A **written admission test (offline mode)** will be conducted for admission to **Class V and Class VI**. The **date, time, venue, and other details** of the admission test will be notified through the admission portal in due course.

Tentative Venue for the Admission Test: Siksha-Satra, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan.

Duration of Admission Test: 2 Hours.

Full Marks for Admission Test for Class V: Full **Marks**- **100**

Full Marks for Admission Test for Class VI: Full **Marks**- **100**

Break-up of Full **Marks** for the **Admission Test** for Class V and Class VI:

Bengali - 25, **English** - 25, **Mathematics** - 25, **Science** - 15, **History** – 5, **Geography** - 5

Preparation of Merit List for Class V and Class VI:

The merit list for admission to **Class V and Class VI** will be prepared on the following basis:

a) **Solely on the basis of the marks obtained in the Admission Test**.

b) In case **two or more applicants obtain the same marks** and are placed at the same rank in the merit list, **preference will be given to the candidate senior in age, i.e., the candidate with the earlier date of birth**.

How to Apply:

Candidates must apply **online only** through the University's Admission Portal:

https://visvabharatiadmission.samarth.edu.in/school

No offline application shall be accepted.

[A] Application Fee (non-refundable):

Category	**for the First Application**	**for a Second Application to another school of Visva-Bharati**
for UR, EWS & OBC-NCL Candidates	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 400/-
for SC, ST & PwBD Candidates	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 150/-

Mode of payment:

Candidates can make the payment **online** using any of the following payment modes:

- **Internet Banking**
- **Debit Card**
- **Credit Card**

No cash payment will be accepted.

Candidates are advised to make the payment from the Bank Account of their parent/ guardian to avoid any issues regarding refunds, if applicable, at any stage of the admission process.

Documents to be Uploaded/ Submitted / Produced: The following documents as applicable must be produced **in original** at the time of admission for verification. **Failure to produce any of the required documents may result in cancellation of the candidature**.

1. Birth Registration Certificate issued by the competent Government Birth Registration Authority. (Form No. 5 or Form No. 9)

2. Candidates claiming reservation under the **SC/ST categories** must produce a valid certificate issued by the appropriate Government authority. The certificate may be issued **in the name of the candidate or the father only**.

3. Candidates claiming reservation under the **PwBD category** must produce a valid **Disability Certificate** issued by the competent Government authority.

4. Wards of permanent staff must produce the **valid Visva-Bharati Staff ID Card of the parent** as proof of permanent employment. **Pay slips will not be accepted as proof of permanent employment**.

5. Printout of the Online Application Form.

6. Three (03) recent **passport-size coloured photographs** must be submitted at the time of admission. The **same photograph** must also be uploaded with the online application form.

The following additional documents are mandatory for candidates applying under the Neighbourhood category:

Candidates who wish to avail themselves of the **Neighbourhood facility** must select the **'Neighbourhood'** option while filling out the online application form.

1. Photocopies of the valid **ration cards of both the father and mother** must be submitted.

2. A photocopy of the candidate's valid ration card must be submitted.

3. Photocopies of the **Voter ID Cards of both the father and mother**, issued by the **Election Commission of India**, must be submitted.

N.B.: In case of a single parent: The above-mentioned documents of the **legal guardian only** are required to be uploaded. In such cases, an **original certificate issued by the competent authority confirming the legal guardianship** must be produced at the time of counselling for verification.

General Guidelines

➤ The documents uploaded at the time of submission of the online application form shall be treated as **final**. **No subsequent change, replacement, or modification of the uploaded documents will be entertained.**

➤Parents and candidates are advised to **read carefully and understand all the guidelines** before proceeding with the online application. They should ensure that all information and documents are provided correctly to avoid any inconvenience or complications at a later stage.

➤The counselling process may be conducted **online or offline**, as decided by the University.

➤ A set of **duly attested photocopies of all relevant documents** must be submitted at the time of physical verification, as per the instructions issued by the competent authority.

➤ The **Transfer Certificate (TC)** from the school last attended must be submitted **after admission**, wherever applicable.

➤ Applicants are advised to **visit the University Admission Portal (**www.vbadmission.in)**regularly** for the latest information and updates, including any **additions, modifications, or omissions** in the admission process.

➤The modalities of the Admission Test, **wherever applicable**, for the respective Institute will be notified **from time to time through the Admission Portal**.

➤Candidates must produce a **Medical Fitness Certificate** issued by a **registered medical practitioner bearing a valid registration number** or by a government hospital at the time of physical verification.

➤Medical insurance is **mandatory for all candidates**. All candidates are required to pay the **prescribed medical insurance fee**.

➤The amounts mentioned in the fee structure are **subject to change**. Any revision in the fees will be notified **in due course through the Admission Portal**.

➤ In case the applicant's SC/ST certificate has not yet been issued, the **SC/ST certificate of the applicant's father** may be accepted, subject to verification and applicable rules.

➤ OBC candidates must produce a **valid OBC and Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) certificate in the candidate's own name**, wherever applicable.

➤ Candidates claiming reservation under the **EWS category** must produce a **valid EWS certificate in the candidate's own name**.

➤All admitted students are required to **attend classes for the first fifteen (15) working days from the commencement of classes**. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in **cancellation of admission**.

➤ **15% of the total intake capacity at the University level** shall be made available for **international/foreign students** and shall be treated as **supernumerary seats**.

Out of these **15% supernumerary seats**, **5% shall be earmarked for the children of Indian workers residing in the Gulf countries and South-East Asia**.

➤Candidates/Parents must exercise **utmost care while entering all relevant information** in the online application portal. They are advised to verify all details carefully before submitting the application form.

➤**No request for correction shall be entertained subsequently in respect of any data-entry errors or mistakes committed by the applicants/parents while filling out the online application form.**

➤**Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected. No request for any addition, alteration, or modification to the application form after submission will be entertained.**

➤ The **Visva-Bharati Prospectus 2026–27** (available at **www.vbadmission.in**) shall be referred to for any matter, issue, or provision that is not specifically mentioned in this notification.

➤In the event of **non-availability of an eligible candidate** in any particular category (**SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS/UR**) under the **Neighbourhood category**, the vacant seat shall be filled by an eligible candidate belonging to the **same category** from the **Non-Neighbourhood category**.

➤After completion of the **Computer-Based Random Lottery** for Neighbourhood applicants, candidates who are not selected through the lottery shall be treated as **Non-Neighbourhood applicants** for the purpose of further admission consideration.

This provision is applicable only to Santosh Pathshala.

FEE STRUCTURE (Tentative):

for Non-resident Candidates up to Class IX (UR, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, PwBD)	Payment Frequency	**Amount (₹)**
Magazine Fees	Annual	70.00
Dinalipi (School Diary)	Annual	25.00
Student ID Card Fee	Annual	50.00
Newsletter	Annual	25.00
Siksha-Satra Sammilani	Annual	30.00
Medical Insurance *	Annual	192.00
Medical Fee	Annual	123.00
Total	**Annual**	**515.00**

* Medical Insurance fee is subject to change.

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