VISVA-BHARATI, SANTINIKETAN

(Founded by Rabindranath Tagore)

PATHA-BHAVANA

Admission-2027

Commencement of Online Application Form Submission:	**17-11- 2026 (Tuesday) (00.01am)**
Last date for Submission of Online Application Form:	**30-11- 2026 (Monday) (11.55pm)**
Opening of correction window:	**02-12- 2026 (Wednesday) (00.01am)**
Closure of correction window:	**03-12- 2026 (Thursday) (11.55pm)**
Link for online Admission through Samarth Portal: https://visvabharatiadmission.samarth.edu.in/school **Link of Visva-Bharati Admission Website Portal: https://www.vbadmission.in**	

Candidates should take utmost care in filling up the profile section during registration as no correction window will be available for this section.

Before filling out the application form, please read the instructions carefully. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

Patha-Bhavana, 'The Poet's School', originally founded as *Brahmacharya Ashrama* in 1901 by Rabindranath Tagore, is a secondary and higher secondary school under Visva-Bharati.

Patha-Bhavana still upholds Tagore's idea of education, which he conceived as going beyond rote learning to add to the complete development of an individual. At Patha-Bhavana classes are still held in open air under the trees. Along with the normal school subjects, students are taught painting, clay modelling, handicraft and other creative activities. Every student has to take part in music and dance. All these are given equal importance in the learning process.

Attending *sahitya-sabhas* and other activities of the *Ashram Sammilani*, weekly prayer meetings at the *Upasana Griha*, participating in games and sports and different festivals of the University are part of the life of a student of Patha-Bhavana.

As originally envisaged Patha-Bhavana is primarily a residential co-educational institution. It imparts education from Kindergarten to Class XII.

The medium of instruction is primarily Bengali. However, facilities of learning in English are provided to students whose mother tongue is other than Bengali.

Students appear in 'School Certificate Examination' after Class X and Pre-Degree Examination after Class XII, both conducted by Visva-Bharati. The academic session for Patha-Bhavana up to Class X (including Mrinalini Ananda Pathshala) is January to December every year. The academic session for Pre-Degree course generally commences in May / June every year.

1. Admission to Pre-Primary: 1st Year, Mrinalini Ananda Pathshala, Patha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati

Online applications are invited for admission to Mrinalini Ananda Pathshala: Pre-Primary 1st Year from different categories of candidates, such as, Open Category (OC), Alumni wards (AW) and Staff wards (SW) for the year 2027.

Who can apply:

- **Open Category (OC):** Candidates who do not belong to either Staff-Ward or Alumni-Ward category.
- **Alumni Ward (AW):** Wards of the members of the Alumni Association of Visva-Bharati.
- **Staff Ward (SW):** Wards of the permanent staff-members of Visva-Bharati.

Neighborhood Candidates: In case of Open Category and Alumni Wards, 20% of the total seats are reserved for Neighborhood Candidates residing **within the radius of 1 km of Patha-Bhavana Office**, Visva-Bharati, maintaining Government reservation rules.

Localities within 1(ONE) km of Patha-Bhavana Office:

[Bhubandanga, Sukantapally, Samindrapally, Gurupally South, Gurupally West, Purbapally, Ratanpally, Simantapally, Lalbandh, Shyambati, Kaliganj, Pearsonapally, Balipara]

Date of Birth of the Candidates: 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022

Break up of Seats of Open Category (OC) & Alumni Ward (AW):

Open Category (OC): 34 **Alumni Ward (AW): 18**

Category	UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	Total
Open Category-Non-Neighbourhood	11	07	04	02	03	27
Open Category -Neighbourhood	03	02	01	01	00	07
Total (Day Scholar)	14	09	05	03	03	34
Alumni wards (non-neighbourhood)	06	04	02	01	02	15
Alumni wards (Neighbourhood)	01	01	01	00	00	03
Total (Alumni wards)	07	05	03	01	02	18

- **Seats are reserved for PWD candidates as per Govt. of India reservation rules.**

Staff Ward (SW): The wards of permanent staff members who are born between 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022 can apply to pre-primary-1st year, Mrinalini Ananda Pathshala provided he / she fulfils all other criteria.

Mode of Selection:

- In case of Mrinalini Ananda Pathshala Computerized Random Selection procedure through the computerized lottery system will be conducted for eligible candidates.
- After selecting neighborhood candidates, the rest of the candidates will be treated as non-neighborhood candidates.
- **In case of non-availability of any candidate in a particular category (SC/ST/OBC/EWS/UR) under Neighbourhood category, that seat(s) will be filled-up by a candidate of the same category under non-neighbourhood category, and vice versa.**
- No candidate can apply for more than one category (OC, AW, SW) simultaneously.
- **Date, time and place of the Computerized Random Selection will be notified later on the VB admission Portal/University website: https://www.vbadmission.in**

2. **Admission of Residential Students to Class II (Both Boys and Girls) at Patha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati**

Online applications are invited for admission of Residential students to **Class II (Boys and Girls)** of Patha-Bhavana for the academic year 2027. The medium of instruction is Bengali. Applications of candidates from other provinces are also encouraged. Once admitted, necessary provisions in this regard can be made accordingly.

Date of Birth of the Candidates: 01.01.2019 to 31.12.2019

Total Seats: Boys: 12 Girls: 15

Category	UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	TOTAL
BOYS	05	03	02	01	01	12
GIRLS	06	04	02	01	02	15

✸ **Seats are reserved for PWD candidates as per Govt. of India reservation rules.**

Mode of Selection for Class-II:

- Written admission tests of eligible candidates will be held for Class-II in the following subjects:

  i) **Bengali,**
  ii) **Mathematics.**
- Selected candidates in the written test will be called for viva-voce.

Final Merit list will be prepared:

i) Solely on the basis of written test and viva-voce.
ii) If two or more applicants rank the same in the merit list, preference will be given to the candidate senior by date of birth.

✸ **Date, time and place of admission test will be notified later on the University website.**

3. Admission of Residential Students (Boys Only) to class IV at Patha Bhavana, Visva Bharati

Online applications are invited for admission of Residential students to **Class IV (Boys Only)** of Patha-Bhavana for the academic year 2027. The medium of instruction is Bengali. Applications of candidates from other provinces are also encouraged. Once admitted, necessary provisions in this regard can be made accordingly.

Date of Birth of the Candidates: 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017

Total Seats: 08

Category	UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	TOTAL
Boys	03	02	01	01	01	08

✸ **Seats are reserved for PWD candidates as per Govt. of India reservation rules.**

Mode of Selection for Class-IV:

- Written admission tests of eligible candidates will be held for **Class-IV** in the following subjects:

  i) **Bengali,**
  ii) **English**
  iii) **Mathematics.**
- Selected candidates in the written test will be called for viva-voce.

Final Merit list will be prepared:

i) Solely on the basis of written test and viva-voce.
ii) If two or more applicants rank the same in the merit list, preference will be given to the candidate senior by date of birth.

✸ **Date, time and place of admission test will be notified later on the University website.**

4. Admission of Residential Students to class VI (Boys Only) at Patha Bhavana, Visva Bharati

Online applications are invited for admission of Residential students to **Class VI (Boys Only**) of Patha-Bhavana for the academic year 2027. The medium of instruction is Bengali. Applications of candidates from other provinces are encouraged. Once admitted, necessary provisions in this regard can be made accordingly.

Date of Birth of the Candidates: **01.01.2015 to 31.12.2015**

Total Seats: 08

Category	UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	TOTAL
Boys	03	02	01	01	01	08

✸ **Seats are reserved for PWD candidates as per Govt. of India reservation rules.**

Mode of Selection for Class-VI:

- Written admission tests of eligible candidates will be held for **Class-VI** in the following subjects:

  i) **Bengali,**
  ii) **English**
  iii) **Mathematics.**
- Selected candidates in the written test will be called for viva-voce.

Final Merit list will be prepared:

i) Solely on the basis of written test and viva-voce.
ii) If two or more applicants rank the same in the merit list, preference will be given to the candidate senior by date of birth.

✸ **Date, time and place of admission test will be notified later on the University website.**

5. Admission of Staff Wards in Other Classes of Patha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati

The wards of permanent staff members can apply only once to a class appropriate to their age from Pre-Primary-1st Year, Mrinalini Ananda Pathshala to Class-IX, provided the candidates fulfil all other criteria.

6. Admission of Foreign Students to Patha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati

Foreign candidates can apply for any class between Mrinalini Ananda Pathshala Pre-Primary 1st Year to Class-VIII provided they fulfil the criterion of age and qualify in the selection process. However, hostel accommodation is provided from Class-II onwards. 25% of total number of seats of each class is reserved for foreign students on a supernumerary basis. The application should be routed through Academic & Research Department, Visva-Bharati.

7. Reservation Guidelines for Admission

i. Reservation in admission to all courses of the University shall strictly be done as per government of India rules*)
ii. **Percentage of Reservation: 15% seats for SC candidates, 7.5% seats for ST, 27% seats for OBC candidates, 10% seats for EWS candidates and 5% seats for PWD candidates (Horizontal Reservation)**
iii. **Not more than one type of relaxation shall be granted to any candidate.**
iv. Category Certificates (OBC Non-Creamy layer/SC/ST/EWS/PWD) must be issued by the competent authority.
v. Validity period for OBC Certificate: Three **(03) years** (if validity period expires, then valid NCL certificate is mandatory. The NCL certificate should remain valid on the date of application.)
vi. Valid EWS certificate: Up to 31st March 2027.
vii. Validity period for PWD Certificate: As mentioned in the certificate.
viii. No request for further time will be entertained in any case.

Other Backward Class (OBC)

Only 'non-creamy layer' OBC candidates as per 'Central list of OBC' www.ncbe.nic.in/user_panel/centralliststateview.aspx) shall get the benefit of reservation in admission.

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. Further candidates whose family owns or possesses any of the following assets shall be excluded from being identified as EWS, irrespective of the family income
-5 acres of agricultural land and above;
-Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft and above;
-Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities;
-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 the purpose will include the person who seeks benefits 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 only be accepted as proof of candidate's claim as belonging to EWS: **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; Chief Presidency Magistrate/Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency Magistrate; Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar and Sub-Divisional Officer or the area where the candidate and/or his family normally resides.**

b. The officers who issue 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 certificates by the candidate may be treated as the closing date for receipt of application.

General Guidelines

- **Documents uploaded at the time of submission of application form will be treated as final. No change in this regard will be entertained later on.**
- The modalities of Admission Test (wherever applicable) for the Institute will be informed from time to time on Admission Portal.
- **It is mandatory for all admitted students to be present in the class for first fifteen (15) working days from the commencement of class. Otherwise, his/her admission is liable to be cancelled.**
- **It is mandatory for the Residential Students to stay in hostel. There is no provision for recategorization from residential to day scholar and any request in this regard will not be entertained in future.**
- 25% of intake capacity at the University level will be made available for international students/foreign students which will be calculated as supernumerary seats. 5% of seats out of the 25% supernumerary seats for admission of foreign students shall be earmarked for children of Indian workers in the Gulf and South East Asia.
- Applicants are advised to visit VB admission portal: **https:// www.vbadmission.in** for any updates (inclusion/omission) at regular intervals.
- Candidates/Parents must be very careful during entry of the relevant information during online form fill- up. No claim shall be entertained subsequently for data entry mistakes committed by the applicant at the time of online application.
- **Incomplete applications will summarily be rejected. Request for any sort of addition or alteration in the application form after submission will not be entertained.**
- **Visva-Bharati Prospectus-2026 (Available at: https:// www.vbadmission.in) shall be followed for any issue or point that is not mentioned in this notification.**
- List of eligible candidates, date, time and venue of Computerized Random Selection procedure for Mrinalini Ananda Pathshala and admission test of Patha-Bhavana will be published later on the Admission Portal- **https:// www.vbadmission.in**
- For SC/ST certificate, the certificate of the father of the applicant may be uploaded/ submitted, if the same has not yet been obtained from the competent authority in the name of the child.
- Candidate's OBC & NCL certificate (if needed) is mandatory for OBC candidates.
- Candidate's EWS certificate is mandatory for EWS candidates.
- For reservation of different category, Reservation rules of Govt. of India will be followed.
- **School Leaving Certificate (for Class-II onwards) from the school last attended is to be submitted after admission.**
- The candidates must bring medical fitness certificate from any hospital or doctor with registration number at the time of provisional admission (online/offline)/physical class.
- The Medical Insurance is mandatory. All candidates are required to pay medical insurance fee. Required amount will be informed in due course.
- The date and the time for admission test if mentioned are tentative and subject to change as per the decision of

the University.

- The final date will be notified through university admission portal **(https://www.vbadmission.in).**

- **Applicants are advised to visit the VB admission Portal (https:// www.vbadmission.in) for any updates at regular intervals.**

[A] Application fee (non-refundable):

Category	For the First Application	For 2nd Application to another School of VB
Indian National: For General, General (EWS) & OBC candidates	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 400/-
Indian Nationals: For SC, ST, & PWD candidates	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 150/-
Foreign Nationals: SAARC Countries	Rs. 5000/- or equivalent USD	
Foreign Nationals: Non-SAARC Countries	Rs. 10000/- or equivalent USD	

[B] Mode of payment:

Candidates can make payment online using any of the online payment modes: Net Banking, Debit Card and Credit Card.

No Cash payment will be allowed.

[C] Please make payment from the Bank Account of the Parents of the candidate to avoid any problem regarding refund, if any at any stage.

[D] How to Apply:

Candidates must apply through online: Link-https://visvabharatiadmission.samarth.edu.in/school

[E] Documents to be Uploaded/Produced at the time of Admission:

1. 'Birth Registration Certificate issued by competent Government authority. (Form No. 9 or Form No.5). **To be uploaded.**
2. Certificate from appropriate Government authorities in case of SC/ST/OBC/EWS candidates. **To be uploaded.**
3. Valid certificate from government authorities for the differently abled (Divyangjan) candidates. **To be uploaded, if required.**
4. Alumni ID Card or Letter of Membership from Visva-Bharati for Alumni-Ward. **To be uploaded, if applicable.**
5. Visva-Bharati Staff ID Card for Permanent Staff wards. **To be uploaded, if applicable.**
6. Medical Fitness Certificate from a Registered Medical Practitioner.
7. Blood Group Certificate.
8. Copy of online application form.
9. Three passport size photographs. **One copy to be uploaded.**

[F]

i) A set of photocopies of relevant documents to be attested by the guardian will have to be submitted at the time of admission.

ii) School Leaving Certificate from the previous School. (to be submitted within 15 days after getting admission).

iii) Incomplete applications will be rejected. Requests for any sort of addition or alteration in the application form after submission will not be entertained.

Additional Documents for Neighborhood candidates:

- Photocopy of parents' (both father and mother) and candidate's ration card. **To be uploaded.**
- Photocopy of parents' voter cards issued by the Election Commission of India. **To be uploaded, if required.**
- In case of single parent only, above documents of legal guardian are to be uploaded. In that case, a certificate regarding single guardianship is essential at the time of counselling.

F. Other Guidelines

A set of photocopies of relevant documents, duly attested, will have to be submitted for physical verification as instructed by the school authority after commencement of classes.

School Fee Structure: Resident up to class VIII (GEN & OBC):

Non-resident up to class IX (GEN, OBC, SC, ST)	Payment Frequency	Amount Rs.
Magazine Fees	Annual	70
Dinalipi (School Dairy)	Annual	25
News Letter	Annual	25
Ashram Sammilani	Annual	30
Medical Insurance	Annual	192
Medical Fee	Annual	123
Id card Fee	Annual	50
Residence Fees	Annual	900
Student Deposit	Annual	1400
Caution Money (Refundable)	One time	700
Kitchen Deposits (Refundable)	One time	700
Kitchen Charge#	Monthly	3120
Total		7335

Resident up to class VIII (SC, ST, PWD):

Non-resident up to class IX (GEN, OBC, SC, ST)	Payment Frequency	Amount Rs.
Magazine Fees	Annual	70
Dinalipi (School Dairy)	Annual	25
News Letter	Annual	25
Ashram Sammilani	Annual	30
Medical Insurance	Annual	192
Medical Fee	Annual	123
Id card Fee	Annual	50
Residence Fees	Annual	00
Student Deposit	Annual	1400
Caution Money (Refundable)	One time	700
Kitchen Deposits (Refundable)	One time	700
Kitchen Charge#	Monthly	3120
Total		6435

Non-resident up to class IX (GEN, OBC, SC, ST)	Payment Frequency	Amount Rs.
Magazine Fees	Annual	70
Dinalipi (School Dairy)	Annual	25
News Letter	Annual	25
Ashram Sammilani	Annual	30
Medical Insurance	Annual	192
Medical Fee	Annual	123
Id card Fee	Annual	50
Total	Annual	515

#**Payable soon after the kitchen is physically open. Kitchen charge is subject to change from time-to-time.**

Fee structure applicable for Foreign Students:

- Students admitted from SAARC countries have to pay two-times of normal fee as applicable fees from the above table, (kitchen charge will remain unaltered).
- Students admitted from NON-SAARC countries have to pay five-times of normal fees as applicable fees from the above table, (kitchen charge will remain unaltered).
- Medical Insurance fee is subject to change.

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