

Viswa Bharati University

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About Viswa Bharati University:

- It is one of India's major **Central Government funded autonomous University** located in **Santiniketan, West Bengal**.
- It is well-known as a **distinguished centre for Visual Arts practice** and research in India.
- The University was **established in 1921 by Nobel Prize Laureate Rabindranath Tagore**.
- It was **named after Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore until the Visva-Bharati Society was registered as an organisation in May 1922**.
- The institution was given the **status of a Central University in 1951 through a central Act**.
- Its **first vice-chancellor was Rathindranath Tagore**, the son of Rabindranath Tagore, and the **second vice-chancellor was the grandfather of** another Nobel Laureate economist **Amartya Sen**.
- The **President of India appoints the Vice-chancellor of the University**.
- Viswa Bharati University is **renowned for its cultural festivals called Poush Mela and the Basanta Utsab**, which attract a number of artisans from all across the country.

Q1) Who was Rabindranath Tagore?

Rabindranath Tagore was a world-renowned poet, litterateur, philosopher and Asia's first Nobel laureate. He was popularly known as Bard of Bengal, and people used to call him Gurudev.

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