Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
West Bengal State University

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development with its multidisciplinary approach offer Courses for M. Sc. and Ph. D. degree. The Department emphasizes more on its fieldwork as a part of its course curriculum. Field visit is conducted in every semester for visiting different Institutions related to Agriculture & Rural development. Field visit is also conducted in different Central Govt. Institutions and Universities like Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibers (CRIJAF), Pulses and Oilseed Research Station, Central Sericulture Research and Training Institute (CSR & TI), Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya (UBKV) and others. Students need to go rural areas/villages for doing different field work according to their courses. They have to submit a dissertation on field survey (preferably) based project work in the 4th semester under the direct supervision of the Teachers. Research areas of the Department includes Agriculture, Animal husbandry, Livelihood options, Health, SHGs, Climate change, Adoption strategy, Rural Entrepreneurship, Women and Gender issues, Information technology in rural development, Issues on Tribal Development etc. Ten Research Scholars have successfully completed their Ph. D course work and have already registered in Ph. D. and other 4 research scholars have already pursuing their course work. Our students have been awarded several scholarships (INSPIRE Fellowship from Department of Science& Technology, Govt. of India, SRF of Central Institute of Brackish water Aquaculture etc.).

Head (In-Charge) / Coordinator: Dr. Jayanta Sen,
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Existing Guest Faculties

1. Dr. Bimal Kumar Bhattacharya
   Former Director of Research, Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya,
   Coochbehar, W. B.
2. Prof. Sunil Kanti Santra  
   Former Professor of Agricultural Extension, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Kalyani, West Bengal  
   Specialisation: Principles of Extension and Rural Development  
   Member of SRD Cell, Department of Panchayet and Rural Development, W.B.  
   Monitoring Rural Development Programmes during 11th and 12th Round

3. Prof. Amal Kumar Mallick  
   Former Professor Department of Agricultural Extension, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Kalyani, West Bengal.

4. Prof. Subhasish Biswas  
   Department of Animal Products Technology and Marketing  
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5. Prof. Alok Kanti Bhoumik  
   Retired Professor of Economics and Dean,  
   Faculty of Arts, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.  
   Commonwealth Study Fellow, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Sussex University, UK. Member-Coordinator of NAAC Peer Team

6. Dr. Sourav Chandra  
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