

Press Note

Launching of Website: wbdstbt.in

This is a newly created website of the Department of Science & Technology and Biotechnology, Govt. of West Bengal for dissemination of its important schemes and activities in public domain. This will also contain the important functions and activities of the West Bengal State Council of Science & Technology and West Bengal Biotechnology Development Corporation Limited. Major activities of the Department such as Science Promotion, Science Popularization, GIS & Remote Sensing, Biotechnology, Science Congress, State awards, Intellectual Property Rights etc. are described in the said website. Besides this website the two other portals of the Department namely – **Vigyan Chetana** for Regional and State Science & Technology Congress & **Vigyan Sathi** for Research & Development scheme called “Gobeshonay Bangla” are also accessible to the common public. For any query the contact details of the Officers and Scientists of this Department/ Council have been uploaded in the website and people are encouraged to feel free to contact any time for better service and assistance. This new website has been formally inaugurated and launched by Sri Bratya Basu, Hon’ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Science & Technology and Biotechnology and Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal on 24th July, 2019.

P.G. Diploma Course in Intellectual Property Rights and Technology Business Management

The Department of Science & Technology, GoWB presently known as Department of Science & Technology and Biotechnology is supporting the Intellectual Property Facilitation programme in the State of West Bengal through West Bengal State Council of Science & Technology at Patent Information Centre since 1997. West Bengal was the first state to have its Patent Information Centre (PIC), which is executing the IPR activities for more than twenty years and has gained considerable momentum in handling Intellectual Property Rights activities. It is ranked as Category I by DST-GoI among 26 PICs in various fields of IPRs. Considering the expertise of this centre in the field of IPR and expertise of MAKAUT in the field of Technology, it has been decided to introduce a new course in **P.G Diploma in Intellectual Property Rights and Technology Business Management** along with a certificate course on **Intellectual Property Rights and Technology Business Management**. In this connection, a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with MAKAUT on 24th July, 2019.**

Aim of the Course: This course aims to build *skilled human resources* to handle the critical issues of **Technology Business Management using Intellectual Property Rights as a tool for an organization which will create huge job opportunities for the State of West Bengal.**

M.Tech Courses on Geoinformatics

The Geoinformatics & Remote Sensing Cell of this Department, Nodal Agency of the State in the fields of Remote Sensing & Geographical Information System (GIS), has been supporting various State Government Departments in their planning process by providing spatial data support. For utilizing these spatial datasets, the need for trained manpower in this field has been ever increasing. The Department has been offering one year PG Diploma Course in Geoinformatics under the affiliation of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology (MAKAUT) since 2008. Recently, it has been observed that the scope of applications of various new technologies like artificial intelligence, cloud computing, UAV, web-based real-time spatial analysis etc. in Geoinformatics are rapidly increasing. Hence, it has been decided that a new M. Tech. in Geoinformatics course will be organized in collaboration with MAKAUT to cater to the above needs. In this connection, a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with MAKAUT on 24th July, 2019.**