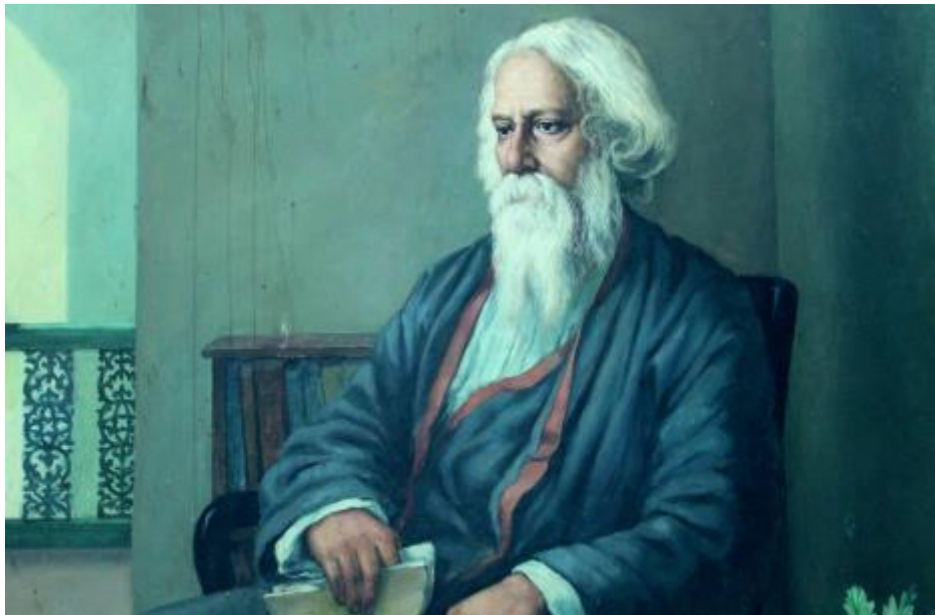




Shanti Niketan - an abode of peace



1 - Shantiniketan was a dream of Maharshi Devendranath Tagore that was later on nurtured and practically constructed by his worthy son Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, the world-famous poet, author, dramatist and artist of 20th century Bengal. The very word "**Shantiniketan**" means the "the abode of peace"



2 - This is one of the rare photographs where Rabindranath Tagore with Mahatma Gandhi and Kasturba Gandhi at Santiniketan in 1940.

**Important** and Historical place in Shanti Niketan.



3 - Entrance Gate





4 - Santal Family - Kinkar Baij





*5 - Shanti Niketana Griha*







6 - Festivals in Shanti Niketan - Shantiketan celebrates various festivals and fairs all throughout the year



Sowing seeds for a greener tomorrow.

7 - **Briksharopan:** On 22nd and 23rd Shrawana i.e. August this festival is celebrated by planting saplings. They also observe the day as Halakarshan that means plowing as rainy season is the ideal time of plantations and agriculture in the arid land of Bolpur.



8 - **Rabindra Jayanti:** They also call it Ranbindra Janomotsav. This day is celebrated as Tagore's Birthday and the Bengali New Year- Naboborsho in the mid-April. Young boys and girls of the school and university gather together to sing and dance in the name of Gurudev to celebrate his birthday.



9 - **Varshamangal:** This is the festival to welcome the rains. During the month of August and September Varshamangal is celebrated.





10 - **Paush Utsav/Paush Mela (Fair)**: lasts for three days in the month of December. Thousands of people across the country and outside flock down here to enjoy the best baul music here after the mesmerizing Joydev-Kenduli baul carnival. Rabindranath encouraged the popularity of baul music. Therefore, for all these three days music lovers from the corners of the country and the world come here to enjoy the rustic essence of Indian folk music. Besides women appreciate to collect the famous Shantiniketan sarees, kurtas, bags and their very own dokra (metallic) ornaments and miniatures for home décor from the fair held at the Bhuvandangar Math (ground)



11 - **Maghotsav**: Foundation day of the Brambo samaj by Raja Rammohan Roy on January 23rd, 1830. According to the Bengali calendar it is 11th Magh. But this is a day celebrated with khichuri , mixed vegetables and chutney.



12 - **Joydev Fair**: This is famous for the baul music and folk music of Bengal. It starts from the Paush Sankranti or Makar Sankranti and lasts till the 2nd of Magh



13 - **Vasanta Utsav:** Also known as dol utsav in Bengal, Vasanta utsav is the festival of colors. This festival is celebrated to welcome spring the season of color and romance. The students of the university dance and sing on the roads of Santiniketan, all dressed in yellow and they only have the colors as their makeup on this day.







Famous Artists graduated from Santiniketan

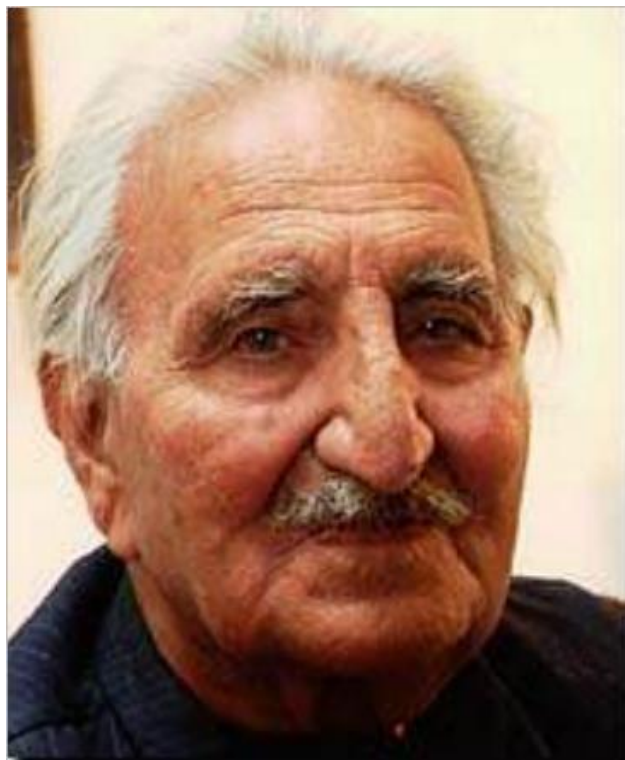
1. Satyajit Ray (Oscar Winner- Choker balli),
2. Amartya Sen (Nobel laureate in economics)
3. Gayatri Devi
4. Abdul Ghani Khan
5. Indira Gandhi



14 - Satyajit Ray



*15 - Gayatri Devi*



*16 - Abdul Ghani Khan*



*17 - Indira Gandhi*





*18 - Mural by Nandalal Bose*



*19 - Mural by KG Subramanyam*



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1. Santiniketan is a university town with varied educational facilities. At the school level are [Patha Bhavana](#) and [Siksha Satra](#).
2. Apart from a number of courses in humanities, science and education, [Visva-Bharati University](#) offers a range of music, dance and art courses and lays emphasis on language courses.
3. **Sangit Bhavana** offers courses in Rabindra Sangit, Hindustani classical vocal, sitar, tabla, pakhawaj, Kathakali dance and Manipuri dance.
4. [Kala Bhavana](#) offers courses in painting, mural, sculpture, graphic art, design (textiles/ ceramics) and history of art. The university offers specialised 4-year courses in Persian, Tibetan, Chinese and Japanese.
5. **Bhasa Bhavana** offers undergraduate and post-graduate courses in Arabic & Persian, Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Indo-Tibetan, Japanese, Odia, Santali and Sanskrit.
6. Vidya Bhavana offers 1 & 2-year courses in Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Marathi, Odia, Pali, and others
7. Certificate courses in leather craft, book binding & hand-made packaging, batik work and hand-made paper making.

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