

Sriniketan, Visva-Bharati

The National Innovation Foundation–India (NIF), in collaboration with the Rural Reconstruction Centre (REC), Sriniketan, Visva-Bharati, facilitated the dissemination of two grassroots innovation-based technologies for livelihood enhancement on 9 August 2026 in Visva-Bharati's adopted villages in Birbhum, West Bengal, under the Dissemination and Social Diffusion (DSD) programme. As part of the initiative, two innovative machines were introduced and handed over to Self-Help Group (SHG) members in Laldaha and Halsidangha villages.

Cow Dung Product-Making Machine developed by grassroots innovator Shri Arvind Kiyada, Gujarat
Sal Leaf Plate-Making Machine developed by grassroots innovator Shri Jogendra Patra, Odisha.

The programme was attended by Hon'ble Agriculture Minister of West Bengal, Shri Dudh Kumar Mondal; Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Visva-Bharati; District Magistrate, Birbhum, and other distinguished dignitaries and officials from NIF-India and Visva-Bharati.

The initiative seeks to promote rural entrepreneurship, employment and income generation, and women's economic empowerment by facilitating the conversion of locally available resources into value-added products through appropriate grassroots technologies.

