



IIT Kharagpur Alumni Association, Kolkata, and SPADE Vidyasagar's Birthday Celebration

A special online event on 26th September, 2021 at 6 PM IST

Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, born on 26th September 1820, was a great social reformer of 19th Century India. His campaign against religious and social obscurantism, and pioneering contribution in charting a new history for India in literature, philosophy, social reformation and especially women's empowerment had steered India in general, and Bengal in particular, to embrace modern, scientific and rational thinking which moved India from darkness to light.

To observe his birthday with deepest respect for this towering man of India, especially on his significance in the context of present day, **SPADE and IIT Kharagpur Alumni Association, Kolkata** are organising a special online event on 26th September, 2021 at 6 PM IST (08:30 am EDT). The event will have sessions with talks from

- a) Grassroot women leaders from different parts of Bengal will speak about Vidyasagar and his influence on their life and activities
- b) Girl students from rural Purulia to share their own feelings about this great man
- c) Shri Gopal Ghosh, social worker, writer and thinker
- d) Sm. Sujata Roy, 1975 MSc from IIT-KGP and retired as General Manager, IBM, India. Presently, she is COO, National Digital Library of India, a national e-library Project of Government of India.
- e) Shri Shyama Prasad Mandal, 1985 graduate from IIT-KGP, who grew up in rural Purulia, West Bengal, and now a USA resident
- f) Prof. Ajoy Kumar Ray, Padma Shri; Former Director, IEST Shibpur; Former Professor, IIT Kharagpur
- g) Vote of Thanks by Siddhartha Ray Chaudhuri, Secretary, TAA, Kolkata Chapter

“Nari Jagarane Vidyasagar” a film produced by Self Help Group Promotional Forum will be screened - a film in Bengali on Vidyasagar with English subtitle. Sri Raj Banerjee, Director of Film will talk about making this film.

Online Link: meet.google.com/au-ibzg-tsb



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