

For Immediate Release: August 10, 2024

PRESS-RELEASE

Dr Suvrokamal Dutta, Delivers lecture on Role of Technology and Skill for Achieving Viksit Bharat@2047 and the challenges ahead.

Acclaimed International Conservative Political, Economic and Foreign Policy Expert Dr Suvrokamal Dutta who was in IIT (ISM) today delivered a lecture on Role of Technology and Skill for Achieving Mission Viksit Bharat@2047 and Challenges ahead at Penman Auditorium of IIT (ISM) this evening.

Youngest among the team of the erstwhile Vajpayee Government, Dr Dutta who graduated and later carried out his research from JNU in Economic History of India with Asia Pacific delved deep during his lecture at IIT (ISM) about the pre partition history of the our country during which the influence of our country expanded much beyond the present Geographical and Political limits.

Addressing the ISM fraternity, including the Faculty Members, Officers, Staff and Students present led by Prof Sukumar Mishra Director IIT (ISM) he said, "Such was the cultural influence of the country that in several parts of Europe, South East Asia and other parts you can find the imprint of Indian Culture"

Citing some example of Indian Cultural Influence in South East Asia he said that Biggest Navratri Festival of the world is celebrated in Bangkok, where every keeps fast for all nine days and there is public holiday also there.

"During Dashmi a great celebration is held during which large number of tableaux are taken out in the form of procession during *Bhasm (ash)* is spread and whoever gets even a sprinkle of ash feel fortunate to have blessings of goddess Durga" said Dutta when the procession is taken out is downtown area of Bangkok there is stampede like situation for seekers of divine blessings of Goddess.

"Throwing light about the history of Myanmar and its cultural association with the our country he said that its original name Burma originated from Bramha and in ancient times, it was known as Bramhadesha but in Burmese Language or Burman language, Bramha became Burma" said Dutta and added that Irrawady river originated its name of Aravati which is the consort of Lord Indra.

He also dwelt at length about the influence of Hinduism and Indian Culture in Armenia, the first Christian Country of world.

Meanwhile, before the beginning of the lecture a video of National School of Drama symbolizing the agony of partition was played to mark the Partition Horrors Day.

Rajni Singh Dean (Corporate Communications)