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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Hosts Renowned Writer Gourahari Das for Distinguished Lecture Series

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad had the distinct honor of hosting well-known creative writer, journalist, and academician, Mr. Gourahari Das, for a captivating lecture titled *"However Long the Night, the Dawn Will Break."* The lecture, held at the Golden Jubilee Lecture Theatre as part of the Institute Distinguished Lecture Series, witnessed an enthusiastic gathering of faculty members, officers, staff, and students.

Recipient of numerous prestigious accolades, including the Sahitya Akademi Award, Odisha Sahitya Akademi Award (2001), Sarala Puraskar (2022), Utkal Sahitya Samaj Puraskar (1999), Fakir Mohan Sahitya Parishad Samman (1999), Sangeet Natak Akademi recognition, and the Prachin Kala Kendra, Chandigarh Samman, Mr. Das shared profound insights on resilience and perseverance in the face of life's adversities.

During his address, Mr. Das emphasized the importance of endurance and courage, stating, *"Pain is to be expected, courage to be welcomed, and there is no choice but to endure. The only way forward is to renounce self-doubt and fight back to survive in society."*

His novel, *Dawn After the Long Night*, resonates with similar themes, portraying the struggles of its protagonist, Urbashi, a woman who refuses to succumb to hardships. Through this narrative, Mr. Das highlights the struggles, pain, and suffering endured by women when rejected by their loved ones, ultimately inspiring them to fight against societal odds.

Many of Mr. Das' literary works have been adapted into television films directed by acclaimed filmmakers such as Nirad Mahapatra, Basant Sahu, Dhira Mallik, and Nandalal Mahapatra. His stories, including *Asami*, *Maya*, and *Shikuli*, have also been adapted into stage plays by noted directors like Dhira Mallik, Pabitra Mohanty, Darpa Sethi, and Ajit Dash.

The event was graced by the presence of Prof. Rajni Singh, Dean (Corporate Communications); Prof. Alok Das, Dean IIE and Prof. J K Pattanayak of Department of Management Studies & Industrial Engineering, who is also the former Director of IIT (ISM).

The lecture left an indelible impression on the audience, inspiring students and faculty members alike to embrace perseverance and courage in their personal and professional journeys.

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