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THIRD
PROFESSOR
B.N. SARASWATI
MEMORIAL LECTURE

12th 20
March 26

In collaboration with
Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts
Ranchi Regional Centre
Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India

Inauguration by
Professor Dipak Kr. Kar
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor
Vidyasagar University

In Gracious Presence of

Professor Paresh Ch. Jana
Dean (Actg.), Faculty of Science
Vidyasagar University

Dr. Kumar Sanjay Jha
Regional Director
IGNCA-RRC

Professor Onkar Prasad
Former Dean, Vidya Bhavan
Visva-Bharati

Time: 11:30 AM

INGENIOUS,
ALTERNATIVE, INDIAN
Anthropology of
Baidyanath Saraswati

Speaker

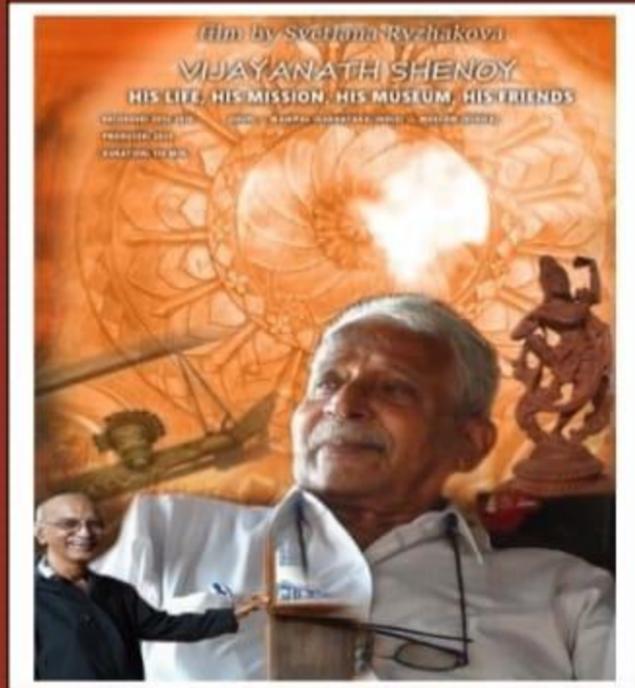
Dr. Sumahan Bandyopadhyay
Professor & Head
Department of Anthropology
Director, CASM
Vidyasagar University
Editor, *Man In India*

Venue

APJ Abdul Kalam Hall
Vidyasagar University

Special Lecture & Documentary Film Screening

Organized by
Centre for Adivasi Studies and Museum, Vidyasagar University
5th March, 2026



Speaker: *Dr. Svetlana Ryzhakova*

Leading Research Fellow,
Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology
Russian Academy of Science, Russia

TOPIC: Vijayanath Shenoy and making
Heritage village and museum in Manipal,
Karnataka: an ethnographic study

Venue: Anindya Basu Roy Hall, VU

Time: 12 Noon

Film Name: *Vijayanath Shenoy: his Life, his Mission, his Museum, his Friends*

Hastashilpa Heritage Village and Museum in Manipal town near Udupi, Karnataka, is a unique historical and cultural space created by one man in collaboration with a few like-minded people and assistants. Vijayanath Shenoy, once an employee of the Syndicate Bank, began collecting objects and structures that were in danger of disappearing, restoring them and forming them into complexes. Over time, his collection grew into a sizeable collection and was transformed into a magnificent museum. I was a frequent visitor here from 2014-2016, exploring the collection step by step and conversing with Vijayanath Shenoy and his colleagues and friends. After the creator's death in 2017, I returned to meet them and record a series of recollections. This film presents our conversations with Vijayanath Shenoy, with Thomas M.J. and several other persons who are related to Hastashilpa; it was recorded from 2014 to 2023 and shows Hastashilpa Heritage Village and Museum in all details.

[110 min. English. 2025. Film by Svetlana Ryzhakova.]