



Press Release

## Deep Prakashan Launches Debarati Mukhopadhyay's Latest Novel 'Ishwarer Ontim Shwas'

- *The Book commemorates 132<sup>nd</sup> Death Anniversary of the legendary social reformer Shri Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar*
- *The book chronicles the real meaning of humanity, the Vedas, Upanishad and other spiritual texts in alternate way to uplift the mankind*

'Ishwarer Ontim Shwas', a book that sheds light on the last few years of the legendary **Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar** authored by renowned novelist **Ms Debarati Mukhopadhyay**, was launched at Press Club Kolkata today. **Mr Baridbaran Ghosh**, Chairman, **Bangiya Sahitya Parishad**, **Mr Nrisingha Prasad Bhaduri**, Author, **Mr Abhirup Sarkar**, Economist, **Mr Saikat Mukhopadhyay**, Author, **Mr Krishnendu Mukhopadhyay**, Author & **Mr Debojyoti Bhattacharya**, Author were present at the gathering.

Debarati Mukhopadhyay's novel revolves around three young travel vloggers who went to Karmatar to shoot a vlog series on the legendary **Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar**, who chose to distance himself from his known world during 1873-74 and migrated to Karmatar, a sleepy hamlet in Bihar to spend the last 18 to 20 years of his life in isolation and oblivion. These three vloggers plunge into unearthing the forgotten history and end up facing an unpredicted present.

"'Ishwarer Ontim Shwas' is a novel that trajectories the last few years of **Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar** before his demise. The novel highlights some untouched facets of the man of mettle himself. **Deep Prakashan** is delighted to have released this well-researched book of Debarati Mukhopadhyay, known for her writing prowess. We are hopeful that our readers will love indulging in this novel," said **Shri Sankar Mondal, Proprietor, Deep Prakashan**.

"I first went to the **Karmatar** village around four years back while on my way home from Madhupur. I tried to carve out as much time as possible to visit the national library and the **Karmatar** village. The more I worked on the research, the more I realized that the entire Bengali community is strangely airheaded about the last days of such great scholar, the author of **Barnaparichay**. It took me back to the village multiple time during the weekends in the last two and a half years, I was mesmerized by his activities as described by the caretaker **Jitenbabu** and felt thoroughly ashamed of our own ignorance about the last days of one of the greatest personalities in the history of Bengal. I am hopeful that after going through this novel and interpreting **Vidyasagar** in a way not as boring as school textbooks, the bibliophiles will be able to realize the real meaning of living. If that 'influences' them, even a little, then that will be the biggest accomplishment of penning down the chronicles of the man who taught us how to read," **Ms Debarati Mukhopadhyay** said.

The book, published by **Deep Prakashan** and priced at **Rs 250**, will be available across offline retail book shops and various online platforms.

### About Debarati Mukhopadhyay:

Debarati Mukhopadhyay is presently one of the most popular authors of Bengali Literature.

A young Government Officer by profession, she rose to fame within a very short span and has written more than 20 bestseller novels like **Ishwarer Antim Shwas**, **Dakatraja**, **Shikhandi**, **Ishwar Jakhan Bandi** etc. Her novel 'Narach', an iconic period novel depicting Indentured Labourers of 19th Century, is highly acclaimed among readers and has been published by Harper Collins.



Swastik Sanket, a Nazi Eugenics movie by Eskay Movies (Nusrat, Gourab) has been released which is based on her novel 'Narak Sanket'. Her Novel 'Dashgupta Travels' has been shortlisted for Sahitya Akademi Yuva Pursakar, 2021.

Her Novel 'Ranrakahini' is being presently made into film by the SVF Hoichoi. Her Novel 'Shikhandi' created a history when it was acquired for film within 24 hours of it's publication.

Having lakhs of followers in social media, Debarati Mukhopadhyay motivates people through her way of positive thinking. She's a regular speaker in esteemed educational and spiritual institutions of our country and often considered as youth icon of Bengal.

She has been conferred with prestigious Indian Express Devi Award, 2022, Tagore Samman, 2022 etc.

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