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### *Vidyasagar: Articulate Subject of the Non-Renaissance*

Speaker

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Conference Hall (Administrative Wing)  
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Two hundred years after his birth, we continue to wrestle with ways to understand and assess the life, achievements, and legacy of Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar. He remains at once both a paragon of Bengal's cultural renaissance in the nineteenth century and a cautionary reminder of the limited (if not failed) advent of modernity under colonial rule in Bengal. At the risk of reawakening old debates, this lecture seeks to press at a new way for thinking about Vidyasagar's modernity and to highlight one element of Vidyasagar's character that may still inspire efforts to cherish life against the structures of liberal modernity that support exclusion and privilege.



Atul Bose, *Vidyasagar* (VMH Collection)

