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5th Rabindra Bharati University Distinguished Lecture will be delivered by Professor Shiv Visvanathan. He will speak on "Cosmopolitanism and Nationalism in Bengal" at the Udayshankar Hall, Jorasanko Thakurbari Campus on November 25, 2014 (Tuesday) at 4 pm. All are cordially invited.

Dr. Shiv Visvanathan is a social anthropologist and public intellectual whose research interests centre on cultures of knowledge, sociology and philosophy of science, history of technology, social movements, globalization, culture and the politics of environmentalism, disaster management and futures. Dr. Visvanathan served on the Faculty of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi for two decades. He is currently a Professor at the O. P. Jindal Global University. His writings have explored the psychological, cultural and political relations of science, the growing control of society by technology, as well as linkages between scientific establishment and authoritarian structures of state. Dr. Visvanathan has a tradition of forcing listeners and readers to shed their laziness and think. His work on the aftermath of the Bhopal Gas disaster is an extension of his search for alternatives to modern scientific, especially bio-environmental practices and theories, and dialogue of traditional knowledge systems of knowledge outside the mainstream of public sphere, leading to innovative ways of mutual learning. Professor Visvanathan has taught in educational institutes around the world, which includes the University of South Africa and Stanford University in the United States. He has authored many book and articles. Among his books *Organising for Science* (1995) and *A Carnival for Science* (1997) have been widely acclaimed.