



Expert Talk

by

Dr. Sudhira Panda & Mr. Deba Ranjan
(Producer and Script Writer & Director)

Organized by

School of Engineering and Technology, Bhubaneswar
Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha

Event: Expert Talk

Topic: Screening and Discussion on Documentary Film "The Last Naked-eye Astronomer"

Date: 22nd August 2024

Time: 10:00am - 12:00noon

Venue: Kautilya Building (CUTM-BBSR Campus)

Guest: **Dr. Sudhira Panda**, (Producer and Script Writer)
&
Mr. Deba Ranjan, (Director)

Members Present:

1. Dr. Supriya Pattanayak (VC-CUTM)
2. Prof. Jagannath Padhi (Director)
3. Dr. Biswajit Mishra (Pro-VC, Academics)
4. Dr. Ajay Kumar Nayak (Pro-VC, Administration)
5. Dr. Sujata Chakravarty (Dean-SoET)
6. All Hod's and Other Faculty Members of SoET
7. B-tech 1st year Students (Newly Admitted, 2024 Batch)

Opening:

On the 22nd of August 2024, the School of Engineering and Technology at Centurion University of Technology and Management, Bhubaneswar, had the privilege of hosting an engaging expert talk featuring Dr. Sudhira Panda and Mr. Deba Ranjan, the creative minds behind the documentary film "The Last Naked-eye Astronomer." This event was designed to provide students with a unique opportunity to explore the intersection of science, storytelling, and visual media. The screening of the documentary was followed by an in-depth discussion, where the guests shared their insights on the filmmaking process, the challenges of capturing



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scientific narratives on screen, and the significance of preserving the legacy of traditional astronomy in the modern world.

Main topics of discussion:

The session commenced with the screening of "The Last Naked-eye Astronomer," a documentary that chronicles the life and work of one of the last astronomers to practice the ancient art of stargazing without the aid of telescopic equipment. The film beautifully captured the dedication and passion of the astronomer, who continues to observe the skies using only the naked eye, maintaining a centuries-old tradition in a world increasingly dominated by advanced technology.

Following the screening, Dr. Sudhira Panda and Mr. Deba Ranjan took the stage to discuss the inspiration behind the film. They explained how the documentary was born out of a desire to highlight the vanishing practices of traditional astronomers, who have contributed immensely to our understanding of the cosmos yet remain largely unrecognized in the modern scientific community. The filmmakers shared the challenges they faced in bringing this story to life, from researching and locating the subject to overcoming technical and logistical hurdles during production.

The discussion also touched upon the broader implications of the film, particularly in the context of preserving cultural heritage and scientific knowledge. Dr. Sudhira Panda and Mr. Deba Ranjan emphasized the importance of documenting and sharing the stories of individuals who possess unique skills and knowledge, as these narratives serve as a bridge between the past and the future. They also spoke about the role of filmmakers in making science accessible to a wider audience, using visual storytelling as a powerful tool to educate and inspire.

Furthermore, the conversation explored the technical aspects of documentary filmmaking, including scriptwriting, direction, and cinematography. The guests provided valuable insights into how they crafted the narrative to engage the audience emotionally while staying true to the factual content. They discussed the importance of collaboration in the filmmaking process, highlighting how different perspectives and expertise can enhance the final product.

Suggestions:

Dr. Sudhira Panda and Mr. Deba Ranjan offered several recommendations for students interested in pursuing careers in filmmaking, particularly in the realm of documentary production. They encouraged aspiring filmmakers to focus on storytelling that resonates with their passions and interests, as authenticity is key to creating impactful content. They also

suggested that students seek out stories that are underrepresented or at risk of being forgotten, as these narratives often have the power to connect with audiences on a deeper level.

In addition, they advocated for the integration of film studies and media production courses into engineering and technology curricula, recognizing the growing importance of visual media in today's digital age. They emphasized the need for interdisciplinary learning, where students can combine technical skills with creative expression to produce innovative and meaningful work.

Acknowledgements:

The School of Engineering and Technology, Bhubaneswar, expresses its profound gratitude to Dr. Sudhira Panda and Mr. Deba Ranjan for their inspiring and insightful presentation. Their discussion not only shed light on the art and science of documentary filmmaking but also underscored the significance of preserving and sharing cultural and scientific heritage through visual media. We would also like to thank all attendees for their enthusiastic participation, which contributed to a lively and thought-provoking dialogue. The experience gained from this event will undoubtedly encourage students to explore the potential of storytelling in their own academic and professional journeys.

Event Snapshots:



The poster is for an event at Centurion University of Technology and Management, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. It features logos for Centurion University, IEEE, Women in Engineering (WIE), and the Ministry of Education, Government of India. The event is an expert talk on the screening and discussion of the documentary film "The Last Nakeye Astronomer" by Dr. Sudhira Panda (Producer and Script Writer) and Mr. Deba Ranjan (Director). The event is scheduled for August 22nd, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Kautilya Building, Bhubaneswar Campus.

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ON
SCREENING AND DISCUSSION ON DOCUMENTARY FILM
"THE LAST NAKEYE ASTRONOMER"
BY

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Producer and Script Writer

MR. DEBA RANJAN
Director

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