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For Immediate Release:

INDIAN POET/EDUCATOR TO BE TOPIC OF LECTURE AT EIU

CHARLESTON -- D.K. Sinha, vice chancellor of Visva Bharati University, India, will present a lecture -- "Tagore's Life and Mission" -- on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

He is scheduled to speak at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the University Union.

Visva Bharati University was founded by poet Rabindranath Tagore in 1924. Seven years later, in 1931, he received a Nobel Prize in literature. He never attended school.

Tagore believed that a person's emotions and feelings, psychology and philosophy, are strongly influenced by nature. He further believed that educational goals are best achieved when students receive the opportunity for study in a relaxed environment of nature and not surrounded by big walls and buildings.

Visva Bharati University still follows in that tradition.

All are welcome to attend this lecture which is free and open to the public.