Bestselling author Devdutt Pattanaik addresses a principals’ and academics’ conclave, hosted by the Aakash Institute in association with The Newtown School, at ITC Sonar on Friday. Speaking on Applying Traditional Knowledge to Modern Education, the author of *Jaya, Sita* and *My Hanuman Chalisa* encouraged the heads of institutes to blend mythology with mainstream studies for holistic development. He cited the examples of Akbar and Birbal and the game of snakes and ladders to explain how education was more than becoming a doctor or an engineer. Text: Trina Chaudhuri; picture: Arnab Mondal