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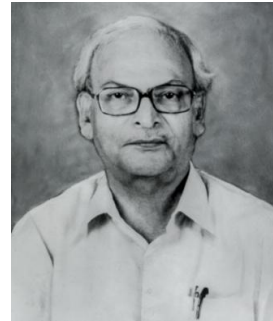
DEEPEST CONDOLENCE



The University is deeply saddened by the news of the passing away of Professor Mohit Bhattacharya, former

Centenary Professor of Public Administration, Department of Political Science. Professor Bhattacharya, who was eighty eight, died on 3 April, 2020. He retired as the Vice-Chancellor of Burdwan University in 1996. He was the Chairman of the 2nd West Bengal Municipal Commission (1993) and he had also served important institutions like the Union Public Service Commission and the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi. Gifted with remarkable energy and vision he would consistently display a great combination of academic acumen and administrative skill.

Widely regarded as a doyen of Public Administration in India, Professor Bhattacharya's books are 'must read' items for in-depth understanding the nuances of the subject which intricately fuses theory with practice. True to his first name, with a soft voice he would engage students in class with an enviable mix of disciplinary depth, lucid language, examples from everyday life and great sense of humour. Professor Bhattacharya will be remembered as a leader, as a scholar and as a person. The University offers its heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family.



The University expresses its deepest condolence for the sad demise of Prof. Prabuddhanath Roy, Former Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Business Affairs and Finance of the university, who passed away on 5 May, 2020. Prof. Roy was an eminent economist and a great teacher who taught in the Department of Economics of this university since 1970. Prof. Roy studied in the Presidency College and finished his post-graduation from this university before obtaining his Ph.D. from MIT, USA, where he was also a post-doctoral fellow. He supervised a large number of Ph.D. students and edited the university journals 'Arthaniti' and 'The Calcutta Review'.

The university fraternity expresses its deep condolence to the bereaved family at this difficult time. With reverence, we shall remember the contribution of Prof. Roy as an eminent scholar and a dedicated and dear teacher.



It is with utter shock and grief that we convey the news of passing away of Prof. Hari Sankar Vasudevan on 10 May, 2020.

He joined the University of Calcutta in 1978 and was associated with the department of History till death. He was one of the leading scholars in Russian and European History and Politics and served as the Director of China Studies under UGC Area Studies Programme in the University of Calcutta. Prof. Vasudevan was associated with a number of academic institutions of national and international repute as visiting fellow, teacher and consulting member. He worked as a consultative expert with the Ministry of Culture, MHRD, the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India and was Chairman of the Textbook Development Committee for the Social Sciences of the NCERT from 2005.

The university fraternity expresses its deep condolence to the bereaved family at this difficult time. With reverence, we shall remember the contribution of Prof. Vasudevan as an eminent scholar and a dedicated and dear teacher.



We deeply mourn the shocking and untimely demise of Dr. Priyaranjan Mandal who passed away on 30th May at an age of 52. Dr. Mandal completed his B.Tech and M.Tech in Applied Physics (Electrical Engineering) from our university. He served as an engineer at DCPL Kolkata for sometime before joining the academics. He also served at MCKVIE, JIS College before joining the Department of Applied Physics in 2009. He obtained his Ph.D. in 2013, and shouldered the responsibility of Head of the Department of Applied Physics during 2016-2018.

Dr. Mandal was a great teacher and a humble person liked by his colleagues and students. It is a great loss for the university family and he will be deeply missed by us all.

Dr. Mrinal Kanti Majumder, former Professor & Dean, Institute of Agriculture Science, University of

Calcutta, & former Vice-Chancellor, UBKV, West Bengal passed away at his residence on 4th June, 2020. His demise is a great loss to the Agricultural Science community.

Professor Majumder received his M.Sc. (Agriculture), Ph.D. (Agriculture) degrees and D.Sc. from University of Calcutta and specialised in Genetics and Plant Breeding. He joined as lecturer in University College of Agriculture, University of Calcutta in 1969. He held the responsibility of the Vice-Chancellor, Uttar Banga Krishi Vishwavidyalaya from 2004-2008. He was a visiting fellow of the IRRI Philippines. Professor Majumder supervised large number of Ph.D. students. His contribution in Agricultural Science will be remembered with admiration.

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Our heartfelt condolences for his bereaved family and friends.



On Monday, July 20, 2020, Dr. Chandrakanta Ghosh, loving husband and father of two children, passed away at age 77.

Dr. Chandrakanta Ghosh was a brilliant student and stood 4th in Higher Secondary Examinations in West Bengal. He was declared 1st Class 2nd in B.Sc. Chemistry from Belur Vidya Mandir in 1963 and secured the rank of 1st Class 1st in M.Sc. in 1965 from Calcutta University. He received his Ph.D. and D.Sc. from Calcutta University and taught there till his retirement in 2007.

Dr. Ghosh was not only an erudite scholar in his subject but could converse at length on varied topics. He was fond of the theatre arts and would make it a point to attend shows to encourage the artists. He loved travelling and would regale his friends and family with many stories of his travels. His astute observations on different cultures were much admired by those who knew him. He was known for his quick wit, infectious smile, and his kind and compassionate spirit.

He is survived by his wife Dr. Subhalaksmi Ghosh, and his two daughters, Dr. Chandreyi Ghosh, resident of USA, and Chandralekha Ghosh, resident of UK, son-in-law Subir Ghosh, grandson Ishaan, and several sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

"Shraddhanjali" will be held in loving memory of Dr. Chandrakanta Ghosh on Sunday, August 2nd, 2020 at 15, Mayfair Road. Soliciting virtual support of family and friends due to the ongoing pandemic.

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