

## OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

### **Prof. Keshab Chandra Choudhuri Department of Political Science**



It is with profound sorrow that we inform you of the unfortunate demise of Prof. (Dr.) Keshab Chandra Choudhuri, who

served as professor in the Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta. He breathed his last at the age of 86, in the early hours of Sunday, 16th May, 2021 at his residence in Salt Lake.

Born in Dhaka in 1935, he migrated to Kolkata during the Partition, subsequently pursuing his education in Calcutta. He obtained his BA in Political Science from Presidency College, his MA and PhD from the University of Calcutta before joining Seth Anandaram Jaipuria College in 1958 as a lecturer. Having served there for fourteen years, he took up a post as reader at the University of

### **Prof. Biswapati Mukherjee, Ex- Professor & Director of the S. N. Pradhan Centre for Neurosciences**



With deep sorrow and profound grief, we inform you about the sudden and unfortunate demise of Prof. Biswapati

Mukherjee, Ex-Professor & Director of the S. N. Pradhan Centre for Neurosciences, University of Calcutta, who passes away in the afternoon of Friday, May 7, 2021. Prof. Mukherjee was joined S. N. Pradhan Centre for Neurosciences as a Professor in September, 1998 and served the centre as an Executive Director from 1998 to 2006. He was a brilliant academician and researcher in the field of Neuroscience. His work on muscle relaxant bisbenzylisoquinoline of Menispermaceous plants of India, Neurotoxins of Indian Marine Poisonous Fishes, Plant Drugs used in Neurodegenerative Diseases, Anti-

### **Professor Aditya Chattopadhyay, Department of Statistics**



It is with profound sorrow that we mourn the sudden and untimely demise of Professor Aditya Chattopadhyay of the Department of

Statistics, University of Calcutta, who breathed his last in the early hours of Saturday, April 24, 2021. He was 63, and is survived by his wife and daughter.

Professor Chattopadhyay was a brilliant student and researcher. He stood first class first in the M.Sc. (Statistics) examination of the University of Calcutta in the year 1979 and after that received his Ph.D. from the same University. Initially he taught in the Department of Statistics, Burdwan University for about 28 years and then joined the Department of Statistics, University of Calcutta as a full Professor in the year 2009. His contributions in the areas of Reliability, Biostatistics and Statistical Data

### **Professor Sarbajit Chaudhuri, Department of Economics**



All members of University of Calcutta deeply mourn the untimely death of their celebrated

Professor of Economics, Shri Sarbajit Chaudhuri, in a Chennai hospital today on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. Aged 56 years, Prof Chaudhuri held Bachelors' and Masters' degrees from University of Calcutta and PhD from Jadavpur University. He started his career as a lecturer in West Bengal Education Services and then joined Department of Economics, University of Calcutta in 1997. A globally recognised scholar of Labour Economics and Development Economics, he has authored nearly 100 research papers in top global journals and four books with publishers like Springer and Routledge. Prof

Burdwan in 1972. Eventually, he joined the Department of Political Science at the University of Calcutta in 1977 and continued to teach here until his retirement in 1999.

Prof. Choudhuri specialised in Marxist philosophy, and focused on the machinery of the Calcutta corporation administration in his doctoral thesis. He further undertook research in the field of urban governance as a British Council Scholar at the University of Birmingham. Apart from that, he was interested in the ideological mechanisms that fostered political revolution, and went beyond the immediate domain to political theory into less obvious but equally significant cultural and religious factors. A few of his illustrious publications include *Calcutta - The Story of its Government*, *Rashtrya Bigyaner Ruprekha*, *The Mother and Passionate Politics*, and *Urbanisation and Urban Governance*.

Prof. Choudhuri was a considerate and generous colleague and mentor with a wry sense of humour, a thoughtful person who spoke and wrote with polite but passionate authority. He had many students

diabetic and Wound healing drugs from plants and Ayurvedic Metal Preparations earned world-wide recognition as reflected in his more than one hundred forty publications in peer-reviewed journals of international repute, three Indian patents, editing books, contribution of many book chapters, earning national and international research funding, including IFS (Sweden) and in the production of several Ph.D.s in various disciplines including chemistry. He was awarded 'Gold Medal'; being distinguished scholar for delivering the prestigious *Dr. B.N. Ghosh Memorial Oration* of the University of Calcutta. He was a Fellow of the *West Bengal Academy of Science and Technology*, Member of '*Phytochemical Society of Asia*', one of the Board Members of the '*International Organisation ANRAP, Dhaka*' and President of Indian Academy of Neurosciences, Kolkata Chapter.

Professor Mukherjee was an excellent teacher, who was loved and admired by his scholars and students. Apart from S. N. Pradhan Centre for Neurosciences, University of Calcutta, he was also involved in teaching at National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and

Analysis will be remembered with admiration.

Besides his brilliance in academics, Professor Chattopadhyay was the Secretary of Calcutta Statistical Association, a premier organisation for promoting the study of Statistics, for more than a decade. Recently he became one of the Editors of the Sage published journal "Calcutta Statistical Association Bulletin".

Professor Chattopadhyay was a great teacher, who was loved and admired by his students. He was always involved in the activities of the department, and contributed much to its progress. He shared a very close relation with all his colleagues. His students, friends and colleagues will always miss him as a successful researcher, kind mentor and an excellent human being.

The university offers its heartfelt condolence to his bereaved family. May the Almighty give his soul eternal peace.

Chaudhuri currently commands an enviable H-Index score of 24 with more than 2020 citations of his works. His involvement with the in-house Departmental journal Arthaniti, now *Arthaniti-Journal of Economic Theory and Practice* (Sage), goes back to almost a quarter of century and he was the Chief Editor of the journal since 2015. His relentless efforts were instrumental in getting this journal a global recognition when the famous publishing house took over for its marketing and distribution. Professor Chaudhuri was suffering from non-COVID lung diseases and ancillary ailments since February 2021 and was taken to a private hospital in Chennai. Though he was steadily improving, a massive cardiac arrest on 25<sup>th</sup> April early morning took him away from his family, friends and colleagues. Leaving behind his wife and daughter, Prof Sarbajit Chaudhuri will be remembered as a passionate teacher, an ardent researcher and a child-like golden hearted colleague.

whose lives and careers were deeply affected by what they learned from him. His students and colleagues knew that they could always rely on his wise and kind advice and support.

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Research (NIPER), Kolkata and is engaged with the activities of Indian Science News Association and is conducting a *Training Programme on Science Communication and Media Practice* as Chairman of the Organising Committee for the last 15 years. He was instrumental in preparing a documentary and a book on Acharya P. C. Ray, the Father of Chemistry Teaching and Research in India under the aegis of this organisation. His students, friends and colleagues established in India and abroad will always miss him as a successful researcher, kind mentor and an excellent human being. The University offers its heartfelt condolence to his bereaved family. May the Almighty give his soul eternal peace.