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 PhD 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.