

The Grand Old Man of IIT Kgp, Prof. G S Sanyal passes away

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The Grand Old Man of IIT Kharagpur Prof. G S Sanyal, beloved Gitinda and Guru of innumerable KGPians passed away 7th July 2011 unexpectedly at his home.

One of the 50 teachers whom the government chose to build the country's first IIT, he was truly an incredible teacher and administrator who dedicated his entire life to the Institute and made it flourish enormously.



Born at Dhubri in Assam in the year 1922, Professor G. S. Sanyal had his school, college and university education in India up to 1943, characterized by an excellent academic record. After gaining two years' experience at All India Radio, he went to the United Kingdom for further specialized studies and obtained general and advanced diplomas in "Radio Engineering" and "Radar". This was followed by 4 years of research experience at Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd., both at UK. After this phase, Professor Sanyal turned to full-time teaching and research that took him to Calcutta University, IIT Kharagpur and several universities and research laboratories, with the longest and most fruitful period spent at IIT Kharagpur.

At the Institute, Professor Sanyal held almost all the important academic and administrative positions culminating in his appointment as Director (1983-1987). Over the years, Professor Sanyal has contributed immensely to the development of higher technological education of the country, in general, and IIT Kharagpur, through his continuous association with the Institute since 1954 till date. Professor Sanyal has committed himself passionately to the social welfare including the use of technology for rural upliftment. For this scholarship, patriotism and innate love of students, Professor Sanyal's name has become a byword among generations of learners at IIT Kharagpur. This love has been repaid in ample measure, as evidenced in the setting up of the "G. S. Sanyal School of Telecommunication" by one of his former students, Sri Arjun Malhotra, now a Life fellow of the Institute. His meritorious contribution to the field of Communication Engineering has been recognized by the Institute through the award of D. Sc. (Doctor of Science) Honoris Causa in the 49th Convocation.

A Condolence Meeting will be held at 1000 hrs. on 11th July 2011 (Monday) in Netaji Auditorium. All are requested to attend. All his students, past and present, colleagues and the members of IIT Kharagpur Family pay our heartfelt condolences to this admirable persona.

To pay homage, please send your message to alumni@hijli.iitkgp.ernet.in
May his soul rest in peace.