



“In a conflict between the heart and the brain, follow your heart.” This was his belief.

We deeply mourn the sad demise of Dr Kalyan Chakrabarti, a retired Professor of the Department of Agricultural Chemistry and Soil Science, Institute of Agricultural Science (IAS), University of Calcutta. He left for the heavenly abode on February 4, 2022 at the age of 74 years after a prolonged battle due to geriatric complications. Dr Chakrabarti was a fellow of the Institute of Chemist (India). He did his graduation from Scottish Church College and obtained his post graduate and Ph.D. degrees from University of Calcutta. After a stint at Dey’s Medical as a chemist, he joined IAS in the year 1995 as an Assistant Professor. During his illustrious career, he held many academic as well administrative posts. He was revered for his excellent teaching skills in several departments of our university. He also served as the Assistant Secretary of the Taraknath Palit campus of the university. He took very keen interest in research and authored numerous articles in highly esteemed international and national journals. His research and teaching domains spanned soil quality, soil biodiversity, biochemical microbiology and environmental microbiology. One of his enduring interests in science was the flora and fauna of Sunderbans and in his death, rhizosphere of Sunderbans has lost one of its true friends.

Besides being an academician, Dr Chakrabarti was a veteran rosarian. He developed multiple varieties of rose and was a recipient of the highest awards conferred by the Indian Rose Federation. He was also a living encyclopaedia of history of Kolkata. He was a kind soul, an indulgent heart and possessed a disciplined mind with extraordinary managerial skills. His life exemplified brilliance in every capacity.

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