

OBITUARY



Chiranjab Das
(1939-2022)

Dr. Chiranjab Das, Ex-Head, Department of Geology, G.C. College, Silchar, Assam passed away on the evening of 22/03/2022 at his residence on Public School Road, Silchar, Assam. I was totally devastated on hearing this news. May his soul rest in peace. He was an educationist par excellence, committed teacher, a visionary, a great institution cum nation builder and an initiator of novel programmes in earth science education. He was a truly dedicated and an exceptionally good guardian cum teacher.

Dr. Das was born in 1939 in Sylhet. He had his initial education in Shillong and later he completed his B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Geology from Presidency College of Kolkata. He was a bright student. He was awarded PhD for his research “Studies on Geology and Micropalaeontology of the Sylhet Limestone around Lumshnong, Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya” by Punjab University, Chandigarh. After completing his Master’s degree he started his career as lecturer in G.C. College, Silchar in 1965 and served up to 1999. Dr. C. Das was the Founder, Head of the Department of Geology, G.C. College, Silchar, Assam where he served from 1965 to 1999. Because of his tireless work for the department, the Department of Geology of G.C. College got one of the special positions both in Assam and West Bengal. During his entire 34 years of service he worked/spent for about 10-12 hours daily with the students in the Department. He always came to the college on foot from his residence and returned back to his residence

also on foot. He paid personal attention to the students. Apart from classroom teaching, he also spent time with the students for a long time who were slow learners or would not be able to come to class for various personal problems. His style and method of teaching was loved by all the students. His depth of knowledge in the subject was par excellence. His command over English was superb.

Under his able guidance he produced more than 1000 students who got the B.Sc. degree. Some of these students have worked as Geologists in G.S.I., ONGC, CGWB, Oil India, IBM, Coal India and some are working as faculty members in various universities and colleges spread across the country. No doubt, that his classroom and practical training have enriched the knowledge of students, which has helped them in their career.

After retirement he was very active and worked as Asst. Co-ordinator, IGNOU centre of G.C. College up to 2019. He is survived by his two sons. Dr. C. Das was a Fellow of the Society. Dr. Das will remain in the hearts of this student because of his goodness. Overall we lost our beloved guru, true teacher. We miss you Sir.

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