

Obituary



It is informed with deep regret that Dr Subir K Bhattacharyya, a distinguished alumnus of our college and a former President (2003-2004) of the Indian Institute of Metals has passed away on 1st February 2022.

Dr. Subir Kumar Bhattacharyya graduated in Metallurgical Engineering in 1966 from the then Bengal Engineering College, Shibpur. He did his Ph.D from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA. Thereafter He joined Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur in 1974 in the Research and Development wing and later became in-charge of the same department. The development of Hadfield Steel Plates and coloured stainless steels were some of his notable achievements.

In 1988, he joined R & D Centre for Iron & Steel (RDCIS), Ranchi - the R & D wing of SAIL. He went on to become Director, RDCIS.

He took charge as the Managing Director of Durgapur Steel Plant in 2001 and he superannuated in December, 2005. He played a major role in the all-round development of DSP, turning the perennially loss-making plant into a profit-making vibrant Organization. Under his leadership, the rated capacities of major shops were surpassed while there were improvements also in the major techno-economic parameters. He led from the front for the development of special steels in DSP and guided the making of new value-added products thereby creating new marketing opportunities.

He had to his credit 50 publications in national and international journals of repute as well as 5 Indian and foreign Patents He had been closely associated with various educational institutions. Starting with Gold Medal in 1966 from BE College, Dr Bhattacharyya won many Awards and Distinctions. In 1984, he received the National Metallurgists' Day Award of IIM. Other notable Awards & Distinctions are Distinguished Alumnus Award of BE College in 1989, OP Jindal Gold Medal Award of IIM in 1997, Life Fellow of IIM in 1996, Member of National Academy of Engineering [INAE] in 1997.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter (now residing in Bengaluru with her family) and a son who is now residing in the USA with his family.

GAABESU joins the bereaved family in praying to the Almighty to grant the departed soul to rest in peace, and give his family enough strength and courage to bear this irreparable loss.