

Obituary: Prof. Chanakya Nath Kundu



It is with great sadness and heavy heart, we inform that our beloved Dr. Chanakya Nath Kundu, Professor, School of Biotechnology has passed away on 14.10.2024.

Dr. Kundu joined the School of Biotechnology on 08.05.2008 as Assistant Professor. Since his joining, he had taken various initiatives to strengthen the academics of the School of Biotechnology.

Prof. Chanakya Nath Kundu earned his B.Sc. in Chemistry and M.Sc. in Biochemistry in 1994 and 1996, respectively. He obtained his Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology in Kolkata in 2002. Following his doctoral studies, he conducted post-doctoral research at several institutions in the U.S., including Texas A&M University, the University of Florida, and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio. In 2008, he joined the School of Biotechnology and played a pivotal role in establishing the Cancer Biology research platform. His work focused on metastasis, angiogenesis in various cancers, and cancer nanotechnology.

Prof. Kundu successfully completed several extramural research projects funded by ICMR, DBT, and CSIR, and he authored 124 research publications along with holding two patents. He supervised 15 Ph.D. students, many of whom secured post-doctoral positions at esteemed universities in the U.S. and Europe. His significant contributions to biological science earned him multiple awards, including the Drs. Kunti and Om Prakash Oration Award, the DBT-CREST fellowship, the Young Biomedical Fellowship, and the Best Faculty Award at KIIT-DU.

At the time of his passing on October 14, 2024, Prof. Kundu was serving as a Professor and Dean of Research at the School of Biotechnology, actively enhancing the research ecosystem of the school. On behalf of the KIIT and KISS family, I extend my deepest condolences and honor his legacy and contributions to the School of Biotechnology and KIIT.

Needless to say, we will miss him more than words can express.
May his soul rest in peace.