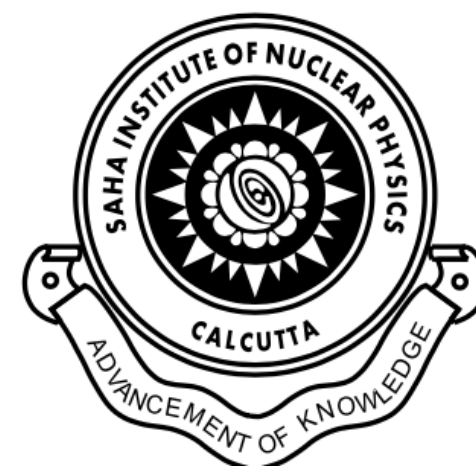


Prof. Bikash Chandra Sinha – End of An Era (June 16, 1945- August 11, 2023)



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MY ASSOCIATION WITH PROF SINHA

- I first saw him in way back in December 5-16, 1989 in “Winter School on Quark-Gluon Plasma” held at Tosalisand, Puri. He was in his 40s, and became visible for his enthusiasm with youthful energy, a vibrant person with positive energy, deep understanding of physics issues and strong determination.
- Then in 1993 in “Second ICPA-QGP” January 19-23, 1993 & International Conference of Astrophysics and Cosmology - Birth Centenary Celebration of Professor Meghnad Saha”, Kolkata, India, December 20-23, 1993.
- In 1995-1997; a Post-doc with Prof. Dinesh K Srivastava at VECC; interacted with Prof. Sinha as a Collaborator and seen him also a Director.
- “3rd ICPAQGP” March 17-21, 1997 in Jaipur. He was very impressed by my invited talk and also performance as a PDF in VECC.
- He appointed me in August, 1997 as an Asst. Prof. in SINP to initiate the theoretical work at the Theory division as there were already an experimental group led by Late Prof. Pratap Bhattacharya and Prof Sukalyan Chattopadhyay.
- Every alternate week there used to be a discussion meeting between theorist and experimentalist led by him. This was immensely useful to both groups.

To eternal vibration of thought
process, to,
Munshi, Saurav and Geouse
Pradip

With greatest of affection
D. K. K.



At his House, in one evening.

He presented us this Photograph with his signature.



This is way back in 2000 when the German Consule, Kolkata came to SINP to hand over a Desktop and a set books donated to me by Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany.

My Impression

- **A great academician, scientist, science administrator and science communicator**
- **A respected visionaries and founder:**

Dedicated his life for development of science, Established Collaborations with CERN, BNL, and FAIR, Started ICPAQGP series and founded various scientific facilities: Accelerators, Medical Cyclotron, Radioactive Ion Beam (RIB) facility, Facility for Research in Experimental Nuclear Astrophysics (FRENA) and the Tagore Centre for Natural Science and Philosophy. He was true advocator of Nuclear Energy in India.

- **An able administrator:**

He held many positions: Joint Director of VECC and SINP, Vice Chancellor of the West Bengal University of Technology, Kolkata, Chairman, or Member of Councils or Boards of Governors of several national and international institutes and Advisor to PMO.

- **Writer:** Written Four Bengali Books, regularly in news papers and magazines.
- **A Great Human Being:** His easy charm and friendly nature, his depth of intellect, and his sincerity won him lifelong friends, from across the world.

Honours and Recognitions

- **National:**

Padmashree (2001), Padma Bhushan (2010), the Indian National Science Academy (1989), the National Academy of Sciences (1993), and the Indian Academy of Science (2004), R. D. Birla Award (2002), Rabindra Puraskar (2021), Bang Bibhushan (2022), Satyendra Nath Bose Birth Centenary Award, Meghnad Saha Award and many others.

- **International:**

Elected as a Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences (2001) and the Institute of Physics, UK (2009), received Honoris Causa Doctorates from several universities in abroad, and the Humboldt Research Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany (2005)

With the passing away of Prof Bikash Sinha, on August 11, 2023, India in general, and Kolkata in particular, lost one of its most loved and respected visionaries, scientists, science administrators, and science communicators, who led the Nuclear and High Energy Physics Research to a Great Height.

It is a great loss to the Indian Science community and will be remembered for his monumental contribution towards science