



Condolence Message

The Director, members of the Governing Council and the faculty, students and staff of the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) deeply grieve the passing away of **Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi**, the Founder-Director of IDSK between 2002 and 2012 and Emeritus Professor from 2013 till his last breath. He was also the member of General Body and Governing Council of IDSK till his passing away on 28 November 2024. He was an eminent economic historian, political economist, literary critic, great administrator and researcher. He was a remarkable institution builder and worked relentlessly to build up IDSK from 2002 to 2012. Under his leadership IDSK introduced its flagship programme MPhil in Development Studies in 2006 and many externally sponsored research projects were completed successfully. During his tenure at IDSK, his important publications include *The Developmental State in History and in the Twentieth Century*, *Webs of History: Information, Communication and Technology from Early to Post-colonial India* (jointly with Barnita Bagchi), *Perilous Passage: Mankind and the Global Ascendancy of Capital*, *The Evolution of State Bank of India, Vol. I, The Roots 1806-1876*, *Capture and Exclude: Developing Economies and the Poor in Global Finance* (jointly edited with Gary Dymski), *Colonialism and Indian Economy, Transformation and Development: The Political Economy of Transition in India and China* (jointly edited with Anthony P. D'Costa) etc.

Professor Bagchi engaged himself during the last twenty years of his life in a documentation project on *Economic History of British Rule in India in the late Nineteenth Century* sponsored by the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) and the twelve volumes that were published during this period was his brainchild.

All the members of IDSK convey their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved members of his family and all others who will miss him dearly.

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