

In Memoriam: Prof. Bidyendu Mohan Deb (1942–2026)

It is with profound sorrow that we mourn the passing of Prof. Bidyendu Mohan Deb, a distinguished theoretical chemist and a pioneering figure in Indian science, who passed away on 19 October 2026, at the age of 84.

An eminent scholar, accomplished researcher, and inspiring teacher, Prof. Deb made significant contributions to theoretical chemistry and left an enduring mark on the scientific community through his intellectual vision, scholarly achievements, and unwavering commitment to scientific inquiry. As a mentor and educator, he inspired generations of students and researchers, fostering a spirit of curiosity, critical thinking, and academic excellence.

His association with IISER Kolkata during its formative years remains an important part of the Institute's academic legacy. His contributions to the advancement of science and education will be remembered with deep respect and gratitude.

On behalf of the Institute, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, colleagues, students, and all those whose lives he touched. We join them in mourning this profound loss and honour his enduring legacy in science and education.