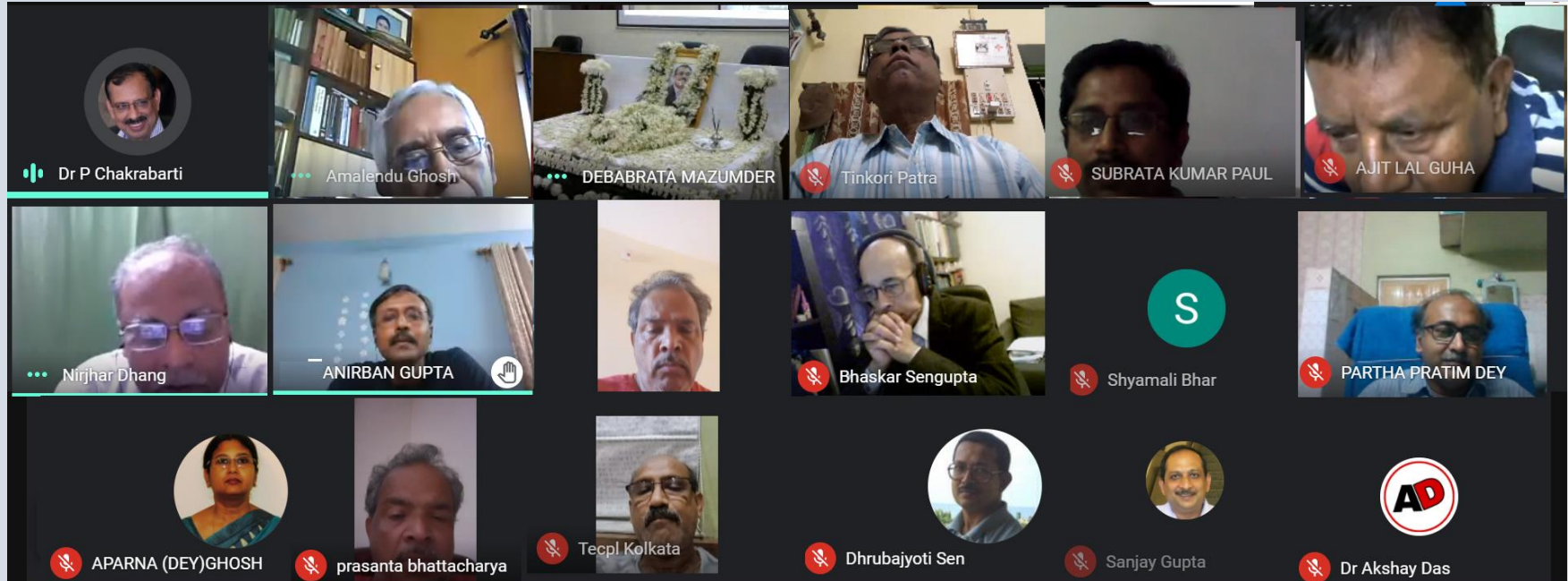


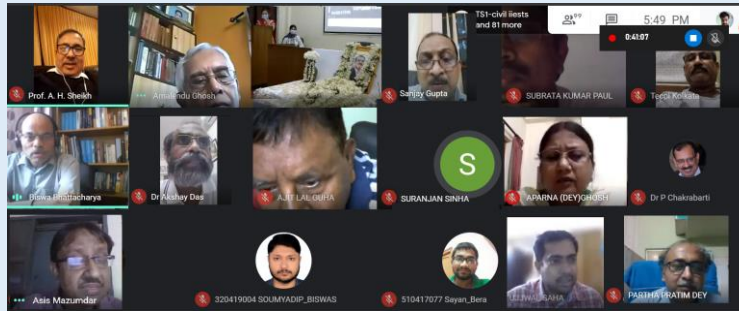
Condolence meeting in memory of Late Prof. Kalyan Kumar Bhar (Department of Civil Engineering, IEST Shibpur)





Prof. Kalyan Kumar Bhar
03.01.1963 - 29.03.2021

Prof. Kalyan Kumar Bhar, an Alumnus, Dean (P&D), Professor and Former Head of Civil Engineering Department of IEST Shibpur left the IEST fraternity for heavenly abode on 29.03.2021. In his memory, the Department of Civil Engineering organized a Condolence Meeting on 29.04.2021 in online and offline mode by adhering to COVID-19 protocols. IEST faculty members, staffs and students paid homage to Prof. Bhar in the Seminar Hall of CE Dept. by garlanding the photo frame of Late Prof. Bhar, and observing one minute silence. Honorable Director of IEST Shibpur, Prof. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti, Deans, Registrar, Heads of various departments, friends, family members, former and present faculty members, staffs, research scholars and students rendered their heartfelt condolences. Prof. Bhar's simplicity, exceptional wit, handwriting, photography skills, love for classical music and the ability to nurture and motivate the students was fondly remembered by everyone. Prof. Bhar will be remembered by the entire IEST fraternity for his immense contribution in course of his 26 years yeoman's service to IEST Shibpur.



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Prof. Kalyan Kumar Bhar, an alumnus, Professor, Dean and former Head of the Civil Engineering Department of the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur left for heavenly abode on 29th March 2021. In order to pay homage to his memory, the Department of Civil Engineering IEST Shibpur organized a condolence meeting in a hybrid mode (i.e. online and offline), in the departmental Seminar Hall on 29th April 2021. All COVID-19 protocols were strictly adhere by in the offline condolence meet.

The condolence meet began at 5 pm with the garlanding of photo frame of Late Prof. Bhar by faculty members and friends, Heads, Deans, staffs and students, followed by observation of one minute of silence thereof. A musical prayer was offered in his fond memory through the eternal Brahma Sangeet of Rabindranath Tagore - "Tomaro Ashime". Prof. Ambarish Ghosh, Head, Department of Civil Engineering delivered the introductory speech, where he reiterated the immense contribution of Prof. Bhar for the Civil Department, as well as for the institute, and his active role in the advancement of the Water Resources specialization. Prof. Ghosh remarked that his sudden demise is a huge loss not only to his family members, but also to the Institute and to his students. This was followed by an emotional condolence speech delivered by Hon'ble Director of the institute, Prof. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti, where he recalled the memories of working with Prof. Bhar and admired his way of handling multiple responsibilities in an efficient manner. Hon'ble Director proposed that an award/honorary position should be constituted in the memory of Prof. Bhar in recognition of his valuable contribution and utmost dedication to the institute.

This was followed by condolence speeches rendered by Prof. Sudip Kr Roy [Dean (Academic) and Acting Dan (Planning and Development)], Prof. Debabrata Mazumdar, [Dean (Student Welfare)], Prof. Suranjan Sinha, [Registrar (Acting)], Prof. Subrata Kr Paul [Head, Department of Architecture, Town and Regional Planning]. Further, the family members, friends and acquaintances of Prof. Bhar expressed their heartfelt condolence and cherished old memories with him, including Prof. Nirjhar Dhang, Prof. A. H. Sheikh, Dr. Bhaskar Sengupta, Dr. Biswa Bhattacharya, Dr. Akshay Das, Prof. Asish Majumdar, Shri Dhruvajyoti Sen, Shri Prasanta Bhattacharya, Shri. Saumitra Bhattacharyya and Dr. Sanjay Gupta. Prof. Bhar's simplicity, exceptional wit, handwriting, photography skills and love for classical music was fondly remembered by everyone.

This was followed by condolence speeches delivered by the former and present faculty members of various departments/centres/schools of IEST Shibpur, which included Prof. Amalendu Ghosh, Prof. Ajit Lal Guha, Prof. Gautam Bhattacharya, Prof Partha Pratim Dey, Prof. Anirban Gupta, Prof. Aparna (Dey) Ghosh, Prof. Chaitali Ray, Prof. Ujjwal Saha, Prof. Sujata Biswas and Prof. Chanchal Majumdar. The faculty members unanimously acclaimed that Prof. Kaylan Bhar

was a highly valued colleague, an excellent faculty and an even better human being. The staff members of IEST Shibpur also expressed their grief and emotionally remembered the departed soul. Shri Tinkori Patra recited a poem composed in his memory and Ms. Amrita Bandopadhyay expressed her fond memories of Prof. Bhar and admired his contribution in modernizing the Civil Engineering Department. This was followed by condolence speeches rendered by research scholars and students. Ms. Swarnadeepa Chakraborty, a research scholar in Water Resources specialization recalled her memories as a student of Prof. Bhar, and urged upon the students to fulfil the dreams and aspirations of Prof. Bhar in tribute to his memory. The students emotionally stated that Prof. Bhar will be remembered forever for his quick-witted humorous replies, his affable smile, and most importantly, his ability to nurture and motivate the students. A heartfelt condolence note penned down by the IEST fraternity was handed over to the family members of Late Prof. Kalyan Kumar Bhar. On behalf of the Department of Civil Engineering, the condolence note was read out by Prof. Gautam Bhattacharya. The condolence meeting ended on a heavy note with the saying that the echo of Prof. Bhar will resonate in the institute and in the department forever.