



In Memorium

Dr. Basudev Halder

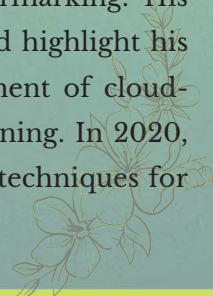
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I inform you with profound sadness that the NITMAS and TNU community suffered an irreparable loss on Thursday, April 29th, 2021, when Dr. Basudev Halder, of the Neotia Institute of Technology Management and Science, passed away. He was 49 years old.

He was the Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. He was born on 12th November 1971 in the city of Bongaon, West Bengal. He grew up in his hometown and completed his high school education in the year 1991. He then obtained a B. Sc degree from Calcutta University and a B.E degree in Computer Science and Engineering from the Jadavpur University in 1994 and 1999. After completing his graduation in Computer Science and Engineering, he joined Scriptron Pvt. Ltd. as a software developer in 1999. He served there for a year and then returned to Jadavpur University and completed his M.E in Computer Science and Engineering in 2002. He started his academic career in 2001 as a part-time lecturer at the Women's Polytechnic College. After completing his M.E, he joined as a full-time lecturer in the IT department of the Birbhum Institute of Engineering & Technology in 2002. After one year, he joined as a lecturer in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of the Neotia Institute of Technology Management and Science on 20th January 2003. We then knew the NITMAS as the Institute of Technology and Marine Engineering or, more often, abbreviated as ITME. In December 2013, he took charge as the Head of the IT department of the Institute. He served as the HOD of the IT department until 2017. Soon after this, he took charge as the head of the CSE Department from 2018. He has also served as visiting faculty at the Jadavpur University and the University of Calcutta.

Apart from being a dedicated teacher, he was a passionate researcher. His current research interests dealt with biomedical signal analysis, its classification, signal compression, and watermarking. His publications in reputed journals and conferences reflect his extensive research work and highlight his significant contribution. Among his major contribution in recent times, the development of cloud-based telemonitoring of cardiac signals, its analysis, and classification are worth mentioning. In 2020, the University of Calcutta awarded him a Ph.D. degree for his thesis on soft computing techniques for compression, analysis, and classification of cardiac signals.



I have known Dr. Basudev Halder for a long time since my days at ITME. He was a modest person with a kind heart. The most noticeable thing about him is that he would always greet one with a cheerful smile. I have always observed in him strong leadership skills with a caring temperament towards his subordinates. Through my interactions with him over the years, I could see in him the reflections of a committed family man with a strong love for his daughter and wife. He would work tirelessly at his office and still find time to carry out all his duties towards his family to ensure that they are taken care of and fostered. His colleagues, junior faculty members, and staff members in the Institute were also no less than his family. His love and support for them were unparalleled. These turned out to be instrumental in lifting the morale of his subordinates and building team cohesiveness. As an educator, his engaging teaching methods and immeasurable care for his students made him immensely popular. His ability to ignite the minds of the young students and inspire them to uplift their performance was exceptional. One of his many good traits that were unmatched is his tremendous energy level and ability to work tirelessly to achieve his goals. In him, the NITMAS and TNU community has lost a most vibrant personality. It is exceedingly difficult for us to accept the shocking fact that he has passed away. The anguish and pain of losing an old friend and a colleague are amongst the greatest sorrow that we must bear. But I do believe that his students will carry forward his legacy. Dr. Basudev Halder will always continue to live in our hearts.

Dr. Basudev Halder is survived by his wife Mrs. Mini Halder and his daughter Ms. Anangsha Halder.

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Reflections from Colleagues

Prof. Souvik Biswas

"Dr. Basudev Halder, was known to his inner circle as Basuda, worked for nearly twenty years in our institution Neotia Institute of Technology Management and Science in the department of computer science and engineering. He will be remembered as a colleague, a mentor, a leader, a visionary and above all, a good human being."

Prof. Debarata Nath

"He had taken good care of our department. We learnt a lot from him. We will be missing him."

Prof. Sunanda Sinha

"I found him to be a good administrator with exceptional managerial skills."

Prof. Bappaditya Mondal

"Basuda, I don't know where you are right now, but I hope you are happy wherever you are. I cannot for a moment forget that you are no longer with us. I still haven't been able to come to terms with this sad truth. All the time, your memories keep coming in my mind. And your last words: "বাপ্পা অক্সিজেন সিলিন্ডারটা তড়াতাড়ি পাঠা কলেজ থেকে আমার খুব কষ্ট হচ্ছে" still rings in my ear. The incompleteness left by your demise shall never be filled. May God give strength to your family to bear this irreparable tragic loss. And I say one more time, may you remain happy and well wherever you are."

Prof. Soumendranath Mishra

"He was not only my HOD, he was the friend, philosopher and guide to me. Whenever I faced any kind of problem either official or personal I discussed with him and he advised nicely. He was a great person. He will remain in my heart forever. I will miss him very much."



Prof. Deep Suman Dev

"It is very unfortunate to all associated with Ambuja Neotia Education Vertical that Dr. Basudev Halder is not with us. His fighting with the virus effect in his body stopped on 29th April, 2021. I was not in a state on that date to believe that Basuda (I used to call him Basuda) is no more. The day before his death, he called me twice in the afternoon and I will never forget his voice. We have lost a dynamic academician like him.

I never thought that I have to write about him for obituary section. From the day on which I have joined this Institution, I have seen him as a very energetic person who carried out any responsibility sportingly. Listening his encouraging words, nobody can sit idle. He loved to listen to songs. I never seen him angry in different pressure situations and he always tried to coordinate the matter with smile on his face. Any colleague who asked for any type of help, he would always try to help them beyond his limit. I am still missing and shall miss his cheerful attitude and bright smile."



Prof. Kallol Bera

"In the last one and half years due to Corona virus pandemic situation we have spent some bad time in our life. In between that time, we have lost not only our HOD, our colleague, and friend "Lt. Basudeb Halder". When I have joined this Institution, he was already 9 years experienced in teaching. Yet he helped me in various way as a friend.

When a loved one passes away, we are never prepared for the changes that will come to our lives from this tragic accident. Receiving the call that Basu da had passed away was very shocking to me. It's something that no one in this world wants to go through the loss of a loved one. Managing the emotions and feelings is very important since we have to be strong minded and be able to move forward.

We will remember you, Basu da till the end of our life."



Dr. Basudev Halder with his colleagues and students of the CSE Department on Teachers Day



Dr. Basudev Halder addressing the audience during a workshop



Dr. Basudev Halder with his daughter and wife



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