

## Dipak Bandyopadhyay

1947-2022

On the 8th of July, Mr. Dipak Bandyopadhyay passed away peacefully in presence of his loved ones in Toronto, Canada.

An alumnus of BE College (now IIEST) Metallurgical Engineering 1967 batch, Presidency University Kolkata Pre-University 1962 and South Point School, Mr. Bandyopadhyay went on to work in prestigious government agencies and private sector companies. He was trained at Hoesch Hohenlimburg, Germany (ThyssenKrupp GmbH) on cutting edge metallurgical techniques.

An intrepid innovator, Mr. Bandyopadhyay has devised cost-effective techniques of cold rolling steel and for hardening and tempering steel strips for a number of downstream applications. Many of these innovations are still in use and commercially successful. In the early 1980s, he changed tracks and became an entrepreneur, floating a manufacturing venture with his friends at Howrah. Later on, he co-founded Walzen Strips Pvt. Ltd, which is globally known as manufacturers of quality steel strapping for packaging.

Mr. Bandyopadhyay also specialized as a consultant for setting up manufacturing units of specialized steel strips, and provided expert advice on production, marketing and labor relations. His work associates remember his integrity and honesty, positive outlook, troubleshooting ability and calm demeanor. He was the veritable "go-to man" for all and sundry, be it a director or a factory worker, at his workplace. In 2020, he made the decision to transition into retirement, to spend more time with his family.

An exceptionally well-read man, he was an explorer at heart, and loved to travel and dabble with new things. He had a wide range of interests, and even at his busiest always found time to indulge in his interests. He loved interacting with people and was warm and self-effacing in his inter-personal dealings.

A loving and dedicated family man, Dipak Bandyopadhyay leaves behind his wife, Swapna, his children (Maumita-Maulindu, Avisekh-Soumita) and his grandchildren (Aritra, Aadit and Aarya), all of whom deem themselves lucky and blessed to have been loved by him. His legions of friends, admirers and his extended family will always miss his bright presence in their lives.