



OBITUARY

Asim Mukhopadhyay passed away on 29th Apr 2021 in Kolkata, West Bengal at Medica Hospital. He was infected by Corona Virus. He is survived by his wife Anuradha Mukherjee, daughter Aditi Mukherjee, son Anindya Mukherjee, grandson Aadi Mukherjee, granddaughter Anusha Mukherjee and many more whom he loved as much as his own children. He also leaves behind his sister Bharati Chakraborty, many nieces and nephews.

'The superior man is modest in his speech but exceeds in his action' – Confucius. Life of Asim Mukhopadhyay was a living illustration of these wise words. He was born in 1945 at Bikrampur, Dhaka. He was the only son of late Ashok Kumar Mukherjee and late Abha Rani Mukherjee. He migrated to West Bengal, along with his parents and four sisters. He was extraordinary in his studies, which earned him full scholarship for his Civil Engineering degree course in Bengal Engineering College, Shibpur. He joined the college and completed his engineering degree in 1964.

His first job was with B.B.J. Construction Company, where he was assigned to the Foundry Forge Project site at Ranchi for Heavy Engineering Corporation. There he gained valuable experience in all aspects of Civil Engineering. He got married to Anuradha Mukherjee and at a young age of 25 years he became father to a son, Anindya Mukherjee. He supervised R.C.C work at Haldia for Indian Oil Corporation and Calcutta Port Trust before making up his mind to start his organization with four friends - Mr. Mihir Das, Mr. Pranab Shankar Roy, Mr. Sudip Homchowdhury and Mr. Bijon Mukherjee. Tuscon Engineers Pvt. Ltd. and Civilmech Constructions Pvt. Ltd. were founded on 4th Dec 1972 at Kolkata. With a dedicated team of site engineers, architects and accountants he quickly developed a capability to execute large scale construction projects, simultaneously at different locations in India and abroad, catering to core industries like Coal, Cement, Steel, Power, Chemical, Jute, Textile, Food and Bulk Drug Processing plants. The Pune Mumbai Expressway, Indo Nissin Food Processing Plant, Woolworth Textile Plant, Larji Hydro Electric Power Project are few examples in his long list of accomplishments. He recruited and trained a team of experienced and highly skilled professionals, transitioned his official responsibilities, before taking voluntary retirement from active office work.

At office, he used to encourage all members to come to him if they face challenges, regardless of their rank in the company and took active interest in resolving all their issues. It was his nature to go out of his way to help people he knew and sometimes even those whom he didn't. He used to travel 20+ days every month on office work, undeterred by a strenuous combination of flights, trains and cars to reach project sites. He was extremely attentive towards keeping himself in good health as he did not want to fall sick and make others suffer due to his temporary immobility.

At home, he was a jovial person and loved treating his family, friends and relatives with variety of food (Tea with Jalebi and Shingara were his favorite). He enjoyed watching cricket at Eden Gardens and on TV (when he could). In movies, his favorite heroes were Uttam Kumar and Amitabh Bachchan. He specially enjoyed Bengali and Hindi comedies of the black & white era. Last few years he thoroughly enjoyed TV serials like 'Dadagiri' and 'Rani Rashmoni'. His Hindi speaking had some flaws, which sometimes produced hilarious results. It still did not deter him from using the language.

He was a devoted husband, a caring father and a loving grandfather. He encouraged his children to go out, see the world and make their own future. He always kept in touch with them and his grandchildren by speaking to them over phone, multiple times in a week. He did not miss a single occasion to call and wish them on their birthdays and anniversaries.

He had a deep faith in God. He loved to read Vivekananda and followed his preaching 'work is worship' throughout his life. As a part of his social responsibilities, he served in many honorary roles. He was the President of 'Bengal Engineering College Alumni 1964' (BECA 64). His philanthropic activities included giving consulting services and financial support to organizations and individuals. He did not prefer talking about such contributions in public. Many of such activities were even unknown to his family members.

His loss is mourned by the entire Tuscon family, friends, and relatives. The family expresses gratitude to all, who have shared their condolence messages and also to those who could not. May his soul rest in peace. May God give everyone the strength to move forward with his legacy of 'service towards others'.

- the loss is immeasurable, but so is the love you've left behind -