Report on
"Centenary Homage to Prof. Arun Kumar Choudhury"

➢ **TITLE OF EVENT/ PROGRAMME (SEMINAR/ WEBINAR/ WORKSHOP/ EXTENSION LECTURE/ EXTENSION ACTIVITY/ ANY OTHER ACTIVITY):**

Centenary Homage to Prof. Arun Kumar Choudhury

➢ **THEME OF THE EVENT/ PROGRAMME:**

Celebrate the life and contributions of Prof. Arun Kumar Choudhury

➢ **ACADEMIC SESSION:**

2023-2024

➢ **DATE:**

November 22, 2023

➢ **VENUE:**

Vidyasagar Hall of the Asiatic Society, 1, Park Street, Kolkata - 700016

➢ **OBJECTIVE/ PURPOSE:**

This report aims to capture the essence of the seminar and the profound legacy left by Prof. Arun Kumar Choudhury.

➢ **SPEAKER/S / RESOURCE PERSON/S:**

Speaker 1: My revered Teacher and colleague Prof. Arun Kumar Choudhury- Prof. Prasanta Kumar Basu, Retired Professor of Radio Physics and Electronics, Calcutta University.

Speaker 2: My father Arun Kumar choudhury- Sri Tarun Kumar Chaudhuri, Ex-Vice-President, Sandvik Asia Ltd.

Speaker 3: Prof. Arun Kumar Choudbury: Pioneer of computer research in India -Prof. Susanta Sen, Retired Professor and Ex dean of Technology, Calcutta university.

Speaker 4: Computation to Artificial intelligence : Role of Prof. Arun Kumar Choudhury- Prof. Bhargab B Bhattacharya, Retired Intelligence Professor, ISI, Kolkata.

➢ **TARGET AUDIENCE/ PARTICIPANTS:**

Distinguished guests, Faculty and students from different colleges.

➢ **ATTENDANCE SHEET:**

HOD (Department of Computer Science, Asutosh College) and Students.

➢ **BRIEF REPORT ABOUT THE EVENT/ PROGRAMME:**

Introduction:

The Centenary Homage to Prof. Arun Kumar Choudhury held at the Vidyasagar Hall of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, on November 22, 2023, was a profound gathering to celebrate the life and contributions of a distinguished figure. Organised by The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, the seminar attracted scholars, colleagues, students, and well-wishers of Prof. Choudhury.

Event Schedule:

Welcome Address:
Dr. Asok Kanti Sanyal, Biological Science Secretary, The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, commenced the event by extending a warm welcome to the participants.

Introducing the Seminar:
Dr. Arunabha Misra, Coordinator and Council member of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, provided an overview of the seminar, setting the stage for the discussions and reflections on Prof. Arun Kumar Choudhury's life and work.

Presidential Address:
Prof. Swapan Kumar Pramanick, President of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, delivered a presidential address, emphasising the significance of Prof. Choudhury's contributions to the field.

Speaker Sessions:

a) My Revered Teacher and Colleague Prof. Arun Kumar Choudhury:
Prof. Prasanta Kumar Basu, Retired Professor of Radio Physics and Electronics,

Calcutta University, shared personal insights into Prof. Choudhury's impact on his academic and professional journey.

b) My Father Arun Kumar Choudhury:
Sri Tarun Kumar Chaudhuri, Ex-Vice-President, Sandvik Asia Ltd., provided a unique perspective on Prof. Choudhury's influence within and beyond academia.

c) Prof. Arun Kumar Choudhury: Pioneer of Computer Research in India:
Prof. Susanta Sen, Retired Professor and Ex-Dean of Technology, Calcutta University, highlighted Prof. Choudhury's pioneering role in advancing computer research in India.

d) Computation to Artificial Intelligence: Role of Prof. Arun Kumar Choudhury:
Prof. Bhargab B. Bhattacharya, Retired Intelligence Professor, ISI, Kolkata, explored the transition from computation to artificial intelligence and Prof. Choudhury's pivotal role in this evolution.

Vote of Thanks:
Prof. Basudeb Barman, Vice-President of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, expressed gratitude to the participants, organizers, and sponsors, acknowledging their contributions to the success of the event.

Prof. Arun Kumar Choudhury's Contributions:

Founding the Department of Computer Science and Engineering:
Prof. Choudhury's visionary initiative led to the establishment of the "Department of Computer Science and Engineering" at the University of Calcutta in 1980. He served as the head of the department, nurturing it from 1980 to 1983.

Multifaceted Research:
Prof. Choudhury's extensive research spanned various areas, including Analog Computers, Circuit Theory, Control Systems, and Digital Computers.

Spread of Education:
He played a crucial role in advancing education in electronics and computing. Prof. Choudhury's efforts began in 1951, at a time when the country lacked proper infrastructure for learning and research in these fields.

Educational Infrastructure Development:
Prof. Choudhury contributed significantly to building appropriate educational infrastructure in electronics and computer science, particularly in terms of laboratory facilities.

➢ **EXPECTED OUTCOME:**

The Centenary Homage to Prof. Arun Kumar Choudhury was a remarkable tribute to a visionary academician. The seminar not only celebrated his achievements but also provided a platform for intellectual discussions, fostering a deeper understanding of his enduring impact on the fields of electronics and computer science.

➢ **GEO-TAGGED PHOTOGRAPHS:**
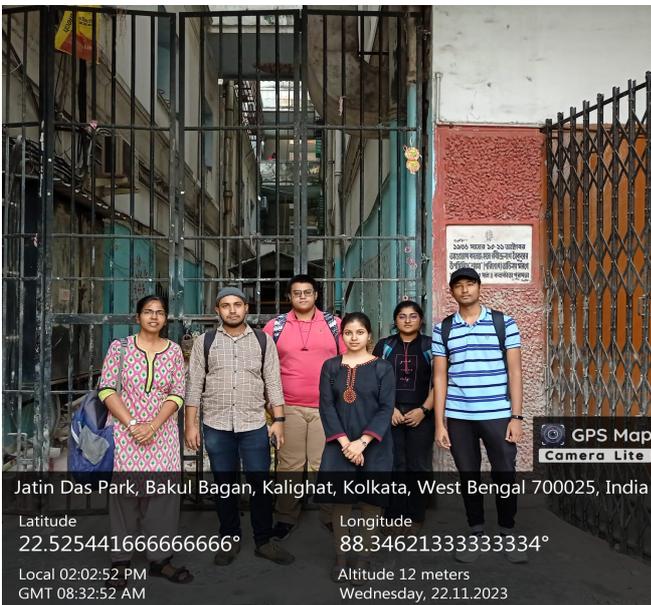
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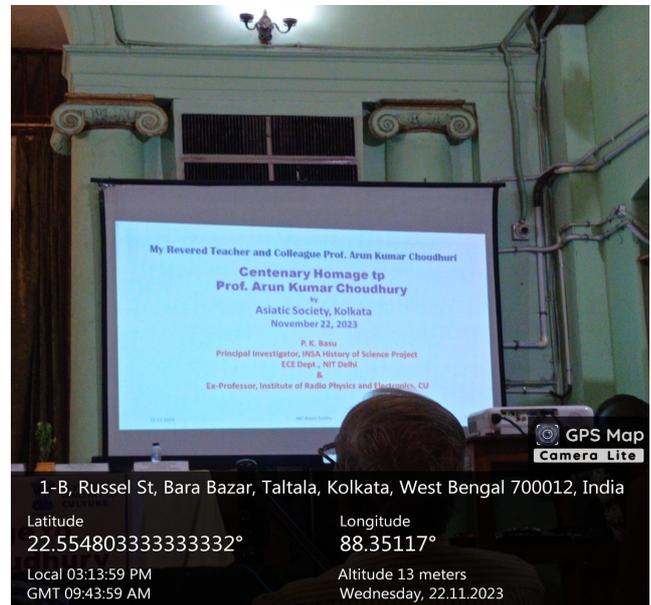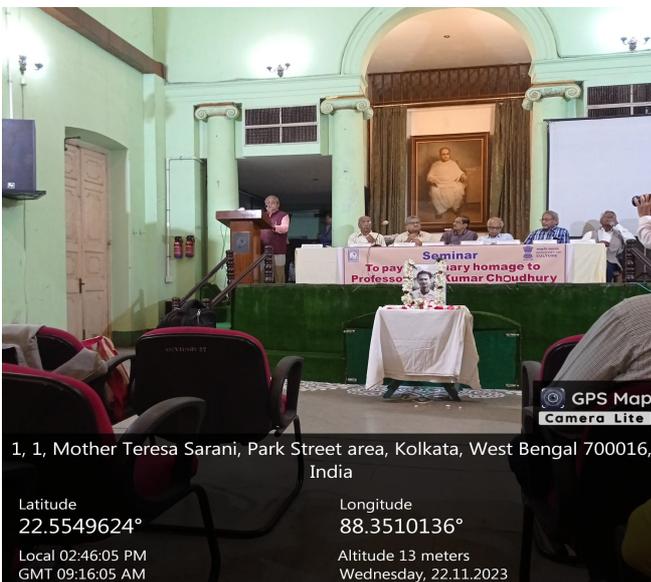
Students of Asutosh College participated in Seminar