

Padma awardee Gopal Chandra Mitra passes away at 85

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Bhubaneswar, Dec 25: Padamshree Professor (Dr) Gopal Chandra Mitra passed away yesterday at his Shaheed Nagar residence following a prolonged illness. He was 85.

He was an outstanding engineer, a person who has worked for renovation and preservation of heritages like Jagannath Temple and many more.

Iconic structures such as Indoor Stadium at Cuttack and many more bear testimony to his design and execution capabilities. He has done a lot for FCI, HAL, IPICOL, IIT BBS and IDCO. Finally, he retired as Engineer in Chief and Work Secretary a quarter Century back.

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Former Engineer-in-Chief and Secretary to Government in the Works Department Prof GC Mitra passed away here on Thursday. He was 85.

Prof Mitra, who was conferred with the Padma Shri in 2003, played a prominent role in the restoration of the Jagannath Temple at Puri and Sun Temple at Konark as a Member of the Core Committee constituted by the Archaeological Survey of India. While serving the Government, he did his M.Tech and PhD from IIT, Kharagpur and subsequently worked as a professor in the same institute. Prof Mitra almost singlehandedly developed the IIT, Kharagpur Bhubaneswar campus, which subsequently led to the establishment of IIT, Bhubaneswar.

He also played a prominent role in construction of a large number of cyclone shelters, which came up in the aftermath of the 1999 Super Cyclone.



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Bhubaneswar: A great son of Odisha, an outstanding engineer and doyen infrastructure building , a person who has worked for renovation and preservation of heritages like Jagannath Temple and many more, Padamshree Professor (Dr) Gopal Chandra Mitra, passed away yesterday at 5 pm at his Shaheed Nagar Residence after prolonged illness.

He was 85.

Post super cyclone 1999 design and construction of about 860 Cyclone Shelter that now saves millions from such disasters credit goes to him. Iconic structures such as Indoor Stadium at Cuttack and many more bear testimony to his design and execution capabilities.

Holding Indian Road Congress in Odisha and present IRC village He has done a lot for FCI, HAL, IPICOL, IIT BBS and IDCO. Finally, he retired as Engineer in Chief and Work Secretary a quarter Century back.

When he was a Superintendent Engineer and did his Masters and PhD from his Almamater IIT Kharagpur from where he got his B Tech Degree in 1959.