

# **ORISSA CHEMICAL SOCIETY**

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Dr. Sashi Bhusan Mohanty 01.10.1942 - 27.12.2024

The Orissa Chemical Society expresses its profound sorrow at the sad demise of **Dr. Sashi Bhusan Mohanty**, a distinguished scholar, educator, social worker, and esteemed member of the OCS.

Dr. Mohanty completed his M.Sc. in Chemistry from Ravenshaw College in 1966 and began his academic career the same year as a Lecturer in Chemistry at MPC College, Baripada, where he served until 1970. He then joined Ravenshaw College, Cuttack, and served there until 1976. During his tenure at Ravenshaw, he earned his Ph.D. in 1978 under the guidance of Prof. Mahendra Kumar Rout. Dr. Mohanty continued his illustrious career at Dhenkanal College, Dhenkanal, and Government College, Bhawanipatna, until 1996. He was then deputed as Principal of SVM College, Jagatsinghpur, where he served until August 2000. Subsequently, he was appointed Principal (Grade-I) at Government College, Chhatrapur, where he served until his superannuation on September 30, 2000. Throughout his service, Dr. Mohanty shouldered numerous academic and administrative responsibilities. As Principal of SVM College, his dynamic leadership led to the plantation of 800 teak trees on the college premises in the aftermath of the devastating super cyclone of 1999. Notably, he also facilitated the successful organization of the Annual Conference of the Orissa Chemical Society at SVM College during his tenure.

After his retirement, the motto "Service to Mankind is Service to God" became the guiding principle of his life. As a resident of Mahanadi Vihar (Plot No. 183) in Cuttack, he devoted his time and resources to the welfare of society. As President of the Mahanadi Vihar Pensioners' Society, he established a "Social Security Fund" to support the healthcare needs of the underprivileged and promote environmental welfare. He selflessly supported the UGME School in Mahanadi Vihar, Cuttack, and extended generous assistance to individuals with mental disabilities, providing them with facilities for their educational, mental, and societal development.

The Orissa Chemical Society extends its heartfelt condolences to Dr. Mohanty's family, friends, and students to bear the loss. His extensive contributions to science, education, and society will continue to inspire generations of chemists.

May his soul rest in eternal peace

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5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

(Prof. Smrutiprava Das) President, OCS For the Members of the Orissa Chemical Society.