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## Condolence Message



**Prof. (Dr.) Prafulla Kumar Jena**  
27.12.1931 – 07.03. 2023

**Prof. (Dr.) Prafulla Kumar Jena**, Padma Shri Awardee, former Director of the Regional Research Laboratory (CSIR-IMMT), Bhubaneswar, Director General of CSIR, and former President of Ravenshaw Chemistry Alumni Association, passed away in his Bhubaneswar residence on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at the age of 91. He will be remembered as a distinguished scientist and a humble human being.

Prof. Jena was born on 27<sup>th</sup> December 1931, in Taliha, Jajpur. He completed his B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Chemistry from Ravenshaw College and Ph.D. from Utkal University. He did M.S. in Metallurgical Engineering at the University of British Columbia, started his career as a metallurgist in BARC, Trombay, and later moved to BHU as a Professor of Metallurgical Engineering. Before serving as the Director of RRL, Bhubaneswar, he held the TATA Chair Distinguished Professor of Metallurgical Engineering at IIT, Kharagpur.

We, the Members of the Orissa Chemical Society, offer our deepest condolences to the bereaved family and pray to God for the noble soul to rest in peace.

(Rupasree Ragini Das)  
President, OCS

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