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## Condolence Message



15.11.1931 – 11.09.2025  
**Prof. (Dr.) Balaram Sahoo**

The Orissa Chemical Society expresses its profound sorrow at the sad demise of **Prof. (Dr.) Balaram Sahoo**, a distinguished scholar, educator, and social activist.

Prof. (Dr.) Balaram Sahoo was born on November 15, 1931, at Badamba, Cuttack, and he completed his M.Sc. in Chemistry in 1956. He began his teaching career in 1957 at Ravenshaw College, Cuttack where he worked on uranium chemistry under the leadership of Prof. Dayanidhi Patnaik. Then he joined MPC College, Baripada, in 1961. He moved to IIT Kharagpur in 1963 and pursued his Ph.D. work under the guidance of Prof. Sudhir Kumar Bhattacharya, IIT, Kharagpur. He published 112 research papers in national/international journals, supervises 12 Ph.D. scholars, authored 12 science books, and has over 200 popular science articles. Many of his works have been extensively referenced in scientific research and have been included in textbooks. His contributions to the field have left a lasting impact on both students and fellow researchers alike.

Prof. (Dr.) Sahoo played a pivotal role in establishing a DAV Public School in Badamba to provide quality education in rural areas. His lifelong dedication to research, teaching, and societal development left a rich legacy on Odisha's scientific and educational landscape. Through various initiatives, he continues to advocate for the importance of education as a cornerstone for progress and innovation.

He was the President of the Orissa Chemical Society in 1996 and contributed extensively to advancing chemical sciences. The Orissa Chemical Society proudly conferred the **Lifetime Luminary Award** on Prof. Sahoo, honoring his outstanding contributions to chemistry, education, and society during the 38th OCS Annual Conference held on December 28, 2024. His vision for the future includes nurturing young talent and fostering an inclusive environment that embraces diversity in all its forms.



**Prof. Smrutiprava Das**  
President, OCS

For the members of the Orissa Chemical Society