



Professor Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay's death on 26 November, 2023, marks the end of an era in Bengal academia, especially in the realm of social science. Educated in Presidency College and the London School of Economics and Political Science Mukhopadhyay was a Senior Professor and the Head of the Department of Political Science in Presidency College before taking over the reins of the college as its Principal.

Professor Mukhopadhyay's first book, *The Ethics of Obedience: A Study of the Philosophy of T. H. Green*, published in 1967, had received critical acclaim. His later publications continued to reflect a broad range of scholarship. His authored and edited volumes include *The Bengali Intellectual Tradition*, *A Journey across the Indian Constitution*, *Metaphysics, Morals and Politics: An Enquiry into the Ideas of T.H. Green*. He was also the author of popular textbooks such as *Political Sociology* and *Western Political Thought: From Plato to Marx*, and *An Introduction to Political Theory*. He continued to edit *Socialist Perspective*, a journal of social science, for decades.

In another domain Professor Mukhopadhyay's passion for teaching lent him an iconic status. In yet another role as a public intellectual he would write numerous articles in newspapers, run a regular column in a vernacular newspaper, and would appear on television as a political commentator. In such a role he would remain steadfastly critical, sometimes scathingly so, of the acts of successive ruling regimes.

We pay our humble tribute to the departed soul.