

Our Founders



Dr. P.K. Ghosh
(1932-2013)

Dr. Pulak Kumar Ghosh, born on 29th May 1932 in Kolkata, began his career at CAZRI in 1961 as a Junior Scientific Officer in the Division of Special Animal Studies. Shortly after joining, he was honoured with a UNESCO Fellowship and worked with Nobel Laureate Professor K. Schmidt-Nielsen at Cornell University, USA. Upon returning to CAZRI, he played a pivotal role in establishing state-of-the-art laboratories dedicated to the study of physiology, biochemistry, nutritional requirements, and bio-energetics in various animals such as sheep, goats, cattle, camels, as well as wildlife ecology and rodents.

From 1978 to 1982, Dr. Ghosh served as the Head of the Division of Animal Studies, contributing significantly to its growth and development. He further extended his impact as the Project Coordinator for the All India Project on Rodent Control during the periods

of 1982 to 1985 and 1990 to 1992. Known for his intellectual prowess, Dr. Ghosh believed in fostering enduring partnerships to elevate research standards. Notably, he established a fruitful collaboration with Professor Victor Macfarlane and Professor Evans in Australia, with both visiting CAZRI multiple times, thereby enhancing the institute's research initiatives.

In addition to his administrative roles, Dr. Ghosh served as the Editor-in-Chief of the "Annals of Arid Zone", showcasing his commitment to scholarly communication. Retiring on 31st May 1992 from CAZRI, he spent the latter part of his life in Kolkata until his passing on 19th November 2013. Dr. Pulak Kumar Ghosh is fondly remembered by his colleagues and friends for his warmth, wit, and intelligence. His principles and strong character have left an enduring impact on those fortunate enough to have known him.

