

Dr. Dipak Ranjan Mandal, M.Sc.; Ph.D. (Cal), FZS (Cal)

Dr. Dipak Ranjan Mandal, was born on 3rd December 1954 and completed the Masters from the University of Calcutta and worked on an independent research fellowship sponsored by Govt. of India on the parasites of wild mammals of Sundarbans and Betla forest for which he was also bestowed with PhD from the same University.

Since 1980 he served several Govt. colleges of the state of West Bengal and later as Professor of Zoology and further as Principal. Dr. Mandal also served in the position of **Director of Public Instruction & Ex-officio Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal**. Dr. Mandal was appointed as the **Vice Chancellor of Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, Purulia** in 2014 and served therein till his age of superannuation, June 2019.

Publication of more than 40 numbers of research papers, three text books on Biology goes to the credit of Prof. Mandal. He also guided several scholars for PhD. Dr. Mandal conducted two Research Projects including one for Young Scientist granted by DST, Govt. of India. Results of research findings of Dr. Mandal have been cited in several documents of higher learning like Wildlife Disease in India; Mangrove of Sundarbans: Vol. I India, IUCN Wetland Programme, 1984; IUCN the World Conservation Union: Section: Parasitic Protozoa: Parasites affecting wild mammals, 1984 and so on. As an UNESCO delegate Dr. Mandal presented some of his research findings in the Asian Symposium of Mangrove held in Kuala Lumpur, and also visited Singapore, Penang and Thailand in the same context at his age of 24 years. He has been honoured in reorganization of his scientific work by naming a piscine parasitic protozoa '*Thalohanellus dipaki*' by a researcher in the *Aquaculture Reports, Elsevier* 8, 8-15, in 2017.

Dr. Mandal is the life member of the Zoological Society, Kolkata and also an Elected Fellow of the Society (2015) for his outstanding contribution in the field of Parasitology. He has been felicitated by Life Time Achievement Award by Dr. G.D. Bhale Roa Gold Medal, from the Zoological Society of India, Gaya.

Dr. Mandal was the President of SD Marine Biological Research Institute (a non-government research organization), Sagar Island and also he is acting as the Mentor and Advisor of some Civil Society Organizations in Kolkata and Bihar.

He was the member of the Executive Committee, ST Sub Plan and Program Advisory Committee, SC Sub Plan, SEED Division, Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India during two consecutive terms during 2019 and 2024. At the same time Dr. Mandal was the Member of the Expert Committee, Department of Science and Technology & Biotechnology, Govt of West Bengal.

Dr. Mandal served in position of the **Chairman of the Peer Team of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council** for assessment of colleges and universities since 2019 to 2025.

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