

### *from the President's Desk*



**S. Sabanayakan**

President, IJA

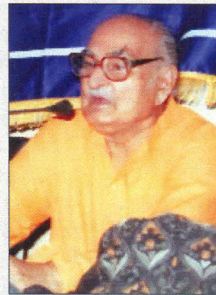
With immense pleasure we dedicate the newsletter to all the members of the Indian Journalists' Association (IJA). The idea of reviving the newsletter came from General Secretary, Sekhar Sengupta, and was accepted unanimously by the Executives and senior members of the Association.

The newsletter can be a vehicle of vast potential. Apart from carrying the news and views of its own and affiliated units, the bilingual publication can accommodate information pertaining to the profession and its development, the availability of scholarships and other related issues. Having celebrated 90 years of its existence recently, the IJA should have a website to enhance its image worldwide.

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## Icy hand of death takes away Ranen Babu

Icy hand of death laid to rest IJA stalwart Ranen Mookherjee on the morning of 14 January 2014 at his Naihati residence. He was 87, taking birth on 10 August 1927. A massive heart attack ended this illustrious life who was indeed standard bearer of this nonagenarian body of newspersons



in this country. His mortal remains were brought to the IJA office by his family members, his daughter Dr. Nandini Mukherjee being one of them. IJA leaders offered floral tributes to Ranen Babu led by IJA President S. Sabanayakan. Others were Messrs Mihir Ganguly, Mrinal Biswas, Prabir Ghosal, Shyamal Mukherjee, Kazi Fazle Elahi, Shyamal Naskar, Ms. Sikha Deb. IJA General Secretary

Sekhar Sengupta expressed the deep sense of loss for IJA at the sad demise of Ranen Mookherjee. His last remains were taken from IJA office to Forward Bloc office and then to Press Club, Kolkata.

Political leaders like Ashok Ghosh, Biman Bose, Dr. Suryakanta Mishra, Abdul Mannan, Debabrata Basu,

Aloke Das offered respects to the departing Journalist at Forward Bloc and at Press Club and Arabinda Mondal, Chief of News Bureau, WB Government, represented the state in this show of grief.

President of India, Hon'ble Shri Pranab Mukherjee, sent his sense of grief to Dr. Nandini Mukherjee soon after coming to know of Ranen Babu's sad demise.

## My politics My journalism

### **RANEN MOOKHERJEE**

My formal education began at 'Patna Academy' (now included in Bangladesh), after which I was admitted in the 'Mehendra School' at Naihati, West Bengal.

My life as a Freedom fighter began in 1946 when I came in contact with Mahatma Gandhi.

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## IJU

IJU President Suresh Akhouri sent the following message:

With profound grief we inform the sad demise of Mr. Ranen Mookherjee, the former President of IJA and former Vice-President of IJU.

*Sent on 14.01.2014*

Hearing the News of Ranen Mookherji's demise IJU Secretary-General **G. Prabhakaran** said : So sad. IJU sends its deep condolences to bereaved family.

