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**Rabindra Bharati University and Kolkata Prostrate Cancer Foundation Hosts an Exhibition on the Last Journey Of Rabindranath Tagore**

**Kolkata, West Bengal, India**

Rabindra Bharati University along with the Prostate Cancer Foundation organized an exhibition that delves into the last days of Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore. To commemorate the 75th death anniversary of Tagore the exhibition was held today to give a rare glimpse into a phase of his life about which not much is known.



The event was graced by Chief Guest, Professor Pinakeshchandra Sarkar, Director, Bankim Research Institute, Naihati, Sabyasachi Basu Roychowdhury, Vice Chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University, Devdutta Roy, Secretary, Rabindra Bharati University and Dr. Amit Ghose, Director, Prostrate Cancer Foundation.

“Not many people know that Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore suffered from a disease of the

Prostrate Gland (not cancer). At that time he was given the best medical treatment possible. With the advancement of technology in India we are well-equipped to detect and handle diseases related to the prostate. Also, we wanted to create an awareness through this initiative that with regular check-ups it is possible to have an early detection of prostate-related issues and prostate cancer as well,” said the person behind this initiative, Dr. Amit Ghose, Director, Prostrate Cancer Foundation.

Kabiguru Rabindranath was being treated in Shantiniketan according to his wishes but his health started deteriorating and finally Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy along with Sir Nil Ratan Sarkar decided to bring him to Jorasanko. After considerable debate the medical team decided that Tagore needed an operation on his Prostate Gland to give him relief from the pain he was suffering from.

Prof Lalit Mohan Banerjee performed the surgery at Jorasanko Thakurbari. A special operation theatre was set up and a successful operation was performed at the premises itself. But after the operation he developed sepsis and succumbed to it.

This exhibition beautifully depicts Kabiguru’s strength of mind despite his suffering, the way he tried to be cheerful and hum songs in so much pain and there are pictures and accounts of all those who were by his side during his last days.

### **About Kolkata Prostate Cancer Foundation**

Kolkata Prostrate Cancer Foundation was founded in May this year with the vision to spread awareness about the disease and making people aware that through regular check-ups it is possible to lead a healthy life. Prostrate Cancer is now being counted as the most common Cancer in men after Skin Cancer. All over the world the incidence of this Cancer is rising. It is supposed to be of lower incidence amongst Asians. Unfortunately, as Prostate cancer is being detected at an advanced stage, there is more suffering and death in India. Newer modalities of detection of Cancer such as PSA in blood, MRI of the Prostate and Trus-guided Biopsy is rapidly changing the profile of Cancer Prostate patients in India.

**Photo Captin:** Dr Amit Ghose, Prostate Cancer Foundation, Sabyasachi Basu Roychowdhury, Vice Chancellor Rabindra Bharati University & Chief Guest, Professor Pinakeshchandra Sarkar, Director, Bankim Research Institute, Naihati at the inauguration of an Exhibition On The Last Journey Of Rabindranath Tagore hosted by Rabindra Bharati University And Kolkata Prostrate Cancer Foundation