



Indian History Congress

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OBITUARY

Professor Gautam Sengupta
(12 May 1954–11 October 2026)

The Indian History Congress expresses its profound grief at the passing away of Professor Gautam Sengupta, distinguished archaeologist, historian, former Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), and former President of the Indian History Congress.

Professor Sengupta made significant contributions to Indian archaeology, particularly to the study of the material remains and cultural heritage of early India. As a scholar and administrator, he remained deeply committed to archaeological research, the preservation of historical monuments and the advancement of historical knowledge.

His long association with the Indian History Congress culminated in his election as its General President at the 82nd Session held at Warangal in 2023. Subsequently, in the 83rd Session at Patiala in 2024, Professor Sengupta delivered his General President Address and remained active in all the official and academic deliberations. His scholarship, intellectual integrity and commitment to the scientific study of India's past earned him the respect and affection of fellow historians and archaeologists.

In his passing, the community of historians and archaeologists has lost a distinguished scholar and a valued colleague. The Indian History Congress mourns his demise and extends its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, colleagues and students.

His memory and scholarly contributions will continue to inspire us.

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