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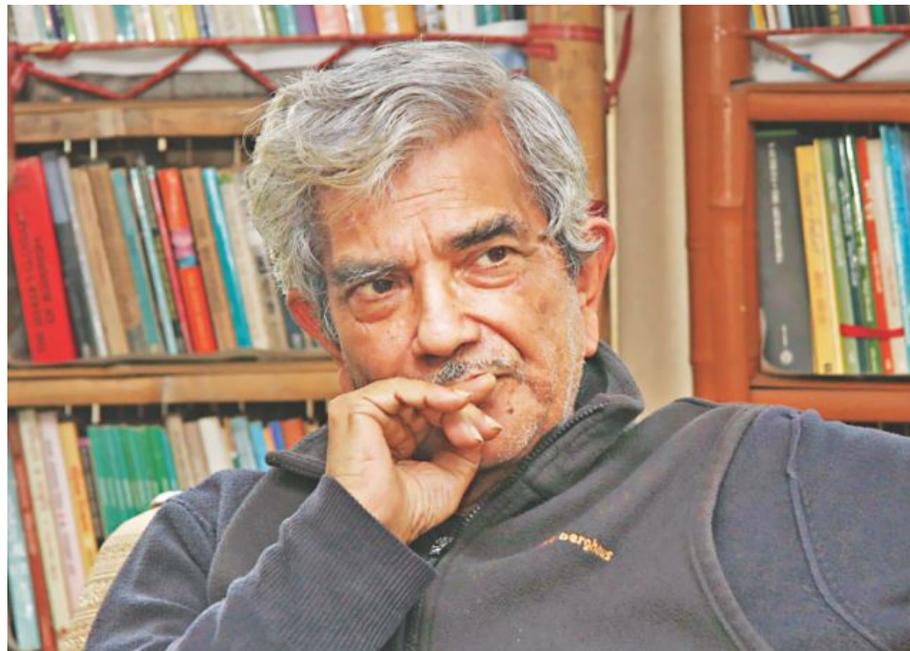
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Jamal Nazrul laid to rest

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Prof Emeritus Jamal Nazrul Islam, a renowned scientist and cosmologist, was laid to rest beside his parents' graves in Garibullah Shah Mazar graveyard in Chittagong city yesterday.

Dr Jamal Nazrul, a professor of Chittagong University, was buried following the second namaz-e-janaza after Asr prayers at Jamiatul Fallah Mosque.

Earlier on Saturday morning, his first janaza was held on the central playground of the university.

Several thousand people, including leaders and representatives of different socio-cultural and political organisations, educational institutions and businesses, yesterday thronged the city's Jamiatul Fallah Mosque premises to pay homage to the legendary scientist.

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor Manjur Alam, former CCC Mayor Mohiuddin Chowdhury, German Honour Consul in Chittagong Mirza Shakir Ispahani, Prothom Alo Resident Editor Abul Momen, and East Delta University Vice Chancellor Prof Sikander Khan took part in the janaza.

Dr Jamal passed away at Chittagong Metropolitan Hospital in the city early hours of Saturday at the age of 74. He had been suffering from diabetes and other health related problems.

He left behind his wife Suraiya Islam, two daughters Sadaf Saaz Siddiqi and Nargis Islam, and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

"We have learnt patriotism from my father. He always inspired us to think about the country and its people irrespective of casts, creeds and communities," Sadaf told The Daily Star.

Many books written by Jamal Nazrul are read as textbooks at the universities like Cambridge, Princeton and Harvard.

Jamal Nazrul held academic positions at Clare Hall College, Cambridge University, City University & King's College London, California Institute of Technology (CalTech) and Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton. Love for the country and its people compelled this noted cosmologist to come to his home from abroad.

In 1984, he returned to Chittagong to establish the Research Centre for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (RCMPS) in Chittagong University.

Born on February 24, 1939 in Jhenidah, this famous scholar lived at Dakshin Kanchana village in Fatikhchhari upazila of Chittagong district.

Jamal obtained his PhD in applied mathematics and theoretical physics and ScD (Doctor of Science) in 1968 and 1982 respectively from Cambridge University.

Among his books, "The ultimate fate of the universe," is well acclaimed to the science loving readers.

His publication from Cambridge University Press, "Rotating Fields in General Relativity," has been translated in Japanese, French, Portuguese, Italian and Yugoslav languages. The noted scientist was awarded Ekushay Padak in 2001, Science and Technology Medal in 1999 and Medal Lecture in 1998 for his outstanding contributions in the field of physical science.

Dhaka University gave him Razzak-Shamsun Lifetime Honour in 2011.

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