

Aparna Ray –

Alumni of Bethune School / College passed away on June 28, 2024.

Aparna Ray was born on April 14, 1932 in the family of Zamindars of Mankar, Burdwan. Her father Ratan Gupta was a lawyer in Calcutta High Court and mother Basanti Devi, a homemaker had keen interest in reading, learning and it was under her encouragement that Aparna Ray was admitted to Bethune College. She graduated from Bethune College. Aparna Ray's brother Pranab Gupta was also a lawyer in Calcutta High Court. In 1954 Aparna Ray was married to Dr Bhabani Prasad Ray, who graduated from R G Kar Medical College. Aparna Ray was the daughter-in-law of Dr AnathBandhu Ray, Health Minister of West Bengal under then Chief Minister Dr Bidhan Chandra Ray. Aparna Ray was trained in politics by her father-in-law. In the later years Aparna became the Councillor of Ward 11 North Calcutta Constituency. In her professional life Aparna Ray was also a High School teacher of English at NariSikshaMandir School in Calcutta. Aparna Ray in her social life gained popularity through her involvement with All India Women's Conference, Calcutta chapter and Angana Women's Club in Calcutta. Aparna Ray was a versatile trained singer in RabindraSangeet and had taken part in several performances over the years. Aparna Ray's family life was happy and satisfying with her husband, 2 daughters, sons-in-law, grandson, granddaughter, grand son-in-law. Aparna Ray had travelled abroad while visiting her 2 daughters and their families.

Aparna Ray was loved and honoured greatly by her family members, friends and colleagues throughout her li