

Malabika Bhattacharya (Chattopadhyay) (1938-2024)

Malabika Bhattacharya (Chattopadhyay) was born on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 1938 in Calcutta. Her school education began at Duff School in North Calcutta. She took admission at Bethune School in class seven. Malabika passed her School Final examination in 1956 and enrolled in Bethune College for the intermediate class. After passing Intermediate examination in 1958 she joined Presidency College for her undergraduate studies with Honours in Economics. Graduating from Presidency College in 1960, she did her M.A. from Calcutta University in Political Science in the year 1962. She taught Political Science at Seth Soorajmull Jalan Girls' College, Kolkata and retired in 1998. Throughout her life, Malabika fought for women's right. She was closely associated with women's movement at the National level as well as at the State level. She represented India as Secretary of the World Women's Federation at Berlin in erstwhile East Germany for four long years from 1983 to 1987. She was closely connected with progressive cultural movement in West Bengal till her death. She was an active member of Bethune College alumni Association.