My Journey: Down the Memory Lane

By
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An Illumined Mind in Accounting

Dr. Bhabatosh Banerjee's My Journey: Down the Memory Lane is a classic research volume being first of its kind. It is not an autobiography but is written in the context of his long experience of teaching and research in the University of Calcutta and abroad. A thorough reading of the Volume will provide motivation to the readers to work hard to contribute more and more to accounting education and research in India and abroad. The present Volume contains, among others, a description of many academic events in India and abroad and presents many academic reports that would be useful for academics and professionals.

A well-known academic in India and abroad, Dr. Banerjee has published many text and reference books. The 14th Edition (2021) of his Cost Accounting: Theory and Practice (Pitam Learning Pvt. Ltd., www.pitamindia.com) marks 58th year of its publication since its journey from February, 1972. His publications include several other research books including two major UGC Research Projects, namely, Accounting Education in India, Regulations of Corporate Accounting, and Corporate Environmental Management all of which brought international appreciation.

Recipient of International Educator Award (2006) from Indian Accounting Association (I.A.A.), Distinguished Long-term Service Award (2011) from International Association for Accounting Education and Research, Eminence Teacher Award (2015) from Calcutta University, Outstanding Researcher Award (2010) from IAA Research Foundation, Dr. Banerjee attended 50 International Conferences abroad (across all the five continents of the World) and offered seminars in 55 reputed Universities in Australia, Canada, Japan, the U.K. and the U.S.A. and published more than 100 articles in reputed journals in India and abroad.

He worked as a Visiting Professor of Accountancy for 15 years over two years (1995-97) at DePaul University, Chicago, USA, University of Rutgers (New Brunswick, N.J) and New Jersey Institute of Technology. He also taught as a Guest Faculty at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Calcutta (2009-2014). Earlier, Dr. Banerjee worked as a Director of Research (1984-85) at the Institute of Cost Accountants of India.

About IAA Research Foundation

Indian Accounting Association (IAA) Research Foundation is an organisation of accounting academics, professional accountants, corporate executives in the area of accounting and finance, registered in India (having Registration No. NANGR of 1989-90 under the Societies Registration Act). Its main objectives include promoting fundamental and applied research in accounting and allied subjects, sponsoring research projects and their publications, holding seminars, symposia, conferences and workshops, publishing research journals, books and monographs. The Research Foundation is an Associate of American Accounting Association (AAA) and also an Associate of International Association for Accounting Education and Research (IAAER).

So far, nine research volumes were contributed by distinguished academics and findings of these research projects were published by the Foundation. Banerjee's My Journey: Down the Memory Lane will be the 10th Research Volume being published by the Foundation. Another Research Project, Thirty Years of IAA Research Foundation: 1960-2010 is in the pipeline.
The Indian Accounting Association (IAA) Research Foundation so far published five research volumes contributed by distinguished academics. Dr. Bhabatosh Banerjee’s *My Journey: Down the Memory Lane* will be the 6th Research Volume being published by the Foundation. It is not merely an autobiography of the author but a description of the long academic journey based on his teaching and research experience in the University of Calcutta and also many other reputable Universities in the States.

The *primary purpose* of the present treatise is to present a good account of his academic activities, including his early education. It may have a *secondary objective* of motivating others concerned to work hard to contribute more and more to accounting education and research in India and abroad. The Volume is a description of many academic events in India and abroad; it contains many academic inputs that would be useful for academics and professionals. A cursory glance on the *Contents* will justify the above objectives.


*Some opinions* on the book (at its prepublication stage) are given below:

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**My Journey: Down the Memory Lane**

Thanks for presentation of a draft copy of your nice composition. The more I got into your life story the more become I astonished to see how a boy of eighteen overcame the hurdles of life one after another in the teeth of all oppositions. The most important part of your story is your brilliant success in higher education. Here I find that your tenacity, endeavour, and above all your mental determination and stability to affront all obstacles helped you to reach the goal which you whole heatedly aspired. To my opinion you have been able to extend your educational career to the extent of that level which you rightly deserved. *So being a playmate of our early hood and a fellow student of the same School*, I am really very much proud of your success.

The story you have worked out has been so lively that it will touch the heart of every reader automatically. Because your selection of words is excellent, your skill of writing is beyond question........

*Mr. Bhabesh K Ghosh, Head Assistant (Retd.), PWD, Jalpaiguri*

I have read the manuscript. My association with Bhabatosh is for the last sixty years. I personally know his very struggling life and at last he has reached the highest echelon of life. His writing is very simple and lucid. I am confident that by going through his research Volume everyone will be immensely benefited.

*Mr. Ranajit K. Sarkar (Classmate in P.G.), Formerly of Industrial Finance Corporation of India*
Going through this Volume, the poetic description of a long academic journey, one can easily assess that Professor Banerjee is a complete academician – complete in terms of everything expected from a University teacher. Also one can easily decipher that Professor Banerjee lives a very disciplined life, lest he could not describe the journey so chronologically.

I had the opportunity to go through the manuscript part by part as his writing progressed. At that stage itself, I realised and so requested Professor Banerjee that his writing should be published. I am confident that the new generation College and University teachers will get an authentic guidebook to plan the itinerary of their own academic journey.

Dr. Tanmoy Datta, Former Professor of Commerce, Director, School of Management, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Commerce, Tripura University, Agartala

Nicely written. A vividly described running commentary of the incidents of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India, that took place almost three and half decades back! The narration makes the reader totality involved with the milieu in such way as if he or she feels enjoying a live telecast of what happened in those bygone days.

Mr. Harijiban Banerjee, Former President, Institute of Cost Accountants of India

It’s an honour and privilege to the IAA Research Foundation and myself to get an opportunity to publish Dr. Banerjee’s Research Volume. It is a testimony of why Prof. Banerjee is known to be the teacher of the teachers. The Volume depicts how Prof. Banerjee has been tirelessly contributing towards promoting teaching and research activities in India and abroad since joining as a teacher in the Department of Commerce, University of Calcutta, till today, even after more than 10 years of formal retirement in January 2011, and recognized nationally and internationally for such contribution. It shows that a true teacher never retires.

It is our firm belief that the description of a long academic journey of Prof. Banerjee in this research Volume would motivate and guide the teachers of business/commerce in particular, and teaching community in general, to contribute more and more in the years to come.

Dr. Drubaranjan Dandapat, Professor of Commerce, and Former Dean of Commerce and Management, University of Calcutta, and Hony. Secretary, IAA Research Foundation

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