

Dear Colleagues

With a heavy heart and profound sadness, I inform you of the passing away of Professor Rinti Banerjee, Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering, IIT Bombay (<https://www.bio.iitb.ac.in/people/faculty/banerjee-r/>). She was the Chairperson of the Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering during 2016-2019 and has been lately steering the 'Digital Health' program at IIT Bombay. A clinician-scientist by training, she is globally known for her pioneering research in the area of Biomaterials, Nanomedicine, and Drug Delivery.

She is an elected fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences and Society for Biomaterials and Artificial Organs India (SBAOI). She is also the recipient of the National Bioscience Award from the Government of India. She has contributed significantly to the advisory committees of various governmental funding agencies as well as professional societies, like SBAOI.

She was in ICU for the last few weeks due to post-covid complications and succumbed to a massive heart attack, today at around 10 am at the Apex Hospital, Mulund, Mumbai. She is survived by her only son, who is in his teens, and her husband.

She has been a very good friend and colleague to me and a large number of scientists around the world. On my personal behalf and on behalf of the SBAOI, I express my deepest condolences to the members of the bereaved family. May God gives them the strength to bear such a loss.

With deep sorrow,

Sincerely,

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