



## An appeal

**Dear Alumni and well-wishers:**

**Humbly we draw your kind attention to the following:**

Shri Gautom Mitra, one of our alumni (1978) who is very dynamic to the regular activities of the Alumni Association (he was the Organizing President of Reunion 2018) has been suffering from Lung Cancer since detected in December-2021.

Shri Mitra have been detected with advanced-stage lung cancer with metastasis in the liver and bone. Considering the stage of illness and with an aim to palliate symptoms, and improve QOL, the doctors in Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata has advised him to go for 35 cycles of **Immunotherapy with the drug Pembrolizumab (KEYTRUDA)** of Merck (MSD) as well as **Chemotherapy**. Following advice of the physicians, he started the therapy on 11th February and till now have taken 8 infusions in a 21days cycle which by itself is costing around Rs.1,65,690/- per vial of KEYTRUDA for every 3 weeks cycle and has been stipulated to receive until January-February'2024, apart from other additional medical expenditures like cost of **chemotherapy**, cost of **regular pathological test**, cost of **day-care**, cost of **imaging**, doctor's **consultation fee**, **pharmacy** etc.

While the initial part of this highly expensive treatment plan has been supported through Tata Consulting Engineers Group Mediclaim policy of Shri Mitra, it's limited policy coverage for the current and the following financial year is leaving him having to assimilate funds to support the treatment for the remaining cycles of therapy. Considering the huge cost of treatment, till now failed in all attempts in assimilating this financial support, and has hence been compelled him to seek kind assistance through our alumni platform.

From our end, as an alumnus of the Department of Chemical Engineering (former Applied Chemistry), we need to deliver all kinds of support, particularly financial, to Shri Mitra. On behalf of the Alumni Association, we request your kind cooperation to provide financial assistance for continuing the expensive treatment process. Please direct your contribution (of any amount) to either of the bank accounts mentioned below. You may send it directly to the account of Mrs. Pritha Mitra (wife of Shri Gautom Mitra), or to the account of Alumni Association meant for Medical Aid (please send a line of information to [secretary@cucheea.com](mailto:secretary@cucheea.com)).

Details of the accounts are as follows:

Beneficiary name: PRITHA MITRA Banker: Bank of Baroda Branch: J M Avenue Account No: <b>14890100005764</b> IFSC: <b>BARB0JATIND</b> (M) 9232492914	Beneficiary name: Medical Aid Fund – CUCHEEA Banker: Bank of Baroda Branch: Rajabazar Science College Account No: <b>98210100002204</b> IFSC: <b>BARB0EXTCOL</b> (*After BARB, put Zero, not the alphabet 'O') MICR: <b>700012130</b>
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Soliciting your prompt and positive response,  
Sincerely,

Prof. Parameswar De  
President, CUCHEEA

Prof. Asim Kumar De  
Hony. Secretary, CUCHEEA