

ABOUT THE GHOSH FAMILY – “EDUCATION AND PHILANTHROPY IS OUR PASSION”

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Pradip K. Ghosh was raised at Surjya sen Nagar, Khardah near Kolkata , where he lived before moving to the United States for his graduate studies in 1968. His mission is to create forums where people can come together to help various social causes. The Ghosh family has been involved in numerous philanthropic activities for the past 30 years. His family has contributed more than eight crores of rupees for the operation of charitable hospital, maintaining more than 250 orphan children, destitute and handicapped women, funding libraries, schools and athletic facilities and many community development projects in West Bengal. The Ghosh family owns and operates five private Montessori schools and two large 120 unit assisted living / health care facility in Maryland, and five other commercial projects. These continuing and upcoming projects are funded through their family businesses.

Dr. Ghosh received his doctorate with major focus in economics and engineering from State University of New York, a diploma in international law from London and graduated in Leadership studies from the School of Divinity at Harvard University. He taught at major universities for eighteen years. He worked in the private sector as Founder President of a Washington think tank, World Academy of Development and Co-operation for ten years and as consultant to several international agencies. He was appointed as commissioner of the Howard County Human Rights Commission, and served for a term of four years. He has published twenty-two books and numerous research papers on international trade and development of third world countries. His major work has been the publication of twenty international development resource books by Greenwood Praeger Publishers, Most of them have been used by major universities as textbooks and were widely distributed around the world.

Dr. Ghosh was awarded Outstanding Scholar in Third World Development by the Global Development Conference in collaboration with USAID, received First Prize in the Eisaku Sato Memorial Essay Contest, a worldwide event organized by the United Nations and the Japanese government (cash prize of 200,000 yen), received National Recognition in Teaching Excellence and several more awards from various academic and research associations. Dr. Ghosh is the founder Trustee of the Washington Kali Temple (12,000 square feet of built up area on 28 bighas of land) of near Washington D.C. (www.kalitemple-washington.org), He received an award for distinguished service at the 2004 North American Bengali Conference. In 2003, Associations of Indians in American recognized him with the AIA Community Service Award. In 2006, he was awarded First Prize on behalf of Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission in the amount of \$200,000 in a developing country development project contest organized and administered by the World Bank.

In November of 2012 , he organized and chaired the World Congress of Religions, an international gathering of renowned speakers held in Washington, D.C. Following are some photographs from that event.

He resides in Columbia, Maryland with his wife Kumkum. He is also the founder /President of Ramakrishna Vivekananda International Foundation, Inc.(1987), Vivekananda International University – International Institute of Technology and Health sciences, inc. (2008), Pradip and Kumkum Ghosh Foundation (2006), Shamit Management, Inc.(2003).

He is at the present time developing a comprehensive private university following the American teaching and research methods on 11 acres of land in Kolkata, West Bengal. He plans to invest Rs. 150 crores from his family funds. This university will be called Vivekananda International University. It is scheduled to open in June of 2014. He will assume the position of Vice Chancellor and Managing Director of this university.