

## **OBITUARY**



**Dr. Debasish Mukherjee**  
**(4 February 1941 - 19 May 2021)**

CSIR-IHBT family deeply mourns the sad demise of Dr. Debasish Mukherjee, Former Head, Floriculture Division, on 19 May 2021. Dr. D. Mukherjee was born on 4 February 1941 at Calcutta, WB, and joined the CSIR-IHBT on 11 August 1986. He played a pivotal role in initiating commercial floriculture in Himachal Pradesh. He successfully developed package of practices of tube rose, lily, bird of paradise. He strongly promoted introduction of new ornamentals in the region like Alstroemeria. He also developed and popularized low-cost greenhouses for the protected cultivation of ornamentals. He would always be fondly remembered and cherished for his immense contributions to growth of floriculture division. We all pray to the Almighty for his eternal peace and give his family the strength to withstand this tragic moment.