



Fwd: An appeal to CM for Garga Chatterjee from senior colleagues at the Indian Statistical Institute

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From: **Kuntal Ghosh** <kuntal.isical@gmail.com>

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Subject: An appeal to CM for Garga Chatterjee from senior colleagues at the Indian Statistical Institute

To: <hrishikeshgoswami2010@gmail.com>

Shri Hrishikesh Goswami
Media Advisor to Hon'ble CM
Assam

Dear Sir

Please find appended below an appeal from some senior colleagues of Dr. Garga Chatterjee at the Indian Statistical Institute sent to the official email address of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Assam. We request you to kindly bring it to the notice of the Hon'ble CM.

Thanking you
With best regards

Kuntal Ghosh
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From: **Kuntal Ghosh** <kuntal.isical@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, 2 Nov 2020 at 17:23

Subject: An appeal made for Garga Chatterjee by some senior colleagues at the Indian Statistical Institute

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Shri Sarbananda Sonowal

Hon'ble Chief Minister

Assam

Respected Sir,

We, the undersigned faculty members of the Indian Statistical Institute, are concerned to come to know that our colleague at the Indian Statistical Institute, Dr. Garga Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, is facing multiple court/police cases in Assam in the last year as well as this year, all of which, we understand, are due to his posts in social media.

We have learnt that Dr. Garga Chatterjee has unconditionally apologized to you and also to the people of Assam for these social media posts. We appeal to you to accept his apology so that the career of a young scientist is not ruined. We state that we do not approve any hurtful or disrespectful social media post on any respected historical personality like the highly revered Ahom King SUKAPHA in this case. We feel that his posts may have hurt deeply the feelings of our Assamese brothers and sisters. However, we, as his colleagues, are, at the same time, concerned with his dire mental as well as physical conditions because of these developments, especially when his aged father is suffering from cancer and the mother is seriously ill. We also note with concern that Dr. Chatterjee has been receiving written threats from Assam, including threats of violence, encounter, torture and murder.

Since Dr. Garga Chatterjee has admitted his mistake and tendered an unconditional apology, we sincerely appeal to you to show your kindness and magnanimity to him, and give him a chance to get out of this situation and lead a normal life.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

1. Anup Dewanji, Professor, Applied Statistics Unit, Kolkata and Former Professor-in-Charge, Applied Statistics Division, ISI
2. Ayanendranath Basu, Professor, Interdisciplinary Statistical Research Unit, Kolkata; Former Professor-in-Charge, Applied Statistics Division, and Former Member Secretary, Board of Directors, International Statistical Education Centre, ISI Kolkata
3. B S Daya Sagar, Professor and Former Head, Systems Science and Informatics Unit, ISI Bangalore Center
4. Goutam Mukherjee, Professor, Theoretical Statistics and Mathematics Unit, Kolkata; Former Dean of Studies, and Former Professor-in-Charge, Theoretical Statistics and Mathematics Division, ISI
5. Guruprasad Kar, Professor and Head, Physics and Applied Mathematics Unit, ISI Kolkata
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7. Rajat Kumar De, Professor and Former Head, Machine Intelligence Unit, ISI Kolkata
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9. Subir Ghosh, Professor, Physics and Applied Mathematics Unit, ISI Kolkata
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11. Amites Dasgupta, Associate Professor, Theoretical Statistics and Mathematics Unit, ISI Kolkata
12. Arijit Chakrabarti, Associate Professor, Applied Statistics Unit, ISI Kolkata
13. Dibakar Ghosh, Associate Professor, Physics and Applied Mathematics Unit, ISI Kolkata

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