

# Bharatiya Kala Kendra of New Jersey

*Proudly Presents – Felicitation of*

## Dr. Bikas C Sanyal

With musical presentation by

Students of Bharatiya Kala Kendra and

**Sri Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay and Dr. Arindom Chakraborty**

**At : 12 Ellis Ct, Morganville, NJ – 07751 On : August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 [Friday] at 7:30 PM**

**Admission : By Invitation Only**

**Guest of Honor : Dr. Himangshu Bhattacharya**



**Dr Bikas C Sanyal**

Born in October 1937 in Mymensingh, East Bengal, Bikas C Sanyal moved to West Bengal in 1949 for high school studies. He was admitted to Presidency College, Calcutta in 1953 for higher studies while staying at Ramakrishna Mission Students' Home where Swami Lokeswarananda was the Head. After completion of his undergraduate studies with Honours in Statistics in 1957 he was asked by Swami Lokeswarananda to join the Mission team in building a new educational complex in what is now Narendrapur, South 24 Parganas. During 1957-59 he worked for the Mission while studying for his M.Sc in Calcutta University. On 1 February 1960 immediately after his M.Sc results were out Swami Lokeswarananda asked him to take charge of organizing a Residential Honours College in Narendrapur as its Professor-in charge. He was the youngest Head of an Institution of that type at that time. In 1962 when a suitable monk was available to take charge of the college he was appointed as its Vice Principal. He completed his Ph D in 1965 in Economics from Jadavpur University. In 1966 he was offered a faculty position at Iowa State University as post-doctoral researcher where he worked on higher education. During the long period of his career there until his retirement in 1998 he worked on 77 countries of the world, published under his direction 40 books /monographs on higher education and 23 country strategies for development of higher education.

After his retirement he was appointed Special Adviser to UNESCO Director General and to the IIEP. In 2000 he was appointed as the Honorary Director of the Scholars' Residence, Maison de l'Inde, the India House in Paris. In 2005 he was appointed as the only non-African, Member of the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa and was elected its Vice Chairman in 2008. He was decorated as the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour, the highest civilian award) by the President of France for his contribution to the development of higher education around the world. In 2014 he was awarded the Pravashi Bharatiya Samman by the President of India, for enhancing India's image abroad. Dr Sanyal is married to the poet –writer Priti Sanyal, Honorary Cultural attaché of the India House and has two children, daughter Debarati is a Professor of French Literature in the University of California, Berkeley and son Shayan is the Chief Commercial Officer of the startup Company, BLUWAN.

