

ACHARYA PRAFULLA CHANDRA RAY: A REVISIT TO HIS LIFE AND WORK (PART-1)

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Acharaya Prafulla Chandra Ray, Pioneer of Modern Indian Chemistry, was a man of unique combination of virtues and activities. His multi-faceted activities are, to say the least, captivating. He was the founder of Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works (BCPW) and (along with Megh Nad Saha) Indian Science News Association. Besides, he was a passionate teacher, a social reformer, a historian of science, a remarkable entrepreneur, a true patriot, 'almost a politician', a linguist, a prolific and bilingual writer and, above all, a selfless philanthropist of austere lifestyle. His valuable contribution to the diverse array of the aforesaid domains fetched him global recognition and reverence. A revisit (in two parts) to the life and work of this great Indian Savant is just a humble tribute of the present author to this monumental personality.
