

Tapan Raychaudhuri |

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Tapan Raychaudhuri was a distinguished Indian historian and academic, widely respected for his deep contributions to economic and cultural history, especially of Mughal India and modern South Asia. He pursued his early studies in Calcutta, completing his I.A. degree from Scottish Church College and B.A. from erstwhile Presidency College, D. Phil. From University of Calcutta before completing

advanced research at Oxford, where he later served as a faculty member and fellow at St Antony's College. Known for works such as *Bengal Under Akbar and Jahangir* and for his contributions to the *Cambridge Economic History of India*, he combined rigorous archival scholarship with literary sensitivity. Raychaudhuri was also celebrated for his reflective memoir *A Life in the World of Ideas* and *Bangalanama* written in Bengali language. In recognition of his lifelong academic achievements and influence on South Asian historiography, he was honoured with the *Padma Bhushan* in 2007, marking his place among India's most respected scholars.

