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Sagarmoy Ghosh dead

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19:— Sagarmoy Ghosh who became inseparable from "Desh", the much-respected Bengali magazine which he edited for over 50 years till 1997, died at a South Calcutta nursing home today, reports PTI.

Ghosh (87), who had been in hospital following respiratory problems, was released on Wednesday. But a worsening of his condition caused him to be rushed to the nursing home where the end came.

He leaves behind his wife, a daughter and a son, beside a host of admirers from all walks of life, many of whom regarded him as their friend, philosopher and guide.

Born in erstwhile East Bengal, Ghosh had his early education in Santiniketan where he also excelled in the performing arts under the tutelage of Rabindranath Tagore. He soon made a mark in the local cultural scene, taking part in music, dance recitals and plays performed by the Ashram troupe.

A voracious reader, Ghosh took to journalism after graduating from a city college and as editor of "Desh", he made it an undisputed icon of Bengali culture helping many aspiring writers to make their mark in the world of letters. His knack for spotting literary talent was legendary.