

## 6<sup>th</sup> Satadru Sen Memorial Lecture 2025-2026

Date December 22, 2025

Venue: P. C. Mahalanobis Auditorium, Baker Building

Time: 2 p.m.

Speaker: Prof. Ranabir Chakravarti (Professor of Ancient History, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

Title of Talk: "One who is present can see what is not seen by one who is absent":  
The World of the Indian Ocean Merchants and the Cairo Geniza  
Documents (11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> centuries CE).

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Ranabir Chakravarti, Professor of Ancient History, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, specializes in the economic and social history of early India with a particular interest in the history of maritime trade in the Indian Ocean (prior to c. 1500 CE).

Besides contributing regularly to peer reviewed journal and edited volumes, Chakravarti has authored and/or edited *A Sourcebook of Indian Civilization* (Orient Longman, Hyderabad, 2000—one of the Associate Editors), *Trade in Early India* (OUP, New Delhi 2005, paperback edition), *Trade and Traders in Early Indian Society* (Manohar, New Delhi, 2007, second edition), *Indo-Judaic Studies in the Twenty First Century, a View from the Margins* (Palgrave MacMillan, New York, 2007—one of the Editors) and *Exploring Early India up to c. AD 1300* (Primus, New Delhi, 2016—revised and enlarged edition).

Chakravarti is the recipient of Commonwealth Fellowship, Fulbright Fellowship, Membership of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. He was the Fellow in Residence at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study. Chakravarti was elected President of the Ancient India section by the Indian History Congress, 2011 (Patiala Session).