

Obituary

Dr. Vinayshil Gautam Governing Body Member, SIOS

Dr. Vinayshil Gautam member of the Governing Body of the SIOS for the last twenty years passed away on 8th of January 2026 after a brief illness. His engagement with the society began in early 21st century.

His research spanned various aspects of Indian Ocean region including shipping, politics, strategy, resources and ports and published extensively on these issues. He headed various important committees for government of India. Held numerous leadership positions in the academia and government.

Dr. Gautam was a recipient of numerous national & international awards, fellowships and recognitions. Dr. Gautam's assignments include being, Founder Director of 5th IIM at Kozhikode (Calicut). He was also the Chairman of DK International Foundation. He was Management Expert to Dubai Port Authority; ex-Trustee Mumbai Port.

The Society benefitted from his vast wisdom and experience and will forever be indebted to him for his unflinching commitment to the society and its cause of high-quality research on the Indian Ocean Region.

May the departed soul attain Sadgati. Om Shanti