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Date of Interview	February 7, 2003
Place	Calcutta
Context	Samar Chakravorty is in saddle even at the age of 74. He is considered the “think tank” of the INTUC in Bengal as he himself claimed. He reads a lot and keeps himself informed on many topics.
Interviewers	Krishna Jha

Biographical Sketches

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Transcript Summary

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