IN MEMORIAM

DR. G. S. PURI (1915 - 1995)

Dr. Gopal Singh Puri was born on 18th August, 1915 at Kalar (now in Pakistan). He obtained his M.Sc. (Hons.) Degree in Geology with distinction from Punjab University, Lahore (Pakistan); Dr. Puri died on 15th April, 1995.



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Dr. Puri was much impressed by great Paleobotanist and illustrious teacher Prof. Birbal Sahni. So he did his Ph. D. in Geology under Prof. Sahni. He again obtained Ph. D. under Prof. W.H. Pearshall, FRS, a founder Ecologist in Liverpool (London). Then he came to India and joined as Forest Ecologist in Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun. Later, he joined Botanical Survey of India, Western Circle, Pune, as Regional Botanist and from there he was selected as Director, Central Botanical Laboratory, Allahabad in 1959 at the age of about 43 years only.

Dr. Puri left India to join the assignment at Nigeria in 1961. Later, he finally settled in England. In addition to his teaching and researches on Ecology in Liverpool, he developed taste for Yoga and actively started coaching classes. He was the pioneer worker in Ecology in India as evidenced by several publications of research papers and books., i.e. Indian Manual of Plant Ecology by R. Misra and G.S. Puri (1954) and Indian Forest Ecology by G.S. Puri (1960), Vol. I and II. He was the Fellow of several societies in India and abroad, *viz.*, FLS, FBS, FGS and FGMS. Lastly, he was seen in Botanical Survey of India (Hqrs.), Calcutta in September, 1993.

His death is a great loss to the Science of Ecology in the world and especially in India. He will be remembered for a long time to come by the Ecologist, Botanist, admirers and friends.

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1. Dr. G.S. Puri and Mrs. Puri with Prof. Humayun Kabir, Minister, Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of India during visit on 26th March, 1960 in the lawns of C.B.I., Allahabad.



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