

Obituary

PROF. R.S. CHATURVEDI

Founding Director, UPRSAC
(5.9.1936 – 9.11.2001)



Prof. R.S. Chaturvedi passed away on November 9, 2001 at Lucknow after a brief illness. He will be greatly missed by his many admirers, well wishers and a host of generations of young remote sensing scientists he has nurtured all through.

Prof. Chaturvedi took his post graduate degree in Geology from the University of Lucknow and moved to the University of Roorkee where he served as a faculty member in the Department of Earth Sciences. During his tenure, he also went to Australia for higher studies.

Prof. Chaturvedi was instrumental in opening the first State level Remote Sensing Applications Centre at Lucknow in 1981, where he served as a Founder Director until his superannuation in 1996. His zeal, enthusiasm and untiring efforts helped RSAC-UP in scaling new heights both in terms of infrastructural developments and scientific output. His consistent persuasion and efforts resulted in the acceptance of the potentiality of remote sensing techniques in the brain setting of the decision makers both at the state government and also at the national level.

Prof. Chaturvedi had his research inclinations towards the applications of remote sensing technology in natural resource management programmes. He initiated the concept of integration of remote sensing techniques with the geophysical surveys for ground water exploration, and was involved in field surveys right from the Himalayas to the Ganga basin, Bundelkhand and Vindhyan regions.

Prof. Chaturvedi had a long association with the Indian Society of Remote Sensing and served the society in various capacities. He remained a member of the National Executive Council and also the Chairman of the Lucknow Chapter.

May his soul rest in peace...

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