

OBITUARY



**Shabbhoo Sharan Srivastava
(1944-2017)**

Prof Shabbhoo Sharan Srivastava was born on 1st November 1944 in Faizabad city. After passing Intermediate, he continued his studies at Banaras Hindu University and completed his Ph.D. under the guidance of Prof. M.S. Srinivasan as his first Ph.D. student in Geology. His doctoral thesis was on foraminifers of Andman and Nicobar which became a pioneer work. He had a smooth career and believed in hard and honest work for which he was repeatedly awarded. He spent 10 years at BHU and due to his helping, refreshing and witty personality, he gained immense respect and regard at BHU campus. Prof. Srivastava started his career as a lecturer at DAV Dehradun in 1970 and continued till 1977. He never had to look hard for placement.

Prof. Srivastava married Suman Srivastava in 1973 and they became each other's anchor in life. He joined as senior lecturer in the Earth Sciences Department of University of Roorkee in 1977. Prof Srivastava came closer to Prof. R.K. Goel and started his work in collaboration with him pertaining to micropalaeontology. His devoted work led Indian micropalaeontology to new horizons. Prof. Srivastava has several international and national peer reviewed research papers and books to his credit. He was the advisor to 25 Ph.D. students and guided several dissertation thesis of Master's students. He was promoted to the post of Reader in 1981 and full Professor in 1991. He received the Full Bright Fellowship for visiting the University of Rhode Island in 1986. Prof Srivastava was very famous among the students for teaching Palaeontology in a simple, attractive and interesting ways. Every student was desperate to attend his class, as he never made the class boring. He was loved and regarded by the faculty, students, scholars, non-teaching staff just for his harmless goodness. He had a good sense of humor and had great interest in cultural activities. He worked as a chief of cultural society of University of Roorkee for

several years. He was a god fearing person. He used to listen and solve others problems with great interest.

Prof. Srivastava had the ability to cheer others. His pleasing personality had an immense impact on his fellow colleagues. Prof. Srivastava had a high level spiritually sheltered outlook and forbearance.

He superannuated from IIT, Roorkee in 2006, continued to serve the department till 2010 as Professor Emeritus, and then moved to Lucknow.

Prof. Srivastava was a generous and simple human being with heart soaked with humanity. He was empathetic to research scholars, students, in general and to me, in particular, through his constant involvement, perennial encouragement and inspiration during entire doctoral work even in long evenings, on Sundays.

He used to say, "I am very blessed to be born near Ayodhya (Lord Rama's birth place), studied at Banaras (sacred place for Moksha), and worked near to Haridwar (Gateway of Heaven)". With the passing away of Prof. S.S. Srivastava due to a long illness on the 2nd June 2017, the Earth Sciences Department of IIT, Roorkee has lost an outstanding teacher of micropalaeontology and a person of varied interests. In his demise, the geologic community in general, and those in IIT, Roorkee campus, in particular has lost a great friend, teacher and guide. Prof. Srivastava is survived by his wife, his son Dr. Sudhanshu Srivastava, daughter-in-law, daughter Dr Saumya Srivastava and son-in-law.

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HARESHWAR N SINHA

Shri T. Sathi Raju (79), formerly of Central Ground Water Board passed away at Visakhapatnam on 9th September 2017 after a brief illness. He belonged to the early generation of pioneering Geohydrologists of post-independent India with many notable contributions. A silent worker of high technical competence, Shri Raju was known for his unassuming nature and simplicity that endeared him to everyone who came into contact with him. He was a former student of late Professor C. Mahadevan of Andhra University with a brilliant academic record, and obtained additional qualifications in Netherlands. We offer our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

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