

Remembrance

Professor H.S. Srivastava



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1st Jan 1946 - 9th March 2001

Born in the Deoaria district of Uttar Pradesh Prof. Srivastava had an outstanding academic record. He passed all his examination in 1st Division. He did his graduation and post graduation from University of Gorakhpur. He then went to Ontario Canada under commonwealth fellowship from where he did M.Sc. (Plant Biochemistry) in 1972 at Mc. Master and obtained Ph.D in 1974 from University of British Columbia.

He joined the department of Botany University of Gorakhpur as lecturer in 1965 just after completing his M.Sc and remained there till 1977 (except from 1970-1974 when he was on study leave to Canada) He joined the faculty of life Sciences Devi Ahilya University Indore as Reader and stayed there till 1984 when he joined Department of biosciences M D University Rohtak as Professor in 1987 he joined Department of plant sciences M J P Rohilkhand University Bareilly and acted as Professor and head till his death in 2001.

He will always be remembered as an outstanding and much respected botanist of the world. His main claim to fame lies in his contribution in the field of nitrogen metabolism. His extensive researches raised this field to a level of distinction. He published about 110 research papers in almost all international journals of the field. He had four books to his credit and completed nine research projects funded from UGC, DST, CSIR, UPCST etc. he guided 18 Ph.D Students. He visited Canada, U.K and Japan in various scientific exchange programs. For his outstanding contribution he was awarded fellow of National Academy of Sciences Allahabad, Indian Society of plant physiology, New Delhi and Academy of Environmental Biology Lucknow.

He was conferred with J.J Chinnoy Gold Medal and Scientist of the year Gold Medal in 1996 and 1998 respectively

He started Research journal "Physiology and Molecular Biology of plants" in 1997, which has now attained the status of an international journal of repute.

His untimely demise has created an unfilled void.



Worried about research project in abroad.



Worried about health of his colleague in India



Worried about research work in abroad



Worried about the problems of his colleague in India



It was August 1979, my Ph.D. work almost at the finishing end. Only my thesis writing was pending because my guide Prof. H.S.Srivastava has already been shifted to University of Indore as Reader in Dept. of Life Sciences. When he came to know this, immediately invited me to come there to complete the thesis work under his able guidance. I surprised with ecstasy on his invitation for realization of my long cherished hope of completion of my Doctoral Degree in comparatively very short period.

During my stay with his family at Indore, he was very affectionate and caring; I never lamented for my parents but solely devoted to studies. Candidly I must say that I have met many professors in my life in India and abroad but nobody could be parallel to my sir. He was not only a good teacher but a perfect blend of knowledge, scientific approach, pleasing personality, affectionate guide and true human values. He is always unforgettable & ideal for us.

Prof. Vandana Bose

Department of plant physiology, Banaras hindu university, Varansi (U.P.)



I pay my gratitude to the Late Prof. H. S. Srivastava and pray to almighty to render strength to bereaved family, friends and students. Prof Srivastava was first known to me as a teacher during my graduation at Gorakhpur University. Working with him was a great journey of my life. His academic credentials are known World Wide, therefore it does not warrant my comments as a student. I have learnt many things from that noblest personality. He always worked for the students even at the cost of his family life. His consistent dedication towards academics even in turbulent environment was always admirable. Inculcation of his qualities of humanity and teaching skills, a rare combination, will be a real tribute to the departed soul.

Prof. S.N. Mishra

Department of Botany, M.D. University, Rohtak (Haryana)



I worked with Late Professor H.S. Srivastava at School of Lifesciences, D.A. University, Indore for doctoral thesis. I owe for his guidance to my academic field. I will never forget his painstaking efforts, helping and encouraging temperament, moral support and data interpretation and presentation style. I remember him during my daily work for his systematic working style sticking to schedule and will always remember him as learned scientist with calm and quiet personality.

Rekha (Puranik) Gadre

Professor, School of Biochemistry, D.A. University, Khandwa Road, Indore



I shall ever remain grateful and indebted. He was kind enough to teach and preach me the principle of successful and ideal life. Dr. Shrivastava molded my personality for sincerity, honesty, loyalty and devotion to the duty. He taught me the lesson of "Work is Dhy Duty, Reward is God's Beauty". I also learn from him that how a gentleman behaves politely in his life. This is obvious from the couplet 'फल लगी शख्तियों का सलीके से दूक बना जरूरी है'. The sweet memory of behaviour and leadership of Dr. Shrivastava will always remain in my heart and will act as the guiding yardstick of my candidature. I pay my sincere and heartiest homage to my beloved teacher in ever words.

Dr. R.S. Sanger

Department of Biotechnology, S.V.B.P. University, Merut (U.P.)



I remember Professor Srivastava as a true master of the field, his disciplinary and laborious approach is still fresh in my mind. He was very keen to help the young students. I still remember how he introduced me to Professor P.K. Saxena of Canada and pleaded for me for a PDF assignment in his Lab. I remember him as an inspiring teacher, who was unique for his clarity, eloquence and understanding. He always had an initial ability to express his thoughts in unequivocal writing. He will ever remain in our heart.

Dr. Alok Srivastava

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I came in contact with Prof. H.S. Srivastava in April 1987, when he joined this Department. If I recall my memories with him from 1987 to 2001, the period in which we worked together, I found him as a silent worker. He gave a recognition to this Department through his academic contributions i.e. research paper published, major research project awarded by various agencies i.e. DST, CSIR, UPCST etc and visit to Galeph, Canada & England under Commonwealth Fellowship.

The God had deprived off us from his company on 9th March 2001, and we are doing our best to complete his unfinished task to place the Department at the top at the National level.

Prof. V.P. Singh

Department of Plant Science, M.J.P. Rohilkhand University, Bareilly



Remembering Prof. H.S. Srivastava after almost a decade of his untimely demise on March 9, 2001 makes me sad for having no more his personal and elderly affection and guidance whenever I needed that. He was, in a real sense, a friend, a philosopher and guide to me. He was a great scholar, but definitely a great man who had developed a number of qualities in him for having high faith in some essential human values that made him what he was, the one and the only. His high devotional attitude towards his duties moral determinism, his sincerity, his honesty, his integrity and over all his humane personality with no ill-will for others had a great impact on all of us in the university.

Prof. A.K. Sinha

Department of ancient history, M.J.P. Rohilkhand University, Barilly (U.P.)



Prof. Srivastava was a man to encourage me to apply for USA research fellowship in my early stage of carrier. I can't forget the help extended by him when I have to avail Biotechnology National Associateship of Govt of India at Pant Nagar University for more than ten months with Prof B N Johri. In fact when I got this fellowship he was in Canada and I was facing problem in getting study leave. He after coming from Canada took hardly few minutes to plead my case with the then Vice-Chancellor with me and so I became able to avail that fellowship. I extend my tribute for such a great sole and pray from God to help his family to bear the pain of his depart from them.

Prof. A. K. Jaitly

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I met Professor H.S. Srivastava in Jan, 1981 when I joined his group as CSIR Research Fellow at School of Life Sciences, Devi Ahilya University, and Indore. I had chosen his laboratory to work because of his reputed as a teacher, as a scientist and as a human being, as well as because of my interest in nitrogen metabolism. I experienced new dimensions of learning in science and interpersonal relationships when I was working with him. I had spent about four years as PhD student and about two years as faculty with him at two different places, and even when he shifted to Bareilly as Professor of Plant Sciences, I was very regular visitor to him just for getting his input and blessings in my academic and personal pursuits. He was excellent academician and a great human being who could be experienced during interactions only and most of such experiences are beyond putting to words.

Prof. Rana P. Singh

Dean , School of Environmental Sciences
Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow



I am happy in paying my tributes to late Prof. H. S. Srivastava, a trustworthy, honest, generous, reliable, courteous, hard-working and skilled man. On my first day as teacher when I met him in the Department of Plant Science, he treated me with affection and made me feel at home. He motivated me to love the nice job I got. He has created a positive impact on my life that has reshaped my vision and purpose of academics. In that past few years working with him I realized learning a fun and a life-long experience, remembered things long forgotten and learn things never taught.

Dr. J. N. Maurya

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Prof. Srivastava working in his laboratory



Prof. Srivastava with his colleagues in Guelph, Canada



Prof. Srivastava with his department colleagues & M.Sc. students



Prof. Srivastava as a Dean of Faculty during the convocation



I am feeling extremely great pleasure to 'Publish a first issue of a bulletin **Remembrance for my sir Prof.H.S.Srivastava**. Here I want to collect some remembrance of his some university friends, departmental colleague and students. I think this is the starting to remember my sir on his death anniversary, to whom I search nearby space of me. I shall ever remain grateful and indebted to my sir. He proves following line for my life.

"Guru Brahma Guru Vishnu Guru Devo Maheshwara"

He taught me how we can plan our work before starting. I joined him in 1988 as CSIR research fellow and then RA in DST project and we form a society with a basic idea of Prof.R.P.Singh **"The society of green world"** in 1995 for scientific activities and started a truly international research journal *Physiology and Molecular Biology of Plants*. This journal was started as biannual and almost all the issues could cover global authorship and editorship with his great efforts and blessings. After his death in 2001 it has been given to Prof.R.P.Singh leadership and due to his hard work this journal become internationally popular known as **'PMBP'** has now entered in its 15th year of publication (has been upgraded to quaternary from 2006) and now available online and in print form in the list of Springer journals. Now Springer is co-publisher and sole distributor of PMBP (Please visit www.springer.com/journal/12298 and www.editorialmanager.com/pmbp for more details) A society was founded to continue his vision for science and society in 2002 and named as Professor H.S. Srivastava foundation for Science and Society, Lucknow (Please visit www.phssfoundation.org for more details).

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