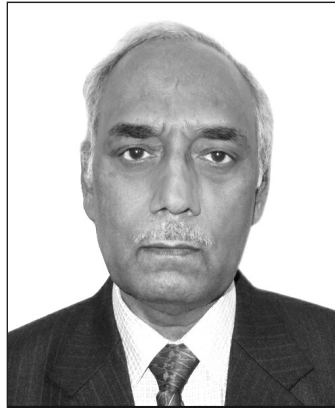


## *Obituary*



**Professor H. L. Yadav**  
(1942 - 2015)

Hira Lal Yadav was born on 14th August, 1942 in a family of modest means at Varanasi. Hira Lal had his early education at Varanasi and his undergraduate education at U P College Varanasi. In 1964 he joined Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi for his Master Degree in Geography which he completed in 1966. We (myself and Hiralal) were class fellows in M. A. After completing Master Degree he joined research in department of Geography B.H.U. under the supervision of Professor R.L. Singh. During research period he had completed a diploma course in statistical methods.

In 1969 he was appointed lecturer in Geography in D.J. Post Graduate College Baraut. After serving one year he moved over to Gorakhpur. In 1970 he joined Department of Geography Gorakhpur University Gorakhpur as lecturer. I was also

appointed lecturer in Geography, Gorakhpur university in 1968, thus we again met at Gorakhpur and he was associated with me till death July, 24, 2015. He was promoted to Reader in 1984 and Professor in 1996 and took charge of Head of department of Geography D.D.U. Gorakhpur University Gorakhpur in 1999. He retired in 2002 from the Head of Department of Geography and handed over the charge of Head to me, on 14.08.2002. After retirement he joined Lucknow University as in-charge of Geography Department for a period of three years.

He has been a research oriented student from the very start of his academic career. He completed his Ph.D. degree from Gorakhpur University under Professor Ujagir Singh on the topic 'Bareilly and its Urban Fringe' which was published letter

on. A contribution on Geography especially in the field of Urban Geography. He has written a number of text books in Hindi. Some of important books are on Population Geography, Practical Geography with me. Quantitative Geography, Environmental Geography etc. He has published 50 research papers in various journals along with one research monograph, 6 text books and edited 6 research monographs. He has completed two minor research projects, produced 10 Ph.D. and participated in more than 60 National and international conferences. He had participated at the International Conference on Human Ecology and Sustainable Development at the University of Edinburgh, U.K in July 1989 and visited many countries of West Europe and delivered lectures. He was an active member of Commonwealth Human Ecology and life member of various geographical organisations. He had organised two National conferences and refresher courses.

During the service of university he had also served as member of Proctorial Board, Vice Chairman of University Delegacy,

Hostel Warden, N.S.S. Programme Officer and member of Athletic Association. He had been actively associated with academic bodies and societies, i.e. Indian Science Congress Association, Kolkata. National Geographic Society of India, Varanasi. Marketing Geography, National Association of Geographers, Institute of Indian Geographer's, Pune, Allahabad geographical society. He was President of Uttar Bharat Bhoogol Parishad and also chief editor of Uttar Bharat Bhoogol Patrika from 1995 to 2014.

I consider it an unbearable personal and professional loss. Prof. H. Lal has been a friend, colleague and neighbour of mine for more than 50 years. I with the whole of Geography community pay homage to Professor Lal and pray the almighty that his soul rest in peace.

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