



OBITUARY

Dr. Dinkar M. Wagh

It is with a deep sense of sorrow we report the sad demise of Dr. Dinkar M. Wagh, a revered teacher, on May 27, 1992 at Pune. Dr. Wagh was born in Gwalior on August 2, 1927. After obtaining his post-graduate degree from Gwalior, he joined the newly started Department of Geography at S. P. College Pune, as lecturer in June 1953. He was the Head of the Department till his retirement in August 1987. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree in Geography of the Poona University in 1966 for his thesis on "Geographical factors in the rise and fall of the Marathas", a work, commended as a good example of research in Historical Geography.

During his long service Dr. Wagh made his mark as an excellent and able teacher as well as a considerate and soft spoken administrator. He had a very lucid way of explaining the facts and will be remembered by all his students for his neat and self-explanatory diagrams and figures. His devotion to accuracy, his love of the precision of minutiae, were part of larger respect for knowledge in all its forms. He was a sincere and devoted teacher who, while maintaining the dignity of his profession, was a source of inspiration to all his students and colleagues. He took great pride in his profession and showed great interest in the welfare of his students.

Dr. Wagh was instrumental in establishing the post-graduate centre at S. P. College in the mid-1970s. He always encouraged his junior colleagues to achieve excellence in their field. It is therefore not surprising that all his colleagues took active interest in research work. This is

evident from the fact that a majority of them were awarded M.Phil. and/or Ph.D. before his retirement. During his tenure, the S.P. Department was able to complete a monumental work on the "Atlas of Pune District". In addition to this, a couple of departmental projects on the "Micro-level Agricultural Planning of Mawal Taluka" and "Feasibility of social forestry programmes in Rashin Zilla Parishad circle" sponsored by ICSSR and another project on - The Vashishthi Basin Resource Appraisal and Environmental Management supported by U. G. C. were also successfully completed under his able guidance.

He was a voracious reader and had a deep interest in other fields in addition to his expertise in Geography. He continued to remain occupied with academic work till the end. During the last years of his life he was engaged in writing a monograph on—The Pune City : A Geographical Personality. He had made considerable progress in this project but unfortunately he could not see it through. It is to be published by the Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Samiti, Pune.

Dr. Wagh was a simple, kind hearted, non-controversial and non-interfering person with amicable qualities and was liked by one and all.

He took keen interest in the activities of the Institute of Indian Geographers (IIG) and was the founder Vice-President of the institute. The IIG conveys its heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved family and pray for his eternal peace.

—Vishwas S. Kale